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H.B. No. 1818

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to confirmation of a voter's residence by a voter registrar.

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

SECTION 1. Section 15.051(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) If the registrar receives notice under Section 13.146, 14.023, 16.0921, or 18.0681(d) or otherwise has reason to believe that a voter's current residence is different from that indicated on the registration records, the registrar shall deliver to the voter a written confirmation notice requesting confirmation of the voter's current residence.

SECTION 2. Section 18.0681(d), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(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

1 the county with the oldest record shall [~~may~~] deliver a written
2 confirmation notice in accordance with Section 15.051.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.