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By:  Fallon S.B. No. 1049

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the proof of citizenship or lawful presence in the United States required for the issuance of a driver's license.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 521.142(a), Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  An application for an original license must state the applicant's full name and place and date of birth.  This information must be verified by presentation of proof of identity satisfactory to the department.  An applicant who is not a citizen of the United States must present to the department documentation issued by the appropriate United States agency that authorizes the applicant to be in the United States before the applicant may be issued a driver's license.  The department must accept as satisfactory proof of identity under this subsection an offender identification card or similar form of identification issued to an inmate by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice if the applicant also provides supplemental verifiable records or documents that aid in establishing identity. For the purposes of this subsection, a voter registration certificate is not satisfactory proof of authorization to be in the United States.

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.