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H.B. No. 2293

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to indicating ethnicity on the form for a voter registration application.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.122(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In addition to the other statements and spaces for entering information that appear on an officially prescribed registration application form, each official form must include:

(1) the statement: "I understand that giving false information to procure a voter registration is perjury and a crime under state and federal law.";

(2) a space for the applicant's registration number;

(3) a space for the applicant's Texas driver's license number or number of a personal identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety;

(4) a space for the applicant's telephone number;

(5) a space for the applicant's social security number;

(6) a space for the applicant's sex and ethnicity;

(7) a statement indicating that the furnishing of the applicant's telephone number, ~~and~~ sex, and ethnicity is optional;

(8) a space or box for indicating whether the applicant or voter is submitting new registration information or a

1 change in current registration information;

2           (9) a statement instructing a voter who is using the  
3 form to make a change in current registration information to enter  
4 the voter's name and the changed information in the appropriate  
5 spaces on the form;

6           (10) a statement that if the applicant declines to  
7 register to vote, that fact will remain confidential and will be  
8 used only for voter registration purposes;

9           (11) a statement that if the applicant does register  
10 to vote, information regarding the agency or office to which the  
11 application is submitted will remain confidential and will be used  
12 only for voter registration purposes;

13           (12) a space or box for indicating whether the  
14 applicant is interested in working as an election judge;

15           (13) a statement warning that a conviction for making  
16 a false statement may result in imprisonment for up to the maximum  
17 amount of time provided by law, a fine of up to the maximum amount  
18 provided by law, or both the imprisonment and the fine; and

19           (14) any other voter registration information  
20 required by federal law or considered appropriate and required by  
21 the secretary of state.

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