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H.B. No. 1955

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to electronic voter registration.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 13.009 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.009. ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION. (a) The secretary of state shall implement a program to allow a person with an unexpired driver's license or personal identification card issued in this state to complete a voter registration application over the Internet from a secure Internet website.

(b) The Internet website established under this section must allow a person to submit:

(1) an initial application for registration; and

(2) an application to update a voter registration record.

(c) When a person submits an application under this section, the secretary of state shall compare the information provided by the applicant against the Department of Public Safety records.

(d) The completed online application and information from the Department of Public Safety, including the applicant's digital signature, shall be provided to:

(1) the county voter registration office for the county where the applicant currently resides; and

(2) the secretary of state for the statewide

1 computerized voter registration list under Section 18.061.

2 (e) An application electronically submitted under this  
3 section is considered for all purposes as an application submitted  
4 by mail under this title. A digital signature given as provided by  
5 secretary of state rule meets the signature requirement under  
6 Section 13.002(b).

7 (f) The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to  
8 implement this section.

9 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.