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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to voter registration; creating criminal offenses.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.002(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) A registration application must include:

(1) the applicant's first name, middle name, if any, last name, and former name, if any;

(2) the month, day, and year of the applicant's birth;

(3) a statement that the applicant is a United States citizen;

(4) a statement that the applicant is a resident of the county;

(5) a statement that the applicant has not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:

(A) totally mentally incapacitated; or

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

(6) a statement that the applicant has not been finally convicted of a felony or that the applicant is a felon eligible for registration under Section 13.001;

(7) the applicant's residence address or, if the residence has no address, the address at which the applicant

1 receives mail and a concise description of the location of the  
2 applicant's residence;

3 (8) ~~[the following information:~~

4 ~~[(A)]~~ the applicant's Texas driver's license  
5 number or the number of a personal identification card issued by the  
6 Department of Public Safety;

7 ~~[(B) if the applicant has not been issued a  
8 number described by Paragraph (A), the last four digits of the  
9 applicant's social security number; or~~

10 ~~[(C) a statement by the applicant that the  
11 applicant has not been issued a number described by Paragraph (A) or  
12 (B);]~~

13 (9) if the application is made by an agent, a statement  
14 of the agent's relationship to the applicant; and

15 (10) the city and county in which the applicant  
16 formerly resided.

17 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Election Code, is  
18 amended by adding Section 13.0071 to read as follows:

19 Sec. 13.0071. ILLEGAL REGISTRATION. (a) A person commits  
20 an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally:

21 (1) applies to register as a voter in this state; and

22 (2) is not a United States citizen.

23 (b) An offense under this section is a felony of the second  
24 degree.

25 (c) If conduct that constitutes an offense under this  
26 section also constitutes an offense under any other law, the actor  
27 may be prosecuted under this section, the other law, or both.

1 SECTION 3. Section 13.072, Election Code, is amended by  
2 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as  
3 follows:

4 (a) Unless the registrar challenges the applicant, the  
5 registrar shall approve the application if:

6 (1) the registrar determines that an application  
7 complies with Section 13.002 and indicates that the applicant is  
8 eligible for registration; ~~and~~

9 ~~(2) [for an applicant who has not included a statement~~  
10 ~~described by Section 13.002(c)(8)(C),]~~ the registrar verifies with  
11 the secretary of state ~~[+~~

12 ~~[(A)]~~ the applicant's Texas driver's license  
13 number or number of a personal identification card issued by the  
14 Department of Public Safety; and

15 (3) the registrar verifies the applicant's citizenship  
16 ~~[or~~

17 ~~[(B) the last four digits of the applicant's~~  
18 ~~social security number].~~

19 (a-1) The secretary of state shall prescribe any procedures  
20 necessary to verify the citizenship of an applicant as required  
21 under Subsection (a)(3).

22 SECTION 4. Section 13.122(a), Election Code, is amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (a) In addition to the other statements and spaces for  
25 entering information that appear on an officially prescribed  
26 registration application form, each official form must include:

27 (1) the statement: "I understand that giving false

1 information to procure a voter registration is perjury and a crime  
2 under state and federal law.";

3 (2) a space for the applicant's registration number;

4 (3) a space for the applicant's Texas driver's license  
5 number or number of a personal identification card issued by the  
6 Department of Public Safety;

7 (4) a space for the applicant's telephone number;

8 (5) [~~a space for the applicant's social security~~  
9 ~~number~~;

10 [~~(6)~~] a space for the applicant's sex;

11 (6) [~~(7)~~] a statement indicating that the furnishing  
12 of the applicant's telephone number and sex is optional;

13 (7) [~~(8)~~] a space or box for indicating whether the  
14 applicant or voter is submitting new registration information or a  
15 change in current registration information;

16 (8) [~~(9)~~] a statement instructing a voter who is using  
17 the form to make a change in current registration information to  
18 enter the voter's name and the changed information in the  
19 appropriate spaces on the form;

20 (9) [~~(10)~~] a statement that if the applicant declines  
21 to register to vote, that fact will remain confidential and will be  
22 used only for voter registration purposes;

23 (10) [~~(11)~~] a statement that if the applicant does  
24 register to vote, information regarding the agency or office to  
25 which the application is submitted will remain confidential and  
26 will be used only for voter registration purposes;

27 (11) [~~(12)~~] a space or box for indicating whether the

1 applicant is interested in working as an election judge;

2           (12) [~~(13)~~] a statement warning that a conviction for  
3 making a false statement may result in imprisonment for up to the  
4 maximum amount of time provided by law, a fine of up to the maximum  
5 amount provided by law, or both the imprisonment and the fine; and

6           (13) [~~(14)~~] any other voter registration information  
7 required by federal law or considered appropriate and required by  
8 the secretary of state.

