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S.B. No. 991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to certain vendors entering into agreements with the  
3 Department of Public Safety for the issuance of renewal and  
4 duplicate driver's licenses and other identification certificate  
5 services, including voter registration services.

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

7 SECTION 1. Section 20.001, Election Code, is amended by  
8 adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

9 (b-1) Each vendor that provides services under an agreement  
10 described by Section 521.009, Transportation Code, is designated as  
11 a voter registration agency.

12 SECTION 2. The heading to Subchapter C, Chapter 20,  
13 Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

14 SUBCHAPTER C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND VENDORS

15 SECTION 3. Section 20.061, Election Code, is amended to  
16 read as follows:

17 Sec. 20.061. APPLICABILITY [~~OF OTHER PROVISIONS~~]. (a) The  
18 other provisions of this chapter apply to the Department of Public  
19 Safety and vendors described by Section 20.001(b-1) except  
20 provisions that conflict with this subchapter.

21 (b) The provisions of this subchapter apply to vendors  
22 described by Section 20.001(b-1) in the same manner as those  
23 provisions apply to the Department of Public Safety.

24 SECTION 4. Section 521.009, Transportation Code, is amended

1 by amending Subsections (a), (a-1), and (c) and adding Subsections  
2 (e-1), (e-2), and (g) to read as follows:

3 (a) The department may establish a program for the provision  
4 of renewal and duplicate driver's license, election identification  
5 certificate, and personal identification certificate services by  
6 ~~[in]~~ counties, ~~[and]~~ municipalities, and private vendors that enter  
7 into an agreement with the department under Subsection (a-1).

8 (a-1) Under the program, the department may enter into an  
9 agreement with the commissioners court of a county, ~~[or]~~ the  
10 governing body of a municipality, or a private vendor, to permit  
11 county, ~~[or]~~ municipal, or vendor employees to provide services at  
12 a county or municipal office or at a location determined by the  
13 vendor relating to the issuance of renewal and duplicate driver's  
14 licenses, election identification certificates, and personal  
15 identification certificates, including:

- 16 (1) taking photographs;
- 17 (2) administering vision tests;
- 18 (3) updating a driver's license, election  
19 identification certificate, or personal identification certificate  
20 to change a name, address, or photograph;
- 21 (4) distributing and collecting information relating  
22 to donations under Section [521.401](#);
- 23 (5) collecting fees; and
- 24 (6) performing other basic ministerial functions and  
25 tasks necessary to issue renewal and duplicate driver's licenses,  
26 election identification certificates, and personal identification  
27 certificates.

1 (c) A participating county, ~~or~~ municipality, or vendor  
2 must remit to the department for deposit as required by this chapter  
3 fees collected for the issuance of a renewal or duplicate driver's  
4 license or personal identification certificate.

5 (e-1) An agreement under Subsection (a-1) with a vendor must  
6 require the vendor to:

7 (1) comply with training requirements developed by the  
8 department under Subsection (e-2);

9 (2) agree to serve as a voter registration agency in a  
10 manner that ensures compliance with federal law; and

11 (3) comply with the same privacy and information  
12 security standards required of the department.

13 (e-2) The department shall develop training requirements  
14 for a vendor relating to the services provided by the vendor under  
15 this section.

16 (g) The department may perform periodic audits of a vendor  
17 that has entered into an agreement with the department under  
18 Subsection (a-1) to ensure compliance with this section, the  
19 agreement entered into under this section, and any rules adopted by  
20 the department under this section.

21 SECTION 5. Section 521.428, Transportation Code, is amended  
22 to read as follows:

23 Sec. 521.428. COUNTY, ~~OR~~ MUNICIPAL, OR PRIVATE VENDOR

24 FEE. (a) A county, ~~or~~ municipality, or private vendor that  
25 provides services under an agreement described by Section 521.009  
26 may collect an additional fee of up to \$10 ~~[\$5]~~ for each transaction  
27 provided that relates to driver's license and personal

1 identification certificate services only.

2 (b) No portion of a fee authorized under this section may be  
3 charged for performing a function in connection with voter  
4 registration.

5 SECTION 6. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
6 of this Act, the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas  
7 shall adopt rules as necessary to implement Section [521.009](#),  
8 Transportation Code, as amended by this Act.

9 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.