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H.B. No. 527

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the issuance of a receipt by the Department of Public
3 Safety to an applicant for a driver's license or personal
4 identification certificate that may be used to show proof of voter
5 registration.

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

7 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 20, Election Code, is
8 amended by adding Section 20.0631 to read as follows:

9 Sec. 20.0631. TRANSACTION RECEIPT. The Department of
10 Public Safety shall issue a transaction receipt to each qualifying
11 applicant for a driver's license or personal identification
12 certificate who completes a voter registration application as
13 provided by Section 20.063. The receipt must include:

- 14 (1) the applicant's name;
15 (2) the date of issuance of the receipt;
16 (3) a statement indicating that the applicant
17 submitted a voter registration application; and
18 (4) the following statement: "This receipt is proof of
19 your application for voter registration. Retain it until you
20 receive a voter registration certificate from your local voter
21 registrar. If you do not receive a voter registration certificate,
22 you may use this as proof that you submitted a timely voter
23 registration application."

24 SECTION 2. Section 63.011, Election Code, is amended by

1 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

2 (f) A person who votes a provisional ballot solely because
3 the person's name was not on the list of registered voters for the
4 precinct in which the person voted may present a voter registration
5 receipt issued to the person under Section 20.0631 as proof that the
6 person is registered to vote in the precinct. An election officer
7 shall attach the receipt to the envelope containing the person's
8 provisional ballot. A person who does not present a voter
9 registration receipt at the time of voting a provisional ballot may
10 present the receipt to the voter registrar in the same manner as
11 presenting identification for a provisional ballot under Section
12 65.0541.

13 SECTION 3. Section 65.054, Election Code, is amended by
14 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

15 (e) For purposes of Subsection (b)(1), a voter registration
16 receipt indicating the voter registered in the precinct in which
17 the voter voted that is attached to the envelope containing a
18 provisional ballot or presented to the voter registrar under
19 Section 63.011(f) is proof that a person who voted a provisional
20 ballot solely because the person's name was not on the list of
21 registered voters for the precinct in which the person voted is
22 eligible to vote in the election. The voter registrar shall amend
23 the list of registered voters accordingly.

24 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.