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By:  Turner of Tarrant H.B. No. 3661

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study on the implementation of photo voter identification requirements.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 31, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 31.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.014.  STUDY ON IMPLEMENTATION OF VOTER IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS. (a) The secretary of state shall conduct a study on the implementation of the changes in law made by Chapter 123 (S.B. 14), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, and Chapter 410 (S.B. 5), Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017, including:

(1)  the costs of implementation;

(2)  additional requirements for election workers to accept a voter;

(3)  the amount of time needed to accept a voter at the polling place; and

(4)  training, if any, provided to election workers at the county and precinct levels.

(b)  Not later than January 1, 2021, the secretary of state shall report the study's findings to the committees of each house of the legislature with jurisdiction over elections.

(c)  This section expires September 1, 2021.

SECTION 2.  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, 2019.