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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to automatic voter registration on issuance or change of a
3 driver's license or identification card by the Department of Public
4 Safety.

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

6 ARTICLE 1. VOTER REGISTRAR, APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION, INITIAL
7 REGISTRATION, AND RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION

8 SECTION 1.01. Section 12.001, Election Code, is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 Sec. 12.001. DESIGNATION OF VOTER REGISTRAR. (a) Except as
11 provided by Subsection (b), the ~~[The]~~ county tax assessor-collector
12 is the voter registrar for the county unless the position of county
13 elections administrator is created or the county clerk is
14 designated as the voter registrar.

15 (b) The secretary of state is the voter registrar for the
16 purpose of the registration of voters and maintenance of the list of
17 registered voters. The voter registrar designated under Subsection
18 (a) is the voter registrar for all other purposes.

19 SECTION 1.02. Section 12.004, Election Code, is amended to
20 read as follows:

21 Sec. 12.004. OFFICE HOURS. (a) ~~[The registrar shall~~
22 ~~conduct voter registration activities at all times during regular~~
23 ~~office hours.~~

24 ~~[(b) The registrar may keep the office open for voter~~

1 ~~registration activities at times other than regular office hours.~~
2 ~~The registrar shall post notice of the irregular days and hours the~~
3 ~~office will be open. The notice must remain posted continuously at~~
4 ~~each entrance to the registrar's office for the period beginning~~
5 ~~not later than the third day before the day the office is to be open~~
6 ~~during irregular hours and ending after the last time specified in~~
7 ~~the notice for the office to be open.~~

8 ~~[(c)]~~ The registrar's office shall remain open [~~for voter~~
9 ~~registration activities~~] during the hours the polls are required to
10 be open for voting on the date of any general or primary election in
11 which a statewide office appears on the ballot or any other election
12 held in the county on a uniform election date.

13 (b) ~~[(d)]~~ If early voting by personal appearance is
14 required to be conducted for extended hours under Section 85.005(c)
15 or for weekend hours under Section 85.006(e), the registrar's
16 office shall remain open for providing voter registration
17 information during the extended hours or weekend hours that the
18 main early voting polling place is open for voting.

19 SECTION 1.03. Section 13.001(b), Election Code, is amended
20 to read as follows:

21 (b) To be eligible to apply for registration, a person must,
22 on the date the registration application is submitted to the
23 secretary of state [~~registrar~~], be at least 17 years and 10 months
24 of age and satisfy the requirements of Subsection (a) except for
25 age.

26 SECTION 1.04. The heading to Section 13.002, Election Code,
27 is amended to read as follows:

1 Sec. 13.002. OPTIONAL APPLICATION [~~REQUIRED~~].

2 SECTION 1.05. Section 13.002, Election Code, is amended by
3 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (j) to read as
4 follows:

5 (a) A person desiring to register to vote may [~~must~~] submit
6 an application to the secretary of state or to the registrar of the
7 county in which the person resides, who must forward the
8 application to the secretary of state not later than the fifth day
9 after the date the application is submitted. Except as provided by
10 Subsection (e), an application must be submitted by personal
11 delivery, by mail, or by telephonic facsimile machine in accordance
12 with Sections 13.143(d) and (d-2).

13 (j) Nothing in this section shall prevent a person from
14 becoming registered to vote as provided by Section 13.009.

15 SECTION 1.06. Section 13.0021, Election Code, is amended by
16 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

17 (c) A federal judge or state judge or the spouse of a federal
18 judge or state judge who is automatically registered to vote under
19 Section 13.009 and seeks to have a residence address omitted from
20 the registration list shall submit an affidavit to the secretary of
21 state stating that the individual is a federal judge or state judge
22 or the spouse of a federal judge or state judge.

23 SECTION 1.07. The heading to Section 13.004, Election Code,
24 is amended to read as follows:

25 Sec. 13.004. RECORDING AND DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN
26 INFORMATION [~~BY REGISTRAR~~].

27 SECTION 1.08. Sections 13.004(a), (b), (c-1), and (d),

1 Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

2 (a) The secretary of state [~~registrar~~] may not transcribe,
3 copy, or otherwise record a telephone number furnished on a
4 registration application.

5 (b) The secretary of state [~~registrar~~] may transcribe,
6 copy, or otherwise record a social security number furnished on a
7 registration application only in maintaining the accuracy of the
8 registration records.

9 (c-1) The secretary of state and the registrar shall ensure
10 that the information listed in Subsection (c) is excluded from
11 disclosure, except that the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall
12 forward to the county chair of each county executive committee the
13 information necessary to contact applicants who indicate interest
14 in working as an election judge.

