| **House Bill 4034**  Senate Amendments  Section-by-Section Analysis | | |
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| No equivalent provision. | SECTION 1. Section 13.004(c-1), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:  (c-1) The registrar shall ensure that the information listed in Subsection (c) is excluded from disclosure, except that the registrar shall forward to the county chair of each county executive committee the information necessary to contact applicants who indicate interest in working as an election judge. |  |
| SECTION 1. Section 16.031(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:  (a) The registrar shall cancel a voter's registration immediately on receipt of:  (1) notice under Section 13.072(b) or 15.021 or a response under Section 15.053 that the voter's residence is outside the county;  (2) an abstract of the voter's death certificate under Section 16.001(a) or an abstract of an application indicating that the voter is deceased under Section 16.001(b);  (3) an abstract of a final judgment of the voter's total mental incapacity, partial mental incapacity without the right to vote, conviction of a felony, or disqualification under Section 16.002, 16.003, or 16.004;  (4) notice under Section 112.012 that the voter has applied for a limited ballot in another county;  (5) notice from a voter registration official in another state that the voter has registered to vote outside this state;  (6) notice from the early voting clerk under Section 101.053 [~~101.0041~~] that a federal postcard application submitted by an applicant states a voting residence address located outside the registrar's county; or  (7) notice from the secretary of state that the voter has registered to vote in another county, as determined by the voter's driver's license number or personal identification card number issued by the Department of Public Safety or social security number. | SECTION 2. Same as House version. |  |
| No equivalent provision. | SECTION 3. 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. |  |
| No equivalent provision. | SECTION 4. 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.  (b) The secretary of state shall by rule determine what information combinations identified as common to more than one registration record constitute a weak match or a strong match in order to:  (1) produce the least possible impact on Texas voters; and  (2) fulfill its responsibility to manage the voter rolls.  (c) The secretary of state may not determine that a voter has more than one registration record based on a weak match. The secretary of state may inform the county of the voter's residence that a weak match exists.  (d) If the secretary of state determines that a voter on the registration list has more than one registration record on file based on a strong match, the secretary shall send notice of the determination to the voter registrar of each county in which the voter is registered to vote. If the voter records identified are:  (1) located in the same county, the voter registrar may merge the records following a determination that each record belongs to the same voter using the procedure for the correction of registration records under Section 15.022; or  (2) located in more than one county, the registrar of the county with the oldest record may deliver a written confirmation notice in accordance with Section 15.051. |  |
| No equivalent provision. | SECTION 5. Section 19.002(d), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:  (d) The secretary of state may not make a payment under Subsection (b) if on June 1 of the year in which the payment is to be made the registrar is not in substantial compliance with Section 15.083, 16.031, 16.032, or 18.065 or with rules implementing the registration service program. |  |
| SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 84, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 84.014 to read as follows:  Sec. 84.014. ACTION BY EARLY VOTING CLERK ON CERTAIN APPLICATIONS. If an applicant provides a date of birth, driver's license number, or social security number on the applicant's application for an early voting ballot to be voted by mail that is different from or in addition to the information maintained by the voter registrar in accordance with Title 2, the early voting clerk shall notify the voter registrar. The voter registrar shall update the voter's record with the information provided by the applicant. | SECTION 6. Same as House version. |  |
| SECTION 3. Section 101.053, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:  Sec. 101.053. ACTION BY EARLY VOTING CLERK ON CERTAIN APPLICATIONS. (a) The early voting clerk shall notify the voter registrar of a federal postcard application submitted by an applicant that states a voting residence address located outside the registrar's county.  (b) If an applicant provides a date of birth, driver's license number, or social security number on the applicant's federal postcard application that is different from or in addition to the information maintained by the voter registrar in accordance with Title 2, the early voting clerk shall notify the voter registrar. The voter registrar shall update the voter's record with the information provided by the applicant. | SECTION 7. Same as House version. |  |
| No equivalent provision. | SECTION 8. Section 62.0132(g), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:  (g) The information contained in a completed questionnaire may be disclosed to:  (1) a judge assigned to hear a cause of action in which the respondent to the questionnaire is a potential juror;  (2) court personnel; [~~and~~]  (3) a litigant and a litigant's attorney in a cause of action in which the respondent to the questionnaire is a potential juror; and  (4) other than information provided that is related to Section 62.102(8) or (9), the voter registrar of a county in connection with any matter of voter registration or the administration of elections. |  |
| SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017. | SECTION 9. Same as House version. |  |