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H.B. No. 945

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to qualifications and registration of certain voters on
3 parole or mandatory supervision.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 11.002(a), Election Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) In this code, "qualified voter" means a person who:

8 (1) is 18 years of age or older;

9 (2) is a United States citizen;

10 (3) has not been determined by a final judgment of a
11 court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:

12 (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or

13 (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the
14 right to vote;

15 (4) has not been finally convicted of a felony or, if
16 so convicted, has:

17 (A) completed [~~fully discharged the person's~~
18 ~~sentence, including~~] any term of incarceration[~~, parole,~~] or
19 community supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered
20 by any court;

21 (B) been released on parole or mandatory
22 supervision; or

23 (C) [~~(B)~~] been pardoned or otherwise released
24 from the resulting disability to vote;

1 (5) is a resident of this state; and

2 (6) is a registered voter.

3 SECTION 2. Section 13.001(a), Election Code, is amended to
4 read as follows:

5 (a) To be eligible for registration as a voter in this
6 state, a person must:

7 (1) be 18 years of age or older;

8 (2) be a United States citizen;

9 (3) not have been determined by a final judgment of a
10 court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:

11 (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or

12 (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the
13 right to vote;

14 (4) not have been finally convicted of a felony or, if
15 so convicted, must have:

16 (A) completed [~~fully discharged the person's~~
17 ~~sentence, including~~] any term of incarceration[~~, parole,~~] or
18 community supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered
19 by any court;

20 (B) been released on parole or mandatory
21 supervision; or

22 (C) [~~(B)~~] been pardoned or otherwise released
23 from the resulting disability to vote; and

24 (5) be a resident of the county in which application
25 for registration is made.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
27 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.