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H.B. No. 3523

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to notification by the secretary of state when a person convicted of a felony becomes eligible to vote.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 15, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 15.029 to read as follows:

Sec. 15.029. NOTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY BY SECRETARY OF STATE. (a) This section applies to a person who is ineligible to vote in this state under Section 13.001(a)(4) because the person was finally convicted of a felony.

(b) The secretary of state shall coordinate with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Department of Public Safety, and any other relevant agency to determine when a person to whom this section applies has regained eligibility to vote in accordance with Section 13.001(a)(4)(A) or (B).

(c) At the time a person to whom this section applies regains eligibility to vote, the secretary of state shall use best efforts to provide the person with:

(1) a notice informing the person in plain language that the person may be eligible to register to vote, including instructions for registration; and

(2) a voter registration application.

(d) The secretary of state shall post on the secretary's Internet website a generic version of the notice described by

1 Subsection (c)(1).

2 (e) The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to
3 administer this section.

4 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.