15 (d) The secretary of state, voter registrar, or other county
16 official who has access to the information furnished on a
17 registration application may not post the following information on
18 a website:

- 19 (1) a telephone number;
- 20 (2) a social security number;
- 21 (3) a driver's license number or a number of a personal
22 identification card;
- 23 (4) a date of birth; or
- 24 (5) the residence address of a voter who submits
25 documentation under Subsection (c)(5), (6), (7), or (8) to the
26 secretary of state [~~voter registrar~~] or regarding whom the
27 registrar has received notification under Section 13.0021(c) or

1 15.0215.

2 SECTION 1.09. Section 13.004(c), Election Code, as amended
3 by Chapters 469 (H.B. 4173), 489 (H.B. 3100), and 1146 (H.B. 2910),
4 Acts of the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, 2019, is reenacted
5 and amended to read as follows:

6 (c) The following information furnished on a registration
7 application is confidential and does not constitute public
8 information for purposes of Chapter 552, Government Code:

9 (1) a social security number;

10 (2) a Texas driver's license number;

11 (3) a number of a personal identification card issued
12 by the Department of Public Safety;

13 (4) an indication that an applicant is interested in
14 working as an election judge;

15 (5) the residence address of the applicant, if the
16 applicant is a federal judge or state judge, the spouse of a federal
17 judge or state judge, the spouse of a peace officer as defined by
18 Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, or an individual to whom
19 Section 552.1175, Government Code, or Section 521.1211,
20 Transportation Code, applies and the applicant:

21 (A) included an affidavit with the registration
22 application describing the applicant's status under this
23 subdivision, if the applicant is a federal judge or state judge or
24 the spouse of a federal judge or state judge;

25 (B) provided the secretary of state [~~registrar~~]
26 with an affidavit describing the applicant's status under this
27 subdivision, if the applicant is a federal judge or state judge or

1 the spouse of a federal judge or state judge; or

2 (C) provided the secretary of state [~~registrar~~]
3 with a completed form approved by the secretary of state for that
4 [~~the~~] purpose [~~of notifying the registrar of the applicant's status~~
5 ~~under this subdivision~~];

6 (6) the residence address of the applicant, if the
7 applicant, the applicant's child, or another person in the
8 applicant's household is a victim of family violence as defined by
9 Section 71.004, Family Code, who provided the secretary of state
10 [~~registrar~~] with:

11 (A) a copy of a protective order issued under
12 Chapter 85, Family Code, or a magistrate's order for emergency
13 protection issued under Article 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure;
14 or

15 (B) other independent documentary evidence
16 necessary to show that the applicant, the applicant's child, or
17 another person in the applicant's household is a victim of family
18 violence;

19 (7) the residence address of the applicant, if the
20 applicant, the applicant's child, or another person in the
21 applicant's household is a victim of sexual assault or abuse,
22 stalking, or trafficking of persons who provided the secretary of
23 state [~~registrar~~] with:

24 (A) a copy of a protective order issued under
25 Subchapter A or B, Chapter 7B, Code of Criminal Procedure, or a
26 magistrate's order for emergency protection issued under Article
27 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

1 (B) other independent documentary evidence
2 necessary to show that the applicant, the applicant's child, or
3 another person in the applicant's household is a victim of sexual
4 assault or abuse, stalking, or trafficking of persons;

5 (8) the residence address of the applicant, if the
6 applicant:

7 (A) is a participant in the address
8 confidentiality program administered by the attorney general under
9 Subchapter B, Chapter 58, Code of Criminal Procedure; and

10 (B) provided the secretary of state [~~registrar~~]
11 with proof of certification under Article 58.059, Code of Criminal
12 Procedure; or

13 (9) the telephone number of any applicant submitting
14 documentation under Subdivision (5), (6), (7), or (8).

15 SECTION 1.10. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Election Code, is
16 amended by adding Sections 13.009 and 13.010 to read as follows:

17 Sec. 13.009. VOTER REGISTRATION THROUGH DEPARTMENT OF
18 PUBLIC SAFETY. (a) The secretary of state shall automatically
19 register any individual who is eligible to vote as provided by
20 Section 13.001 and:

21 (1) is issued a Texas driver's license or a personal
22 identification card by the Department of Public Safety; or

23 (2) makes a change to a Texas driver's license or
24 personal identification card issued by the Department of Public
25 Safety.

26 (b) A driver's license or personal identification card
27 transaction with an indication provided by Section 20.062(b) or

1 20.063(c) that the transaction is not for voter registration
2 purposes is not subject to this section.

