By:  Perry S.B. No. 155

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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 use of information from the lists of noncitizens and nonresidents 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 Sections [~~Section~~] 62.113 and 62.114, 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 or a resident of the county in which the voter is registered to vote, 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(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

(1)  the voter registrar of the county;

(2)  the secretary of state; and

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

SECTION 3.  Sections 62.114(b) and (c), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b)  On the third business day of each month, the clerk shall send [~~to the voter registrar of the county~~] a copy of the list of persons excused or disqualified in the previous month because the persons do not reside in the county to:

(1)  the voter registrar of the county;

(2)  the secretary of state; and

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

(c)  A list compiled under this section may not be used for a purpose other than a purpose described by Subsection (b) or Section 15.081 or 18.068, Election Code.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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