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H.B. No. 269

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to electronic voter registration.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 13.009 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.009. ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION. (a) The secretary of state shall implement a program to allow a person who has a valid driver's license or personal identification card issued in this state to complete a voter registration application over the Internet from an official website of this state. The secretary of state may develop an Internet website for this purpose.

(b) An applicant for electronic voter registration must:

(1) attest to the truth of the information provided on the application by affirmatively accepting the information as true;

(2) affirmatively consent to the use of the signature on the applicant's driver's license or personal identification card for voter registration purposes;

(3) provide the information required under Section 13.002(c); and

(4) provide the audit number and date of issuance of the applicant's Texas driver's license or personal identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety.

(c) When a person submits an application under this section, the secretary of state shall compare the information provided by

1 the applicant against Department of Public Safety records. If any
2 information submitted by an applicant does not match Department of
3 Public Safety records, the secretary shall reject the application.

4 (d) When a person submits an application under this section,
5 the Internet Protocol address of the device used to submit the
6 application shall be recorded and included with the applicant's
7 application file under Section 13.101 or 13.102, as appropriate.

8 (e) The completed online application and information from
9 the Department of Public Safety, including all copies of the
10 applicant's digital signature on record, shall be provided to:

11 (1) the voter registrar for the county where the
12 applicant currently resides; and

13 (2) the secretary of state for the statewide
14 computerized voter registration list under Section 18.061.

15 (f) An application submitted electronically under this
16 section is considered for all purposes as an application submitted
17 by mail under this title.

18 (g) The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to
19 implement this section.

20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect December 1, 2022.