3 Sec. 13.010. PAPER APPLICATION FOR VOTER REGISTRATION. The
4 secretary of state shall post on its Internet website voter
5 registration application forms that may be printed and submitted to
6 the secretary of state or to the registrar of the county in which
7 the person resides in:

8 (1) English; and

9 (2) any language other than English for which over
10 five percent of the total voting age citizens of a political
11 subdivision in this state are members of that single minority
12 language group.

13 SECTION 1.11. Section 13.071, Election Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Sec. 13.071. REVIEW OF APPLICATION. (a) The secretary of
16 state [~~registrar~~] shall review each submitted application for
17 registration to determine whether it complies with Section 13.002
18 and indicates that the applicant is eligible for registration.

19 (b) The secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall make the
20 determination not later than the seventh day after the date the
21 application is submitted to the secretary of state [~~registrar~~].

22 SECTION 1.12. Sections 13.072(a), (b), and (c), Election
23 Code, are amended to read as follows:

24 (a) The secretary of state [~~Unless the registrar challenges~~
25 ~~the applicant, the registrar~~] shall approve the application if:

26 (1) the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] determines that
27 an application complies with Section 13.002 and indicates that the

1 applicant is eligible for registration; and

2 (2) for an applicant who has not included a statement
3 described by Section 13.002(c)(8)(C) or for an applicant who does
4 not register under Section 13.009, the [~~registrar verifies with~~
5 ~~the~~] secretary of state verifies:

6 (A) the applicant's Texas driver's license number
7 or number of a personal identification card issued by the
8 Department of Public Safety; or

9 (B) the last four digits of the applicant's
10 social security number.

11 (b) After approval of an application by an applicant who was
12 registered in another county at the time of application, the
13 secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall update the statewide voter
14 registration list to reflect [~~deliver written notice of the~~
15 ~~applicant's change of residence to the other county's registrar and~~
16 ~~include in the notice~~] the applicant's change in county of [~~name,~~
17 ~~former~~] residence [~~address, and former registration number, if~~
18 ~~known~~].

19 (c) If [~~Except as provided by Subsection (d), if~~] the
20 secretary of state [~~registrar~~] determines that an application does
21 not comply with Section 13.002 or does not indicate that the
22 applicant is eligible for registration, the secretary of state
23 [~~registrar~~] shall reject the application.

24 SECTION 1.13. Subchapter C, Chapter 13, Election Code, is
25 amended by adding Section 13.0725 to read as follows:

26 Sec. 13.0725. PROCESS FOR VERIFICATION OF APPLICANT'S TEXAS
27 DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUED

1 PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER. (a) The
2 secretary of state shall adopt rules establishing standards used
3 for the verification of information on a voter registration
4 application submitted under Section 13.072(a)(2)(A). The rules
5 shall provide a process by which the secretary of state verifies an
6 applicant's Texas driver's license number or Department of Public
7 Safety issued personal identification card number if, based on the
8 available information, a minor correction in the applicant's last
9 name or date of birth would lead a reasonable person to conclude
10 that the number submitted is the correct number for that applicant.

11 (b) If available, the secretary of state shall review the
12 name and date of birth maintained by the Department of Public Safety
13 or other agency used in the verification process for a submitted
14 application that corresponds to the Texas driver's license number,
15 Department of Public Safety issued personal identification card
16 number, or social security number submitted by the applicant if:

17 (1) the secretary of state cannot verify the accuracy
18 of an applicant's Texas driver's license number, Department of
19 Public Safety issued personal identification card number, or social
20 security number as submitted by the applicant; or

21 (2) the secretary of state verifies the accuracy of
22 the number provided, but it is not a perfect match with the personal
23 information provided by the applicant.

24 (c) If the application was not otherwise verified under this
25 section and the secretary of state determines that a governmental
26 clerical error was made in processing or submitting the
27 application, the secretary of state shall correct the registration

1 record and submit the corrected record for verification under
2 Section 13.072(a)(2).

3 SECTION 1.14. Section 13.073, Election Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 Sec. 13.073. NOTICE OF REJECTION. (a) Except as provided
6 by Subsection (b), the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall deliver
7 written notice of the reason for the rejection of an application to
8 the applicant not later than the second day after the date of
9 rejection. If an application is rejected because it was not
10 verified under Section 13.072, the notice shall indicate whether
11 the last name, date of birth, Texas driver's license number,
12 Department of Public Safety issued personal identification card
13 number, or social security number was the reason for the failure to
14 verify, if that information is provided to the secretary of state
15 under Section 13.0725.