9           SECTION 5. Section 16.031(a), Election Code, is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11           (a) The registrar shall cancel a voter's registration  
12 immediately on receipt of:

13                   (1) notice under Section 13.072(b), 15.021, or  
14 18.0681(d) or a response under Section 15.053 that the voter's  
15 residence is outside the county;

16                   (2) an abstract of the voter's death certificate under  
17 Section 16.001(a) or an abstract of an application indicating that  
18 the voter is deceased under Section 16.001(b);

19                   (3) an abstract of a final judgment of the voter's  
20 total mental incapacity, partial mental incapacity without the  
21 right to vote, conviction of a felony, or disqualification under  
22 Section 16.002, 16.003, or 16.004;

23                   (4) notice under Section 112.012 that the voter has  
24 applied for a limited ballot in another county;

25                   (5) notice from a voter registration official in  
26 another state that the voter has registered to vote outside this  
27 state;

1 (6) notice from the early voting clerk under Section  
2 101.053 that a federal postcard application submitted by an  
3 applicant states a voting residence address located outside the  
4 registrar's county; or

5 (7) notice from the secretary of state that the voter  
6 has registered to vote in another county, as determined by the  
7 voter's driver's license number or personal identification card  
8 number issued by the Department of Public Safety [~~or social~~  
9 ~~security number~~].

10 SECTION 6. Sections 84.002(a) and (b-1), Election Code, are  
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (a) An early voting ballot application must include:

13 (1) the applicant's name and the address at which the  
14 applicant is registered to vote;

15 (1-a) for an applicant registered to vote under Chapter  
16 13 before September 1, 2025, the following information:

17 (A) the number of the applicant's driver's  
18 license, election identification certificate, or personal  
19 identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety;

20 (B) if the applicant has not been issued a number  
21 described by Paragraph (A), the last four digits of the applicant's  
22 social security number; or

23 (C) a statement by the applicant that the  
24 applicant has not been issued a number described by Paragraph (A) or  
25 (B);

26 (1-b) for an applicant registered to vote under Chapter  
27 13 on or after September 1, 2025, the number of the applicant's

1 driver's license, election identification certificate, or personal  
2 identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety;

3 (2) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail  
4 on the ground of absence from the county of residence, the address  
5 outside the applicant's county of residence to which the ballot is  
6 to be mailed;

7 (3) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail  
8 on the ground of age or disability, the address of the hospital,  
9 nursing home or other long-term care facility, or retirement  
10 center, or of a person related to the applicant within the second  
11 degree by affinity or the third degree by consanguinity, as  
12 determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, if the applicant is  
13 living at that address and that address is different from the  
14 address at which the applicant is registered to vote;

15 (4) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail  
16 on the ground of confinement in jail, the address of the jail or of a  
17 person related to the applicant within the degree described by  
18 Subdivision (3);

19 (5) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail  
20 on any ground, an indication of each election for which the  
21 applicant is applying for a ballot;

22 (6) an indication of the ground of eligibility for  
23 early voting; and

24 (7) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail  
25 on the ground of involuntary civil commitment, the address of the  
26 facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Civil  
27 Commitment Office or of a person related to the applicant within the

1 degree of consanguinity described by Subdivision (3).

2 (b-1) A person may use the number of a driver's license,  
3 election identification certificate, or personal identification  
4 card that has expired for the purpose of fulfilling the requirement  
5 under Subsection (a)(1-a) or (1-b) if the license or identification  
6 is otherwise valid.

