By: Fallon H.B. No. 3668

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the proof of citizenship or lawful presence in the

- 3 United States required for the issuance of a driver's license.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 521.142(a), Transportation Code, is
- 6 amended to read as follows:
- 7 (a) An application for an original license must state the
- 8 applicant's full name and place and date of birth. This
- 9 information must be verified by presentation of proof of identity
- 10 satisfactory to the department. An applicant who is not a citizen
- 11 of the United States must present to the department documentation
- 12 issued by the appropriate United States agency that authorizes the
- 13 applicant to be in the United States before the applicant may be
- 14 issued a driver's license. The department must accept as
- 15 satisfactory proof of identity under this subsection an offender
- 16 identification card or similar form of identification issued to an
- 17 inmate by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice if the applicant
- 18 also provides supplemental verifiable records or documents that aid
- 19 in establishing identity. For the purposes of this subsection, a
- 20 voter registration certificate is not satisfactory proof of
- 21 <u>authorization to be in the United States.</u>
- 22 SECTION 2. 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

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.