16 (b) If the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] rejects an
17 application in the applicant's presence, at that time the secretary
18 of state [~~registrar~~] shall orally inform the applicant of the
19 reason for the rejection. If the rejection is for incompleteness,
20 the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall return the application to
21 the applicant for completion and resubmission.

22 (c) If the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] rejects an
23 application for incompleteness but receives a completed
24 application not later than the 10th day after the date the notice is
25 delivered under Subsection (a) or the date the incomplete
26 application is returned under Subsection (b), as applicable, the
27 original date of submission of the incomplete application is

1 considered to be the date of submission to the secretary of state
2 [~~registrar~~] for the purpose of determining the effective date of
3 registration.

4 SECTION 1.15. Sections [13.074](#)(a) and (b), Election Code,
5 are amended to read as follows:

6 (a) If after the secretary of state determines
7 [~~determining~~] that an application complies with Section [13.002](#) and
8 indicates that the applicant is eligible for registration, the
9 registrar has reason to believe the applicant is not eligible for
10 registration or the application was submitted in an unauthorized
11 manner, the registrar shall challenge the applicant.

12 (b) The registrar shall indicate on the statewide
13 computerized voter registration list [~~application of a challenged~~
14 ~~applicant~~] that the applicant's eligibility or the manner of
15 submission of the application has been challenged and the date of
16 the challenge.

17 SECTION 1.16. Section [13.080](#), Election Code, is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 Sec. 13.080. RECORDING REJECTION. On rejection of an
20 applicant's registration application by a registrar under Section
21 [13.079](#), the registrar shall inform the secretary of state and the
22 secretary of state shall enter the date of and reason for the
23 rejection on the application.

24 SECTION 1.17. Sections [13.101](#)(a) and (b), Election Code,
25 are amended to read as follows:

26 (a) The secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall maintain a file
27 containing the approved registration applications of the

1 registered voters of the state [~~county~~].

2 (b) The secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall maintain the
3 file in alphabetical order by voter name on a county by county
4 [~~countywide~~] basis. However, the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] may
5 maintain the file in numerical order by registration number if the
6 secretary of state [~~registrar~~] regularly maintains a list of
7 registered voters in alphabetical order by voter name on a county by
8 county [~~countywide~~] basis.

9 SECTION 1.18. Sections 13.102(a), (b), and (c), Election
10 Code, are amended to read as follows:

11 (a) The secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall maintain a file
12 containing the rejected applications of applicants for
13 registration.

14 (b) The secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall maintain a
15 file, separate from the file maintained under Subsection (a),
16 containing the applications of the voters whose registrations have
17 been canceled.

18 (c) The secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall maintain each
19 file in alphabetical order by applicant or voter name on a county by
20 county [~~countywide~~] basis.

21 SECTION 1.19. Section 13.103, Election Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 Sec. 13.103. PLACE FOR KEEPING FILES; SECURITY. (a) The
24 registration application files maintained under this subchapter
25 shall be kept in the secretary of state's [~~registrar's~~] office at
26 all times in a place and manner ensuring their security.

27 (b) Applications may be removed from the secretary of

1 state's [~~registrar's~~] office temporarily, in a manner ensuring
2 their security, for use in preparing registration certificates,
3 lists of registered voters, and other registration documents by
4 electronic data-processing methods.

5 SECTION 1.20. Section 13.104(a), Election Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (a) Instead of keeping the original registration
8 applications and supporting documentation as required by this
9 title, the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] may record the
10 applications and documentation on an optical disk or other computer
11 storage medium [~~approved by the secretary of state~~].

12 SECTION 1.21. Section 13.142(a), Election Code, is amended
13 to read as follows:

14 (a) The secretary of state shall notify the registrar of a
15 voter's registration as soon as practicable. After notification of
16 registration of a voter by the secretary of state under Section
17 13.009, or approval of a registration application by the secretary
18 of state, the registrar shall:

19 (1) prepare a voter registration certificate in
20 duplicate and issue the original certificate to the applicant; and

21 (2) enter the applicant's county election precinct
22 number and registration number on the applicant's registration
23 application.

24 SECTION 1.22. Sections 13.143(a), (d), (d-2), and (e),
25 Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

26 (a) Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (e), if an
27 applicant's registration application is approved, the registration

1 becomes effective on the 30th day after the date the application is
2 submitted to the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] or on the date the
3 applicant becomes 18 years of age, whichever is later.

