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S.B. No. 1977

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to voting while confined in jail.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 31, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 31.125 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.125. VOTER EDUCATION FOR PERSONS CONFINED IN JAIL.

(a) The secretary of state, the authority in charge of the jail in each county, and the early voting clerk of each county shall take appropriate action to:

(1) inform each qualified voter confined in jail of the voter's right to vote; and

(2) provide the qualified voter an opportunity to vote.

(b) The authority in charge of the jail shall allow a person who is qualified to vote and confined in jail access to a voter registrar or deputy voter registrar for the purpose of submitting an application to register to vote.

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