

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

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S.R. No. 540

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 87th
2 Legislature, Regular Session, 2021, That Senate Rule 12.03 be
3 suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the
4 conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate
5 Bill 155 (the use of certain information regarding voter
6 qualification) to consider and take action on the following matter:

7 Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to
8 add text on a matter not included in either the house or senate
9 version of the bill in proposed SECTION 1 of the bill, by amending
10 Section 16.0332(a), Election Code, and adding Subsections (a-1),
11 (d), and (e) to read as follows:

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

1 registration application and to any new address of the voter known
2 to the registrar.

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

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

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

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