4 (d) For purposes of determining the effective date of a
5 registration, an application submitted by:

6 (1) mail is considered to be submitted to the
7 secretary of state [~~registrar~~] on the date it is placed with postage
8 prepaid and properly addressed in the United States mail; or

9 (2) telephonic facsimile machine is considered to be
10 submitted to the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] on the date the
11 transmission is received by the secretary of state [~~registrar~~],
12 subject to Subsection (d-2).

13 (d-2) For a registration application submitted by
14 telephonic facsimile machine to be effective, a copy of the
15 registration application must be submitted by mail and be received
16 by the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] not later than the fourth
17 business day after the transmission by telephonic facsimile machine
18 is received.

19 (e) If the 30th day before the date of an election is a
20 Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, an
21 application is considered to be timely if it is submitted to the
22 secretary of state [~~registrar~~] on or before the next regular
23 business day.

24 SECTION 1.23. Sections 13.144(a) and (b), Election Code,
25 are amended to read as follows:

26 (a) Not later than the 30th day after the date the registrar
27 receives notice from the secretary of state that an individual has

1 registered to vote [~~the application~~], the registrar shall deliver
2 the original of an initial certificate:

3 (1) in person to the applicant or the applicant's agent
4 appointed under Section 13.003; or

5 (2) by mail to the applicant.

6 (b) If delivery is by mail, the registrar shall send the
7 certificate to the mailing address provided for the individual in
8 the statewide computerized voter [~~on the applicant's~~] registration
9 list [~~application~~].

10 SECTION 1.24. Section 14.002(a), Election Code, is amended
11 to read as follows:

12 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), the registrar
13 shall deliver a voter's renewal certificate by mail to the mailing
14 address provided for the individual in the statewide computerized
15 voter [~~on the voter's~~] registration list [~~application~~].

16 SECTION 1.25. Section 15.021(c), Election Code, is amended
17 to read as follows:

18 (c) The registrar shall retain the notice on file [~~with the~~
19 ~~voter's registration application~~]. If the correction is a change
20 of the voter's name, the registrar shall file the notice
21 [~~application~~] under the new name.

22 SECTION 1.26. Sections 15.0215(b) and (c), Election Code,
23 are amended to read as follows:

24 (b) On receiving notice from the Office of Court
25 Administration of the Texas Judicial System of the person's
26 qualification for office as a federal judge or state judge and of
27 the name of the judge's spouse, if applicable, the secretary of

1 state [~~registrar of the county in which the judge resides~~] shall:

2 (1) omit from the statewide computerized voter
3 registration list the residence address of the judge and the spouse
4 of the judge; and

5 (2) prepare a memorandum of the notice, indicating the
6 substance and date of the notification, and retain the memorandum
7 on file with the application.

8 (c) A registered district voter who wishes to verify that an
9 elected judge whose personal identifying information is
10 confidential under Section 552.1175, Government Code, resides in
11 the district may request in writing that the secretary of state
12 [~~registrar~~] certify the judge lives in the district. The secretary
13 of state [~~registrar~~] shall exercise due diligence in determining
14 the residence of the judge and respond to the voter in writing not
15 later than the 10th business day after the date the request is
16 received on whether the judge resides in the district. The
17 secretary of state [~~registrar~~] may not release the address of the
18 judge. The secretary of state [~~registrar~~] is not required to
19 certify the residence of the same judge more than once in a calendar
20 year, but must provide copies of the certification to subsequent
21 requestors.

22 SECTION 1.27. Section 15.053(c), Election Code, is amended
23 to read as follows:

24 (c) The registrar shall submit [~~act on~~] the response to the
25 secretary of state for action in accordance with Section 13.072 and
26 retain the response on file [~~with the voter's registration~~
27 ~~application~~].

1 SECTION 1.28. Section 16.005, Election Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Sec. 16.005. PRESERVATION OF ABSTRACT. If an abstract
4 received under this subchapter affects a registered voter of the
5 county, the registrar shall retain a copy of the abstract on file
6 [~~with the affected voter's registration application~~].

7 SECTION 1.29. Section 16.031(a), Election Code, is amended
8 to read as follows:

9 (a) The registrar shall cancel a voter's registration
10 immediately on receipt of:

11 (1) notice under Section [~~13.072(b) or~~] 15.021 or a
12 response under Section 15.053 that the voter's residence is outside
13 the county;

14 (2) an abstract of the voter's death certificate under
15 Section 16.001(a) or an abstract of an application indicating that
16 the voter is deceased under Section 16.001(b);

17 (3) an abstract of a final judgment of the voter's
18 total mental incapacity, partial mental incapacity without the
19 right to vote, conviction of a felony, or disqualification under
20 Section 16.002, 16.003, or 16.004;

21 (4) notice under Section 112.012 that the voter has
22 applied for a limited ballot in another county;

23 (5) notice from a voter registration official in
24 another state that the voter has registered to vote outside this
25 state;

26 (6) notice from the early voting clerk under Section
27 101.053 that a federal postcard application submitted by an

1 applicant states a voting residence address located outside the
2 registrar's county; or

3 (7) notice from the secretary of state that the voter
4 has registered to vote in another county, as determined by the
5 voter's driver's license number or personal identification card
6 number issued by the Department of Public Safety or social security
7 number.

