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H.B. No. 364

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of the Department of Public Safety as a voter registration agency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.002(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A person desiring to register to vote must submit an application to the registrar of the county in which the person resides. Except as provided by Subsection (e) or Subchapter C, Chapter 20, an application must be submitted by personal delivery, by mail, or by telephonic facsimile machine in accordance with Sections 13.143(d) and (d-2).

SECTION 2. Section 20.062, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) The Department of Public Safety shall prescribe and use a form and procedure that combines the department's application form for a license or card with an officially prescribed voter registration application form for each United States citizen who applies in person at the department's offices or online at the department's Internet website.

(d) A procedure prescribed under this section must provide for the electronic transmission of an applicant's voter registration data by the department to the secretary of state in

1 accordance with Section 20.066.

2 SECTION 3. Sections 20.063(a) and (c), Election Code, are  
3 amended to read as follows:

4 (a) The Department of Public Safety shall provide to each  
5 person who applies in person or online at the department's Internet  
6 website [~~at the department's offices~~] for an original or renewal of  
7 a driver's license, a personal identification card, or a duplicate  
8 or corrected license or card an opportunity to complete a voter  
9 registration application form.

10 (c) A change of address that relates to a license or card and  
11 that is submitted to the department in person, ~~or~~ by mail, or  
12 online at the department's Internet website serves as a change of  
13 address for voter registration unless the licensee or cardholder  
14 indicates that the change is not for voter registration purposes.  
15 The date of submission of a change of address to a department  
16 employee is considered to be the date of submission to the voter  
17 registrar for the purpose of determining the effective date of  
18 registration [~~only~~].

19 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.