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S.B. No. 205

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of information from the lists of noncitizens excused or disqualified from jury service.

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

SECTION 1. Section 18.068(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The secretary of state shall quarterly compare the information received under Section 16.001 of this code and Section 62.113, Government Code, to the statewide computerized voter registration list. If the secretary determines that a voter on the registration list is deceased or has been excused or disqualified from jury service because the voter is not a citizen, the secretary shall send notice of the determination to:

(1) the voter registrar of the counties considered appropriate by the secretary; and

(2) the attorney general, who shall quarterly review the information to investigate whether a person has committed an offense under Section 13.007 or other law.

SECTION 2. Section 62.113, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 62.113. COMPILATION OF LIST OF NONCITIZENS. (a) The clerk of the court shall maintain a list of the name and address of each person who is excused or disqualified under this subchapter from jury service because the person is not a citizen of the United

1 States.

2 (b) On the third business day of each month, the clerk shall
3 send a copy of the list of persons excused or disqualified because
4 of citizenship in the previous month to:

5 (1) the voter registrar of the county;

6 (2) the secretary of state; and

7 (3) the county or district attorney, as applicable, or
8 attorney general for an investigation of whether the person
9 committed an offense under Section 13.007, Election Code, or other
10 law.

11 (c) ~~[A list compiled under this section may not be used for a~~
12 ~~purpose other than a purpose described by Subsection (b) or Section~~
13 ~~16.0332 or 18.068, Election Code.~~

14 ~~[(d) A person commits an offense if the person violates~~
15 ~~Subsection (c). An offense under this section is a Class C~~
16 ~~misdemeanor.~~

17 ~~[(e)]~~ The information required to be filed with the
18 secretary of state under this section must be filed electronically.
19 The secretary of state may waive this requirement on application
20 for a waiver submitted by the clerk.

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