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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to voter information used for juror selections.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 62.001(a), (c), (d), (e), and (g), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The jury wheel must be reconstituted by using, as the source:

(1) the names of all persons on the current statewide voter registration list maintained as required under Section 18.061, Election Code, [lists] from all the precincts in the county; and

(2) all names on a current list to be furnished by the Department of Public Safety, showing the residents [citizens] of the county who:

(A) hold a valid Texas driver's license or a valid personal identification card or certificate issued by the department; and

(B) are not disqualified from jury service under Section 62.102(1), (3) [(2)], or (8) [(7)].

(c) Each year not later than the third Tuesday in November or the date provided by Section 16.032, Election Code, for the cancellation of voter registrations, whichever is earlier, the voter registrar of each county shall ensure the statewide list includes [furnish to the secretary of state a] current voter

1 registration information [~~list~~] from all the precincts in the  
2 county that, except as provided by Subsection (d), includes:

3 (1) the complete name, mailing address, date of birth,  
4 voter registration number, and precinct number for each voter;

5 (2) if available, the Texas driver's license number or  
6 personal identification card or certificate number and social  
7 security number for each voter; and

8 (3) any other information included on the voter  
9 registration list of the county.

10 (d) The list required by Subsection (a)(1) must [~~(c) may~~]  
11 exclude[, ~~at the option of the voter registrar of each county,~~] the  
12 names of persons on the suspense list maintained under Section  
13 [15.081](#), Election Code.

14 (e) The voter registrar shall furnish to the secretary of  
15 state a list of people exempted under Subsection (b) [~~send a list of~~  
16 ~~the names of persons excluded to the secretary of state~~] with the  
17 list required by Subsection (a)(1) [~~(c)~~].

18 (g) The secretary of state shall accept the lists furnished  
19 as provided by Subsections (e) and [~~(c) through~~] (f). The secretary  
20 of state shall combine the lists, eliminate duplicate names, and  
21 send the combined list to each county on or before December 31 of  
22 each year or as may be required under a plan developed in accordance  
23 with Section [62.011](#). The district clerk or bailiff designated as  
24 the officer in charge of the jury selection process for a county  
25 that has adopted a plan under Section [62.011](#) shall give the  
26 secretary of state notice not later than the 90th day before the  
27 date the list is required. The list furnished the county [~~must be~~

1 ~~in a format, electronic or printed copy, as requested by the county~~  
2 ~~and]~~ must be certified by the secretary of state stating that the  
3 list contains the names required by Subsections (e) and [~~(e)~~  
4 ~~through~~] (f), eliminating duplications. The secretary of state  
5 shall furnish the electronic list free of charge.

6 SECTION 2. Section 62.011, Government Code, is amended by  
7 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (e) to read as  
8 follows:

9 (d) A state agency or the secretary of state may not charge a  
10 fee for furnishing an electronic [~~a~~] list of names required by  
11 Section 62.001.

12 (e) The commissioners court of a county that has adopted a  
13 jury selection plan must file with the Office of Court  
14 Administration of the Texas Judicial System a copy of the plan and  
15 any modification to the plan.

16 SECTION 3. Section 62.113, Government Code, is amended by  
17 adding Subsection (b-1) and amending Subsection (e) to read as  
18 follows:

19 (b-1) The list of persons excused or disqualified because of  
20 citizenship as required by Subsection (b) may not be combined with  
21 or submitted simultaneously with any other list required to be  
22 submitted to the voter registrar of the county, including a list  
23 submitted under Section 62.114.

24 (e) The information required to be filed with the secretary  
25 of state under this section must be filed electronically in the  
26 format prescribed by the secretary of state. The secretary of state  
27 may waive this requirement on application for a waiver submitted by

1 the clerk.

2 SECTION 4. Section [62.114](#), Government Code, is amended by  
3 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

4 (e) The list compiled under this section of persons excused  
5 or disqualified because the person is not a resident of the county  
6 may not be combined with or submitted simultaneously with any other  
7 list required to be submitted to the voter registrar of the county,  
8 including a list submitted under Section [62.113](#).

9 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.