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H.B. No. 3892

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to voter registration and voter registration information.

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

SECTION 1. Section 18.061, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsections (f), (g), and (h) 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.

(f) The secretary of state may contract with an entity that utilizes secure data to verify change of address information for the purpose of managing the statewide computerized voter registration list.

(g) The secretary of state may make verified clerical changes to the statewide computerized voter registration list based on information received under this subchapter in a manner that produces the least possible impact on the voters in this state and fulfills the secretary of state's responsibility to manage the voter rolls. The secretary of state shall send notice of any clerical changes to the voter registrar of the counties considered

1 appropriate by the secretary.

2 (h) The secretary of state may adopt rules and prescribe
3 procedures for the implementation of this section.

4 SECTION 2. Section 18.062, Election Code, is amended by
5 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

6 (c) For the voter registration purposes of participating in
7 a system developed under this section, the secretary of state may
8 disclose voter information, including a voter's date of birth and
9 the last four digits of a voter's social security number.

10 SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 18, Election Code, is
11 amended by adding Section 18.0681 to read as follows:

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

22 (b) The secretary of state shall by rule determine what
23 information identifies a voter with more than one registration
24 record in order to produce the least possible impact on voters in
25 this state and fulfill the secretary of state's responsibility to
26 manage the voter rolls. The rules must require that, at a minimum,
27 the first name, the last name, any available middle name, and the

1 date of birth of a voter in each record be identical.

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

4 SECTION 4. Section 62.0132(g), Government Code, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (g) The information contained in a completed questionnaire
7 may be disclosed to:

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

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

11 (3) a litigant and a litigant's attorney in a cause of
12 action in which the respondent to the questionnaire is a potential
13 juror; and

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

16 SECTION 5. Section 521.142(a), Transportation Code, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 (a) An application for an original license must state the
19 applicant's full name and place and date of birth. This information
20 must be verified by presentation of proof of identity satisfactory
21 to the department. An applicant who is not a citizen of the United
22 States must present to the department documentation issued by the
23 appropriate United States agency that authorizes the applicant to
24 be in the United States before the applicant may be issued a
25 driver's license. The department must accept as satisfactory proof
26 of identity under this subsection an offender identification card
27 or similar form of identification issued to an inmate by the Texas

1 Department of Criminal Justice if the applicant also provides
2 supplemental verifiable records or documents that aid in
3 establishing identity. For the purposes of this subsection, a
4 voter registration certificate is not satisfactory proof of
5 authorization to be in the United States.

6 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.