

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

When someone moves to Texas and applies for a driver's license, he can be registered to vote. But the state that the new Texan left might not get any notice to remove the voter from their rolls. S.B. 1862 requires the new voter to provide their previous address to the voter registrar so that the previous jurisdiction can be notified. It then makes sure that enough information is transmitted to the former jurisdiction to ensure that the voter can be removed from the prior voter roll.

This will not affect Texans at all. But since a large number of people move to Texas every year, this bill will help other states keep their voter rolls clean. Hopefully, other states will follow suit and share this information directly between each state's voter registration authorities.

The bill amends Section 13.002(c) of the Election Code to require the applicant's entire former address on the voter registration application.

Additionally, the bill amends Section 13.072 by adding subsections (e) and (f). Subsection (e) mandates that if an applicant indicates a previous residence outside Texas, the voter registrar must notify the registrar of that jurisdiction about the potential removal of the applicant from their voter list, providing the applicant's full name, date of birth, and current and previous addresses. Subsection (f) requires the voter registrar to submit a monthly report to the Texas Secretary of State with information about each applicant about whom a notification was sent, including their full name, date of birth, Social Security number (if provided), driver's license number (if provided), voter unique identifier number, and current and previous addresses.

(Original Author's/Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

S.B. 1862 amends current law relating to interstate notification by the voter registrar of certain applicants for voter registration.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 13.002(c), Election Code, to require that a voter registration application include certain information, including the address, including the city and county, where the applicant formerly resided, and to make a nonsubstantive change.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 13.072, Election Code, by adding Subsections (e), (f), and (g), as follows:

- (e) Requires a voter registrar, if a voter registration application indicates the applicant's previous residence was outside of this state, to document the applicant's full legal name, date of birth, current address of residence, and previous address of residence.

(f) Requires the voter registrar to compile the data described by Subsection (e), and, at least once a month, submit the data to the secretary of state (SOS). Requires the transmitted data to include certain information for each voter.

(g) Requires SOS, on a monthly basis, with the data submitted under Subsection (f), to notify the voter registrar with jurisdiction over the previous residence of a voter described by Subsection (e) that the voter is authorized to be removed from that jurisdiction's voter registration list.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2025.