S.B. No. 1230 By: Bettencourt

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 1 AN ACT 2 relating to the cancellation of a person's voter registration on notice that the person has acknowledged that the person is not a 3 citizen. 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 5 6 SECTION 1. Section 16.031(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows: 7 (a) The registrar shall cancel a voter's registration 8 9 immediately on receipt of: (1) notice under Section 13.072(b) or 15.021 or a 10 11 response under Section 15.053 that the voter's residence is outside 12 the county;

- 13 (2) an abstract of the voter's death certificate under
- 14 Section 16.001(a) or an abstract of an application indicating that
- the voter is deceased under Section 16.001(b); 15
- (3) an abstract of a final judgment of the voter's 16
- total mental incapacity, partial mental incapacity without the 17
- right to vote, conviction of a felony, or disqualification under 18
- Section 16.002, 16.003, or 16.004; 19
- (4) notice under Section 112.012 that the voter has 20
- 21 applied for a limited ballot in another county;
- 22 (5) notice from a voter registration official in
- 23 another state that the voter has registered to vote outside this
- 24 state;

- 1 (6) notice from the early voting clerk under Section
- 2 101.053 [101.0041] that a federal postcard application submitted by
- 3 an applicant states a voting residence address located outside the
- 4 registrar's county; [or]
- 5 (7) notice from the secretary of state that the voter
- 6 has registered to vote in another county, as determined by the
- 7 voter's driver's license number or personal identification card
- 8 number issued by the Department of Public Safety or social security
- 9 number; or
- 10 (8) a list under Section 18.068 of this code or Section
- 11 62.113, Government Code, of persons excused or disqualified from
- 12 jury service because of citizenship status that includes the voter,
- 13 or other notice from any governmental agency that the voter has
- 14 acknowledged that the voter is not a citizen of the United States.
- SECTION 2. Section 16.036(a), Election Code, is amended to
- 16 read as follows:
- 17 (a) Immediately after, but not later than the 30th day after
- 18 the date a voter's registration is canceled under Section
- 19 16.031(a)(3) or (8), 16.033, or 16.0331, [or 16.0332,] the
- 20 registrar shall deliver written notice of the cancellation to the
- 21 voter.
- SECTION 3. Section 19.001(a), Election Code, is amended to
- 23 read as follows:
- 24 (a) Before May 15 of each year, the registrar shall prepare
- 25 and submit to the secretary of state a statement containing:
- 26 (1) the total number of initial registrations for the
- 27 previous voting year;

- 1 (2) the total number of registrations canceled under
- 2 Sections 16.031(a)(1) and (8) and Section $[\tau]$ 16.033 $[\tau]$ and 16.0332 $[\tau]$
- 3 for the previous voting year; and
- 4 (3) the total number of registrations for which
- 5 information was updated for the previous voting year.
- 6 SECTION 4. Sections 62.113(b) and (c), Government Code, are
- 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 (b) On the third business day of each month, the clerk shall
- 9 send a copy of the list of persons excused or disqualified because
- 10 of citizenship in the previous month to:
- 11 (1) the voter registrar of the county;
- 12 (2) the county official responsible for administering
- 13 <u>elections;</u>
- 14 (3) the secretary of state; and
- 15 $\underline{(4)}$ [(3)] the county or district attorney, as
- 16 applicable, for an investigation of whether the person committed an
- 17 offense under Section 13.007 or 64.012, Election Code, or other
- 18 law.
- 19 (c) A list compiled under this section may not be used for a
- 20 purpose other than a purpose described by Subsection (b) or Section
- 21 16.031(a)(8) [16.0332] or 18.068, Election Code.
- 22 SECTION 5. Section 16.0332, Election Code, is repealed.
- 23 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.