

By: Middleton

S.B. No. 51

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to election procedures regarding accepting a voter with a residence address that is not current and the immediate effect of a voter's registration after the registrar's receipt of certain change of address notices.

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

SECTION 1. Section 15.025(a), Election Code, as effective September 1, 2025, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsections (b) and ~~(c)~~ (d) ~~and~~ ~~(e)~~, the registration of a voter described by this subsection whose information is changed on the registration records becomes effective as to the change on the 30th day after:

(1) the date the voter submits to the registrar a notice of a change in registration information under Section 15.021 or a response under Section 15.053, indicating the change; or

(2) the date the voter submits a statement of residence to an election officer under Section 63.0011 or a registration application or change of address to an agency employee under Chapter 20, indicating the change.

SECTION 2. Sections 63.0011(b) and (c), Election Code, as effective September 1, 2025, are amended to read as follows:

(b) If the voter's residence address is not current because the voter has changed residence within the county, the voter may vote, if otherwise eligible, in the election precinct in which the

1 voter is registered [~~resides~~] if the voter resides in the county in
2 which the voter is registered and, if applicable:

3 (1) resides in the political subdivision served by the
4 authority ordering the election if the political subdivision is
5 other than the county; or

6 (2) resides in the territory covered by the election
7 in a less-than-countywide election ordered by the governor or a
8 county authority.

9 (c) Before being accepted for voting, the voter must execute
10 and submit to an election officer a statement including:

11 (1) a statement that the voter satisfies the
12 applicable residence requirements [~~requirement~~] prescribed by
13 Subsection (b);

14 (2) all of the information that a person must include
15 in an application to register to vote under Section 13.002; and

16 (3) the date the statement is submitted to the
17 election officer [~~, and~~

18 [~~(4) a request to the registrar to change the voter's~~
19 ~~registration address to the address at which the voter resides]~~].

20 SECTION 3. Section 15.025(e), Election Code, as effective
21 September 1, 2025, is repealed.

22 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
23 a notice of a voter's change of address submitted on or after the
24 effective date of this Act.

25 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
3 legislative session.