8 SECTION 1.30. Section 16.033(f), Election Code, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 (f) The registrar shall retain a copy of the notice mailed
11 to a voter under this section on file [~~with the voter's registration~~
12 ~~application~~]. If the voter's reply to the notice is in writing, the
13 registrar shall also retain the reply on file [~~with the~~
14 ~~application~~]. If the reply is oral, the registrar shall prepare a
15 memorandum of the reply, indicating the substance and date of the
16 reply, and shall retain the memorandum on file [~~with the~~
17 ~~application~~].

18 SECTION 1.31. Section 16.0331(c), Election Code, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 (c) The registrar shall retain the request on file [~~with the~~
21 ~~voter's registration application~~].

22 SECTION 1.32. Section 16.034, Election Code, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 Sec. 16.034. RECORDING CANCELLATION. On cancellation of a
25 voter's registration, the registrar shall notify the secretary of
26 state of [enter] the date of and reason for the cancellation and the
27 secretary of state shall record the information on the voter's

1 registration application and duplicate registration certificate
2 and make any other appropriate corrections in the registration
3 records.

4 SECTION 1.33. Section 16.037(c), Election Code, is amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (c) On reinstatement of a registration, the registrar shall
7 notify the secretary of state of [enter] the date of and reason for
8 the reinstatement and the secretary of state shall record the
9 information on the voter's registration application and duplicate
10 registration certificate, make any appropriate corrections in the
11 registration records, and take any other action necessary to give
12 effect to the reinstatement.

13 SECTION 1.34. Section 31.040(b), Election Code, is amended
14 to read as follows:

15 (b) The commissioners court or the administrator may
16 require any or all of the administrator's deputies [~~, other than~~
17 ~~unpaid volunteer deputy registrars,~~] to give a bond similar to that
18 required of the administrator in an amount not exceeding the amount
19 of the administrator's bond.

20 SECTION 1.35. Section 31.161(b), Election Code, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 (b) The joint elections commission or the joint elections
23 administrator may require any or all of the administrator's
24 deputies [~~, other than unpaid volunteer deputy registrars,~~] to give
25 a bond similar to that required of the administrator in an amount
26 not exceeding the amount of the administrator's bond.

27 SECTION 1.36. To the extent of any conflict, this article

1 prevails over another Act of the 87th Legislature, Regular Session,
2 2021, relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in
3 enacted codes.

4 ARTICLE 2. PROCEDURES FOR IDENTIFYING REGISTERED VOTERS

5 SECTION 2.01. Section 18.006, Election Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 18.006. DELIVERY OF LISTS TO ELECTION AUTHORITIES.
8 The registrar shall deliver the lists furnished under this
9 subchapter, including the lists furnished under Section 18.007, to
10 the appropriate authority as soon as practicable after the request
11 but in every case in time for receipt before the beginning of early
12 voting by mail for the election in which the lists are to be used.
13 If those lists do not contain the names of all voters who will be
14 eligible to vote as of the beginning of early voting by personal
15 appearance, another set of the appropriate lists shall be delivered
16 before the beginning of early voting by personal appearance. If
17 those lists do not contain the names of all voters whose
18 registrations will be effective on election day, another set of the
19 appropriate lists shall be delivered as soon as practicable after
20 the secretary of state [~~registrar~~] has processed the remaining
21 applications.

22 SECTION 2.02. Sections 18.043(a) and (c), Election Code,
23 are amended to read as follows:

24 (a) The [~~At the times prescribed by the~~] secretary of
25 state[~~, the registrar~~] shall produce [~~deliver to the secretary~~]
26 statement containing the voter registration information determined
27 [~~by the secretary~~] to be necessary to comply with reporting

1 requirements prescribed under federal law.

2 (c) The secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall maintain the
3 information required for the statements in accordance with
4 procedures prescribed by this section [~~the secretary of state~~].

5 SECTION 2.03. Section 18.061(c), Election Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (c) Under procedures prescribed by the secretary of state,
8 the Department of Public Safety and each voter registrar shall
9 provide to the secretary of state on an expedited basis the
10 information necessary to maintain the registration list
11 established under Subsection (a). The procedures shall provide for
12 the electronic submission of the information and ensure that each
13 voter registrar collects and reports the correct month, day, and
14 year of birth for each registered voter.