7 SECTION 7. Section 84.011(a), Election Code, is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 (a) The officially prescribed application form for an early  
10 voting ballot must include:

11 (1) immediately preceding the signature space the  
12 statement: "I certify that the information given in this  
13 application is true, and I understand that giving false information  
14 in this application is a crime.";

15 (2) a statement informing the applicant of the  
16 offenses prescribed by Sections 84.003 and 84.004;

17 (3) spaces for entering an applicant's voter  
18 registration number and county election precinct of registration,  
19 with a statement informing the applicant that failure to furnish  
20 that information does not invalidate the application;

21 (3-a) a space for entering the information required  
22 under Section 84.002(a)(1-a) or (1-b); and

23 (4) on an application for a ballot to be voted by mail:

24 (A) a space for an applicant applying on the  
25 ground of absence from the county of residence to indicate the date  
26 on or after which the applicant can receive mail at the address  
27 outside the county;



1           (B) a space for indicating the fact that an  
2 applicant whose application is signed by a witness cannot make the  
3 applicant's mark and a space for indicating the relationship or  
4 lack of relationship of the witness to the applicant;

5           (C) a space for entering an applicant's telephone  
6 number, with:

7                 (i) a statement informing the applicant  
8 that failure to furnish that information does not invalidate the  
9 application; and

10                (ii) a statement prescribed by the  
11 secretary of state explaining the benefits of furnishing that  
12 information, including how that information assists the early  
13 voting clerk;

14           (D) a space or box for an applicant applying on  
15 the ground of age or disability to indicate that the address to  
16 which the ballot is to be mailed is the address of a facility or  
17 relative described by Section 84.002(a)(3), if applicable;

18           (E) a space or box for an applicant applying on  
19 the ground of confinement in jail or involuntary civil commitment  
20 to indicate that the address to which the ballot is to be mailed is  
21 the address of a relative described by Section 84.002(a)(4) or (7),  
22 if applicable;

23           (F) a space for an applicant applying on the  
24 ground of age or disability to indicate if the application is an  
25 application under Section 86.0015;

26           (G) spaces for entering the signature, printed  
27 name, and residence address of any person assisting the applicant;

1 (H) a statement informing the applicant of the  
2 condition prescribed by Section 81.005; and

3 (I) a statement informing the applicant of the  
4 requirement prescribed by Section 86.003(c).

5 SECTION 8. Section 84.014, Election Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 84.014. ACTION BY EARLY VOTING CLERK ON CERTAIN  
8 APPLICATIONS. (a) If an applicant provides a date of birth or [7]  
9 driver's license number [~~7~~ ~~or social security number~~] on the  
10 applicant's application for an early voting ballot to be voted by  
11 mail that is different from or in addition to the information  
12 maintained by the voter registrar in accordance with Title 2, the  
13 early voting clerk shall notify the voter registrar. The voter  
14 registrar shall update the voter's record with the information  
15 provided by the applicant.

16 (b) This subsection applies only to an applicant registered  
17 to vote under Chapter 13 before September 1, 2025. If an applicant  
18 provides a social security number on the applicant's application  
19 for an early voting ballot to be voted by mail that is different  
20 from the information maintained by the voter registrar in  
21 accordance with Title 2, the early voting clerk shall notify the  
22 voter registrar. The voter registrar shall update the voter's  
23 record with the information provided by the applicant.

24 SECTION 9. Sections 86.001(f) and (f-1), Election Code, are  
25 amended to read as follows:

26 (f) If the information required under Section  
27 84.002(a)(1-a) or (1-b) included on the application does not

1 identify the same voter identified on the applicant's application  
2 for voter registration under Section 13.002(c)(8), the clerk shall  
3 reject the application.

4 (f-1) If an application is rejected under Subsection (f),  
5 the clerk shall provide notice of the rejection in accordance with  
6 Subsection (c). The notice must include information regarding the  
7 ability to correct or add information required under Section  
8 84.002(a)(1-a) or (1-b) through the online tool described by  
9 Section 86.015(c).

10 SECTION 10. Section 86.002(g), Election Code, is amended to  
11 read as follows:

12 (g) The carrier envelope must include a space that is hidden  
13 from view when the envelope is sealed for the voter to enter the  
14 following information:

15 (1) for a voter registered to vote under Chapter 13  
16 before September 1, 2025:

17 (A) the number of the voter's driver's license,  
18 election identification certificate, or personal identification  
19 card issued by the Department of Public Safety;

20 (B) [~~(2)~~] if the voter has not been issued a  
21 number described by Subdivision (1), the last four digits of the  
22 voter's social security number; or

23 (C) [~~(3)~~] a statement by the applicant that the  
24 applicant has not been issued a number described by Subdivision (1)  
25 or (2); and

26 (2) for a voter registered to vote under Chapter 13 on  
27 or after September 1, 2025, the number of the voter's driver's

1 license, election identification certificate, or personal  
2 identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety.

