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COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes          X

Birdwell        X

Campbell        X

Hall            X

Lucio           X

Nelson                   X

Powell          X

Schwertner      X

Zaffirini                X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the time for making required reports of deceased residents of this state to a voter registrar and to the secretary of state.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 16.001(a) and (b), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a)  Each month the local registrar of deaths shall prepare an abstract of each death certificate issued in the month for a decedent 18 years of age or older who was a resident of the state at the time of death. The local registrar of deaths shall file each abstract with the voter registrar of the decedent's county of residence and the secretary of state as soon as possible, but not later than the seventh [~~10th~~] day after the date [~~of the month following the month in which~~] the abstract is prepared.

(b)  Each month the clerk of each court having probate jurisdiction shall prepare an abstract of each application for probate of a will, administration of a decedent's estate, or determination of heirship, and each affidavit under Chapter 205, Estates Code, that is filed in the month with a court served by the clerk. The clerk shall file each abstract with the voter registrar and the secretary of state as soon as possible, but not later than the seventh [~~10th~~] day after the date [~~of the month following the month in which~~] the abstract is prepared.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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