

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 155 (Perry/Klick)

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H.R. No. 1982

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the State of
2 Texas, 87th Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, That House Rule 13,
3 Section 9(a), be suspended in part as provided by House Rule 13,
4 Section 9(f), to enable the conference committee appointed to
5 resolve the differences on Senate Bill 155 (the use of certain
6 information regarding voter qualification) to consider and take
7 action on the following matter:

8 House Rule 13, Section 9(a)(4), is suspended to permit the
9 committee to add text on a matter not included in either the house
10 or senate version of the bill in proposed SECTION 1 of the bill, by
11 amending Section 16.0332(a), Election Code, and adding Subsections
12 (a-1), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

13 (a) After the registrar receives notification [~~a list~~]
14 under Subsection (a-1) of this section, Section 18.068 of this
15 code, or Section 62.113, Government Code, of persons excused or
16 disqualified from jury service because of citizenship status or
17 notification of persons who indicate a lack of citizenship status
18 in connection with a motor vehicle or Department of Public Safety
19 record, the registrar shall deliver to each registered voter whose
20 name appears on the list a written notice requiring the voter to
21 submit to the registrar proof of United States citizenship in the
22 form of a certified copy of the voter's birth certificate, United
23 States passport, or certificate of naturalization or any other form
24 prescribed by the secretary of state. The notice shall be delivered

1 by forwardable mail to the mailing address on the voter's
2 registration application and to any new address of the voter known
3 to the registrar.

4 (a-1) The secretary of state shall enter into an agreement
5 with the Department of Public Safety under which information in the
6 existing statewide computerized voter registration list is
7 compared against information in the database of the Department of
8 Public Safety on a monthly basis to verify the accuracy of
9 citizenship status information previously provided on voter
10 registration applications.

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

13 (e) Not later than December 31 of each year, the secretary
14 of state shall provide a report to the legislature of the number of
15 voter registrations canceled under this section during the calendar
16 year.

17 Explanation: This change is necessary to allow for the
18 verification of the citizenship status of certain registered
19 voters.