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S.B. No. 570

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to confirmation of a voter's residence by a voter registrar.

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

SECTION 1. Section 15.051(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) If the registrar receives notice under Section 13.146, 14.023, 15.053, 16.0921, or 18.0681(d) or otherwise has reason to believe that a voter's current residence is different from that indicated on the registration records, the registrar shall deliver to the voter a written confirmation notice requesting confirmation of the voter's current residence.

SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 15, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 15.054 to read as follows:

Sec. 15.054. CONFIRMATION NOTICE AFTER EVIDENCE OF CHANGE OF RESIDENCE. (a) At least annually the registrar shall:

(1) request from the United States Postal Service any available information, including information from the National Change of Address database, indicating address reclassifications or changes of address affecting the registered voters of the county; and

(2) for each voter in the county who fails to vote in any election, submit an application for a ballot to be voted by mail under Chapter 84 or 101, or submit a change in voter registration

1 under Chapter 13 or 15 for two years from the date of a general  
2 election for state and county officers, examine real property sales  
3 and other public records to determine whether the voter changed  
4 residence to a location outside of the county.

5 (b) If information obtained under Subsection (a) gives the  
6 registrar reason to believe a voter has changed the voter's  
7 residence to a location outside of the county, the registrar shall  
8 deliver a confirmation notice to the voter in accordance with  
9 Section 15.051.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.