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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to personal information entered on the carrier envelope of a ballot to be voted by mail.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 86.002, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d-1) and amending Subsection (g) to read as follows:

(d-1)  The secretary of state shall prescribe instructions to be printed on the balloting materials for marking the ballot envelope with the information required under Subsection (g). The instructions must:

(1)  be printed in at least a 10-point font;

(2)  not include the text "V.U.I.D." next to the space for the ID number and

(3)  contain the statement: A voter registration number (V.U.I.D.) does not satisfy the requirement and should not be printed on the carrier envelope."

(g)  The carrier envelope must include a space, at least one half inch in height and two inches in width, that is hidden from view when the envelope is sealed for the voter to enter the following information:

(1)  the number of the voter's driver's license, election identification certificate, or personal identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety;

(2)  if the voter has not been issued a number described by Subdivision (1), the last four digits of the voter's social security number; or

(3)  a statement by the applicant that the applicant has not been issued a number described by Subdivision (1) or (2).

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.