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H.B. No. 3490

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to maintenance of the statewide voter registration list.

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

SECTION 1. Section 18.061(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Under procedures prescribed by the secretary of state, each voter registrar shall provide to the secretary of state on an expedited basis the information necessary to maintain the registration list established under Subsection (a). The procedures shall provide for the electronic submission of the information and ensure that each voter registrar collects and reports the correct month, day, and year of birth for each registered voter.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 18, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 18.0681 to read as follows:

Sec. 18.0681. SECRETARY OF STATE AUTHORITY TO ELIMINATE DUPLICATE REGISTRATION RECORDS. (a) The secretary of state shall periodically compare the information regarding voters maintained as part of the statewide computerized voter registration list to determine whether any voters have more than one voter registration record on file. If the secretary determines that a voter on the registration list has more than one registration record on file, the secretary may merge the registration records and shall send notice of the determination to the voter registrar of each county in which the voter is registered to vote.

1 (b) The secretary of state shall by rule determine what
2 information identifies a voter with more than one registration
3 record in order to produce the least possible impact on voters in
4 this state and fulfill the secretary of state's responsibility to
5 manage the voter rolls. The rules must require that, at a minimum,
6 the first name, the last name, any available middle name, and the
7 date of birth of a voter in each record be identical.

8 (c) The secretary of state shall adopt rules and prescribe
9 procedures for the implementation of this section.

10 SECTION 3. Section 62.0132(g), Government Code, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 (g) The information contained in a completed questionnaire
13 may be disclosed to:

14 (1) a judge assigned to hear a cause of action in which
15 the respondent to the questionnaire is a potential juror;

16 (2) court personnel; ~~and~~

17 (3) a litigant and a litigant's attorney in a cause of
18 action in which the respondent to the questionnaire is a potential
19 juror; and

20 (4) the secretary of state in connection with any
21 matter of voter registration or the administration of elections.

22 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.