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H.B. No. 1632

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to standardized training for election officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 32.111(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The secretary of state shall:

(1) adopt standards of training in election law and procedure for presiding or alternate election judges;

(2) develop materials for a standardized curriculum for that training, including a published handbook, made available on the secretary of state's Internet website, free of charge; and

(3) distribute the materials as necessary to the governing bodies of political subdivisions that hold elections and to each county executive committee of a political party that holds a primary election.

SECTION 2. Subchapter F, Chapter 32, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 32.1111 to read as follows:

Sec. 32.1111. ONLINE TRAINING. (a) The secretary of state shall:

(1) make available a standardized training program developed under Section 32.111:

(A) entirely via the Internet; and

(B) at any time, without a requirement for prior registration;

1 (2) require the passage of an examination at the end of
2 the training program; and

3 (3) provide an individual who completes the training
4 with a certificate of completion.

5 (b) A certificate of completion provided under Subsection
6 (a)(3) shall expire no later than one year following the date it was
7 awarded.

8 (c) Completion of the training program under this section is
9 not a prerequisite to eligibility for service in an election for:

10 (1) county election officials;

11 (2) presiding or alternate election judges;

12 (3) election clerks;

13 (4) members of the early voting ballot board;

14 (5) members of the signature verification committee;

15 or

16 (6) central counting station officers.

17 SECTION 3. Subchapter [A](#), Chapter [87](#), Election Code, is
18 amended by adding Section 87.0031 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 87.0031. TRAINING. The secretary of state shall
20 provide a standardized training program and materials for members
21 of an early voting ballot board in the same manner it provides such
22 a program under Subchapter [F](#), Chapter [32](#).

23 SECTION 4. Subchapter [B](#), Chapter [87](#), Election Code, is
24 amended by adding Section 87.0272 to read as follows:

25 Sec. 87.0272. TRAINING. The secretary of state shall
26 provide a standardized training program and materials for members
27 of a signature verification committee in the same manner it

1 provides such a program under Subchapter F, Chapter 32.

2 SECTION 5. Subchapter A, Chapter 127, Election Code, is
3 amended by adding Section 127.010 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 127.010. TRAINING. The secretary of state shall
5 provide a standardized training program and materials for members
6 of a counting station in the same manner it provides such a program
7 under Subchapter F, Chapter 32.

8 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.