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H.B. No. 5254

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the interstate voter registration crosscheck program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 18.062, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18.062. INTERSTATE VOTER REGISTRATION CROSSCHECK PROGRAM. (a) To maintain the statewide voter registration list and to prevent duplication of registration in more than one state or jurisdiction, the secretary of state shall:

(1) cooperate with other states and jurisdictions to develop systems to compare voters, voter history, and voter registration lists to identify voters:

(A) whose addresses have changed;

(B) who have been convicted of a felony; or

(C) who are registered to vote in more than one state; or

(2) identify and contract with the provider of a private sector data system to identify voters:

(A) whose addresses have changed;

(B) who are registered to vote in more than one state;

(C) who are deceased; or

(D) who are not eligible to vote for another reason, including a felony conviction.

1 (a-1) A private sector data system under Subsection (a)(2)
2 must have demonstrated an ability to work with registered voter
3 identification and matching systems.

4 (b) A system developed under this section must comply with
5 the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. Section
6 20501 et seq.) and the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (52 U.S.C.
7 Section 20901 et seq.).

8 (c) The cost to begin operations with a system under
9 Subsection (a)(2) may not exceed \$100,000.

10 (d) The cost of continuing operations with a system under
11 Subsection (a)(2) may not exceed one dollar for each voter
12 identified under Subsection (a)(2).

13 (e) The secretary of state may not provide to a system under
14 Subsection (a)(2) any information that is not:

15 (1) found in a voter roll; and

16 (2) necessary to identify voters under Subsection
17 (a)(2).

18 (f) The secretary of state shall record information related
19 to the system under Subsection (a)(2) and shall submit to the
20 legislature a report on that information not later than the first
21 day of each quarter of the state's fiscal year.

22 (g) A contract with a system under Subsection (a)(2) may not
23 require any additional duty of the state not required by this
24 section.

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