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S.B. No. 1114

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to verification of the citizenship status of certain registered voters.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16.0332, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

(a) After the registrar receives notification [~~a list~~] under Subsection (a-1) of this section, Section 18.068 of this code, or Section 62.113, Government Code, of persons excused or disqualified from jury service because of citizenship status or notification of persons who have indicated a lack of citizenship status in connection with a motor vehicle or Department of Public Safety record, the registrar shall deliver to each registered voter whose name appears on the list a written notice requiring the voter to submit to the registrar proof of United States citizenship in the form of a certified copy of the voter's birth certificate, United States passport, or certificate of naturalization or any other form prescribed by the secretary of state. The notice shall be delivered by forwardable mail to the mailing address on the voter's registration application and to any new address of the voter known to the registrar.

(a-1) The secretary of state shall enter into an agreement with the Department of Public Safety under which information in the

1 statewide computerized voter registration list is compared against  
2 information in the database of the Department of Public Safety on a  
3 monthly basis to verify the accuracy of citizenship status  
4 information provided on voter registration applications. The  
5 information compared must include, at a minimum, a voter's:

6 (1) full legal name;

7 (2) former name, if applicable;

8 (3) date of birth;

9 (4) residence address;

10 (5) driver's license or state identification card  
11 number;

12 (6) social security number;

13 (7) documentation of lawful presence in this state;

14 and

15 (8) citizenship status.

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

18 (e) Not later than December 31 of each year, the secretary  
19 of state shall provide a report to the legislature of the number of  
20 voter registrations canceled under this section during the calendar  
21 year.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
26 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.