

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to legislative oversight of the issuance of driver's  
3 licenses and certain other forms of identification in this state.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subtitle B, Title 7, Transportation Code, is  
6 amended by adding Chapter 526 to read as follows:

7 CHAPTER 526. JOINT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON ISSUANCE OF DRIVER'S  
8 LICENSES AND OTHER FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION

9 Sec. 526.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

10 (1) "Committee" means the Joint Oversight Committee on  
11 Issuance of Driver's Licenses and Other Forms of Identification.

12 (2) "Department" has the meaning assigned by Section  
13 521.001.

14 Sec. 526.002. ESTABLISHMENT AND DUTIES. (a) The committee  
15 is established to review the administration and implementation of  
16 the following duties of the department:

17 (1) the issuance of driver's licenses under Chapters  
18 521 and 522;

19 (2) the issuance of personal identification  
20 certificates under Chapter 521;

21 (3) the issuance of election identification  
22 certificates under Chapter 521A; and

23 (4) the registration of voters during the issuance or  
24 renewal of a driver's license or personal identification

1 certificate.

2 (b) The committee shall review plans and receive updates  
3 from state and local governmental entities involved with the  
4 administration and implementation of the department's duties  
5 described by Subsection (a).

6 Sec. 526.003. COMPOSITION. (a) The committee is composed  
7 of eight members as follows:

8 (1) four members of the senate appointed by the  
9 lieutenant governor; and

10 (2) four members of the house of representatives  
11 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

12 (b) The chair of the committee shall alternate biennially  
13 between:

14 (1) a member of the senate appointed by the lieutenant  
15 governor; and

16 (2) a member of the house of representatives appointed  
17 by the speaker of the house of representatives.

18 (c) A vacancy on the committee shall be filled in the same  
19 manner as the original appointment.

20 Sec. 526.004. REPORT. The committee biennially shall  
21 provide a written report to the legislature that identifies:

22 (1) the amounts of money appropriated and expended for  
23 the administration and implementation of the department's duties  
24 described by Section 526.002(a) during a period determined by the  
25 committee;

26 (2) current technological and operational  
27 deficiencies in the administration and implementation of the

1 department's duties described by Section 526.002(a);

2 (3) information relating to the amount of time the  
3 interaction between the department and a customer currently takes  
4 for the issuance of a driver's license, personal identification  
5 certificate, or election identification certificate; and

6 (4) recommendations relating to the improvement and  
7 optimization of the administration and implementation of the  
8 department's duties described by Section 526.002(a) for the  
9 consideration of the legislature, including any necessary funding  
10 and timelines to implement the recommendations of the committee, as  
11 applicable.

12 Sec. 526.005. ADMINISTRATION OF COMMITTEE. (a) The  
13 committee:

14 (1) has the powers and duties of a joint committee  
15 created by proclamation; and

16 (2) may obtain funding in the same manner as a joint  
17 committee created by proclamation.

18 (b) The rules adopted by the 86th Legislature for the  
19 administration of joint committees created by proclamation apply to  
20 the committee to the extent the rules are consistent with this  
21 section.

22 Sec. 526.006. EXPIRATION OF CHAPTER. The committee is  
23 abolished and this chapter expires on September 1, 2029.

24 SECTION 2. (a) In this section, "committee" means the Joint  
25 Oversight Committee on Issuance of Driver's Licenses and Other  
26 Forms of Identification.

27 (b) The lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of

1 representatives shall make appointments to the committee not later  
2 than the 30th day after the effective date of this Act.

3 (c) The speaker of the house of representatives shall  
4 appoint the initial chair of the committee.

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