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By:  Bettencourt, et al. S.B. No. 1114

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to verification of the citizenship status of certain registered voters.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 16.0332, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a)  After the registrar receives notification [~~a list~~] under Section 18.068 of this code or Section 62.113, Government Code, of persons excused or disqualified from jury service because of citizenship status or notification of persons who have indicated a lack of citizenship status in connection with a motor vehicle record, the registrar shall deliver to each registered voter whose name appears on the list a written notice requiring the voter to submit to the registrar proof of United States citizenship in the form of a certified copy of the voter's birth certificate, United States passport, or certificate of naturalization or any other form prescribed by the secretary of state.  The notice shall be delivered by forwardable mail to the mailing address on the voter's registration application and to any new address of the voter known to the registrar.

(d)  The secretary of state shall prescribe rules for the administration of this section.

SECTION 2.  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.