15 SECTION 2.04. Section 63.0011(e), Election Code, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 (e) The voter registrar shall retain each statement of
18 residence on file [~~with the voter's voter registration~~
19 ~~application~~].

20 SECTION 2.05. Section 101.055(c), Election Code, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 (c) Under procedures prescribed by the secretary of state,
23 the secretary of state [~~The registrar~~] shall register the person at
24 the address provided under Subsection (b) unless that address no
25 longer is recognized as a residential address, in which event the
26 secretary of state [~~registrar~~] shall assign the person to an
27 address [~~under procedures prescribed by the secretary of state~~].

1 SECTION 2.06. Section 112.012, Election Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 Sec. 112.012. NOTIFICATION TO SECRETARY OF STATE [~~VOTER~~
4 ~~REGISTRAR~~]. Not later than the 30th day after receipt of an
5 application for a limited ballot, the early voting clerk shall
6 notify the secretary of state [~~voter registrar for the voter's~~
7 ~~former county of residence~~] that the voter has applied for a limited
8 ballot.

9 ARTICLE 3. VOTER REGISTRATION AGENCIES

10 SECTION 3.01. Section 20.008, Election Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 Sec. 20.008. ASSISTANCE BY SECRETARY OF STATE [~~OR~~
13 ~~REGISTRAR~~]. If a question arises concerning voter registration
14 that an agency employee cannot answer, the employee shall provide
15 the person[~~+~~

16 [~~(1)~~] the toll-free telephone number of the Elections
17 Division of the Office of the Secretary of State[~~, and~~

18 [~~(2) the telephone number of the voter registrar to~~
19 ~~whom registration applications are submitted~~].

20 SECTION 3.02. Sections 20.033, 20.034, and 20.035, Election
21 Code, are amended to read as follows:

22 Sec. 20.033. EFFECT OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION TO
23 EMPLOYEE. The date of submission of a completed registration
24 application to the agency employee is considered to be the date of
25 submission to the secretary of state [~~voter registrar~~] for the
26 purpose of determining the effective date of registration only.

27 Sec. 20.034. SUBMISSION TO REGISTRAR BY APPLICANT. (a) The

1 applicant may keep the registration application form or the
2 completed application to submit the application personally to the
3 secretary of state or to the voter registrar of the county in which
4 the applicant resides.

5 (b) The agency employee shall enter on the declination of
6 registration form a notation that after being given the opportunity
7 to register, the applicant kept the application or application form
8 for personal submission of the application to the secretary of
9 state [~~registrar~~].

10 Sec. 20.035. DELIVERY OF APPLICATIONS TO SECRETARY OF STATE
11 [~~REGISTRAR~~]. (a) The agency shall deliver to the secretary of
12 state [~~voter registrar of the county in which the agency office is~~
13 ~~located~~] each completed registration application submitted to an
14 agency employee.

15 (b) An application shall be delivered to the secretary of
16 state [~~registrar~~] not later than the fifth day after the date the
17 application is submitted to the employee.

18 SECTION 3.03. Section 20.037(c), Election Code, is amended
19 to read as follows:

20 (c) An application form delivered by mail must be
21 accompanied by a notice informing the applicant that the
22 application may be submitted in person or by mail to the secretary
23 of state or to the voter registrar of the county in which the
24 applicant resides [~~or in person to a volunteer deputy registrar for~~
25 ~~delivery to the voter registrar of the county in which the applicant~~
26 ~~resides~~].

27 SECTION 3.04. Section 20.061, Election Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 Sec. 20.061. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS. The other
3 provisions of this chapter apply to the Department of Public Safety
4 except provisions that conflict with this subchapter or Section
5 13.009.

6 SECTION 3.05. Section 20.062(b), Election Code, is amended
7 to read as follows:

8 (b) The department shall prescribe and use a change of
9 address form and procedure that combines department and voter
10 registration functions. The form must allow a licensee or
11 cardholder to indicate that ~~[whether]~~ the change of address is not
12 ~~[also to be used]~~ for voter registration purposes.

13 SECTION 3.06. Section 20.063, Election Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Sec. 20.063. REGISTRATION PROCEDURES. (a) The Department
16 of Public Safety shall consider an application made in person, by
17 mail, or online at the department's Internet website ~~[provide to~~
18 ~~each person who applies in person at the department's offices]~~ for
19 an original or renewal of a driver's license, a personal
20 identification card, or a duplicate or corrected license or card by
21 a person who is eligible to vote as provided by Section 13.001 an
22 application for ~~[opportunity to complete a]~~ voter registration.
23 The date of application is considered to be the date of submission
24 to the secretary of state for the purpose of determining the
25 effective date of registration ~~[application form]~~.

