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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for accepting certain election materials.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 13.072(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  Except as provided by Subsection (d), if the registrar determines that an application does not comply with Section 13.002 or does not indicate that the applicant is eligible for registration, the registrar shall reject the application. The registrar may not cure the application.

SECTION 2.  Subchapter A, Chapter 65, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 65.0105 to read as follows:

Sec. 65.0105.  NO OPPORTUNITY TO CURE. Except as provided by Section 65.0541, a ballot that does not meet the requirements for acceptance must be rejected and may not be cured by:

(1)  the voter;

(2)  an election officer;

(3)  a presiding judge or member of the early voting ballot board; or

(4)  a chair or member of a signature verification committee.

SECTION 3.  Section 86.001(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  Except as provided by Section 86.008, if the applicant is not entitled to vote by mail, the clerk shall reject the application, enter on the application "rejected" and the reason for and date of rejection, and deliver written notice of the reason for the rejection to the applicant at both the residence address and mailing address on the application. A ballot may not be provided to an applicant whose application is rejected. The clerk may not cure an application.

SECTION 4.  Section 141.062(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c)  Once submitted, [~~After the filing deadline:~~

[~~(1)~~] a candidate may not amend a petition in lieu of a filing fee submitted with the candidate's application without a notarized affidavit [~~;~~] and

[~~(2)~~] the authority with whom the application is filed may not accept an amendment to a petition in lieu of a filing fee submitted with the candidate's application that does not include a notarized affidavit.

SECTION 5.  The changes in law made by this Act in adding Section 65.0105, Election Code, and amending Section 141.062(c), Election Code, apply only to an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 6.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.