26 (b) The Department of Public Safety shall consider a change
27 of address that relates to ~~[When the department processes]~~ a

1 license or card and that is submitted to ~~[for renewal by mail,~~ the
2 department ~~[shall deliver to the applicant by mail a voter~~
3 ~~registration application form.~~

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

13 (c) The registration of an eligible ~~[(d) If a completed]~~
14 voter as required by Subsections (a) and (b) is automatic unless the
15 person indicates that the transaction is not for voter
16 registration purposes ~~[application submitted to a department~~
17 ~~employee does not include the applicant's correct driver's license~~
18 ~~number or personal identification card number, a department~~
19 ~~employee shall enter the appropriate information on the~~
20 ~~application. If a completed application does not include the~~
21 ~~applicant's correct residence address or mailing address, a~~
22 ~~department employee shall obtain the appropriate information from~~
23 ~~the applicant and enter the information on the application].~~

24 SECTION 3.07. Section 20.065(b), Election Code, is amended
25 to read as follows:

26 (b) Each weekday the department is regularly open for
27 business, the department shall electronically transfer to the

1 secretary of state the name and information designated by the
2 secretary of state for [~~of each person who completes a~~] voter
3 registration for each individual who is eligible to vote as
4 provided by Section 13.001 and applies in person, by mail, or online
5 at the department's Internet website for an original or renewal of a
6 driver's license, a personal identification card, or a duplicate or
7 corrected license or card [~~application submitted to the~~
8 ~~department~~]. The secretary shall prescribe procedures necessary to
9 implement this subsection.

10 SECTION 3.08. Subchapter C, Chapter 20, Election Code, is
11 amended by adding Sections 20.067 and 20.068 to read as follows:

12 Sec. 20.067. AUTOMATIC REGISTRATION BEFORE TIME FOR RENEWAL
13 OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b),
14 not later than March 15 of each odd-numbered year, the Department of
15 Public Safety shall submit a voter registration application to the
16 secretary of state on behalf of a current holder of a driver's
17 license or personal identification card who is eligible to vote as
18 provided by Section 13.001 but who did not register to vote at the
19 time the person submitted an application form for a license or card
20 and who submitted an application form for a license or card on or
21 after January 1, 2019.

22 (b) Not later than January 1 of each odd-numbered year, the
23 department must notify each person described by Subsection (a) that
24 the department will submit the person's voter registration
25 application to the secretary of state. The notice must include a
26 declination of registration form prepared so that it may be mailed
27 free of United States postage and indicate that the form must be

1 received by the department on or before March 1 of the year in which
2 the notice is delivered or the department will submit the person's
3 application for voter registration to the secretary of state.

4 Sec. 20.068. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. The Department of Public
5 Safety and the secretary of state shall develop printed materials
6 and a public service announcement to inform the public about
7 automatic voter registration.

8 SECTION 3.09. Section 20.122(c), Election Code, is amended
9 to read as follows:

10 (c) The application forms must be accompanied by a notice
11 informing the licensees that the applications may be submitted in
12 person or by mail to the secretary of state or to the voter
13 registrar of the county in which they reside [~~or in person to a~~
14 ~~volunteer deputy registrar for delivery to the voter registrar of~~
15 ~~the county in which they reside~~].

16 ARTICLE 4. PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION CERTIFICATES

17 SECTION 4.01. Section 521.422(a), Transportation Code, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (a) The fee for a personal identification certificate is:

20 (1) waived for an individual eligible to register to
21 vote under Section 13.001, Election Code;

22 (2) \$15 for a person under 60 years of age;

23 (3) [~~2~~] \$5 for a person 60 years of age or older; and

24 (4) [~~3~~] \$20 for a person subject to the registration
25 requirements under Chapter 62, Code of Criminal Procedure.

26 ARTICLE 5. REPEALER; EFFECTIVE DATE

27 SECTION 5.01. The following provisions of the Election Code

1 are repealed:

- 2 (1) Section 12.002;
- 3 (2) Section 12.005;
- 4 (3) Section 12.006;
- 5 (4) Subchapter B, Chapter 13;
- 6 (5) Section 13.072(d);
- 7 (6) Section 13.121(c);
- 8 (7) Section 20.064; and
- 9 (8) Sections 20.065(a) and (c).

10 SECTION 5.02. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.