3 SECTION 11. Sections 86.015(b) and (c), Election Code, are  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 (b) The online tool developed or provided under Subsection  
6 (a) must require the voter to provide, before permitting the voter  
7 to access information described by that subsection:

8 (1) for a voter registered to vote under Chapter 13  
9 before September 1, 2025:

10 (A) the voter's name and date of birth and the  
11 last four digits of the voter's social security number; and

12 (B) ~~(2)~~ the voter's:

13 (i) ~~(A)~~ driver's license number; or

14 (ii) ~~(B)~~ personal identification card  
15 number or election identification certificate number issued by the  
16 Department of Public Safety; and

17 (2) for a voter registered to vote under Chapter 13 on  
18 or after September 1, 2025:

19 (A) the voter's name and date of birth; and

20 (B) the voter's:

21 (i) driver's license number; or

22 (ii) personal identification card number or  
23 election identification certificate number issued by the  
24 Department of Public Safety.

25 (c) An online tool used under this section must:

26 (1) for each election, record:

27 (A) each application for a ballot to be voted by

1 mail received by the clerk; and

2 (B) each carrier envelope sent to a voter by the  
3 clerk;

4 (2) for each carrier envelope, record or assign a  
5 serially numbered and sequentially issued barcode or tracking  
6 number that is unique to each envelope;

7 (3) update the applicable Internet website as soon as  
8 practicable after each of the following events occurs:

9 (A) receipt by the early voting clerk of the  
10 person's application for a ballot to be voted by mail;

11 (B) acceptance or rejection by the early voting  
12 clerk of the person's application for a ballot to be voted by mail;

13 (C) placement in the mail by the early voting  
14 clerk of the person's official ballot;

15 (D) receipt by the early voting clerk of the  
16 person's marked ballot; and

17 (E) acceptance or rejection by the early voting  
18 ballot board of a person's marked ballot; and

19 (4) allow a voter to add or correct information  
20 required under Section [84.002\(a\)\(1-a\)](#) or (1-b) or Section  
21 [86.002\(g\)](#).

22 SECTION 12. Section [87.0271\(a\)](#), Election Code, is amended  
23 to read as follows:

24 (a) This section applies to an early voting ballot voted by  
25 mail:

26 (1) for which the voter did not sign the carrier  
27 envelope certificate;

1           (2) for which it cannot immediately be determined  
2 whether the signature on the carrier envelope certificate is that  
3 of the voter;

4           (3) missing any required statement of residence;

5           (4) missing information or containing incorrect  
6 information required under Section 84.002(a)(1-a) or (1-b) or  
7 Section 86.002; or

8           (5) containing incomplete information with respect to  
9 a witness.

10           SECTION 13. Section 87.0411(a), Election Code, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12           (a) This section applies to an early voting ballot voted by  
13 mail:

14           (1) for which the voter did not sign the carrier  
15 envelope certificate;

16           (2) for which it cannot immediately be determined  
17 whether the signature on the carrier envelope certificate is that  
18 of the voter;

19           (3) missing any required statement of residence;

20           (4) missing information or containing incorrect  
21 information required under Section 84.002(a)(1-a) or (1-b) or  
22 Section 86.002; or

23           (5) containing incomplete information with respect to  
24 a witness.

25           SECTION 14. Section 101.053, Election Code, is amended by  
26 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as  
27 follows:

1           (b) If an applicant provides a date of birth or [~~7~~] driver's  
2 license number [~~7, or social security number~~] on the applicant's  
3 federal postcard application that is different from or in addition  
4 to the information maintained by the voter registrar in accordance  
5 with Title 2, the early voting clerk shall notify the voter  
6 registrar. The voter registrar shall update the voter's record  
7 with the information provided by the applicant.

8           (b-1) This subsection applies only to an applicant  
9 registered to vote before September 1, 2025. If an applicant  
10 provides a social security number on the applicant's federal  
11 postcard application that is different from the information  
12 maintained by the voter registrar in accordance with Title 2, the  
13 early voting clerk shall notify the voter registrar. The voter  
14 registrar shall update the voter's record with the information  
15 provided by the applicant.

16           SECTION 15. The following provisions of the Election code  
17 are repealed:

18                   (1) Section 13.004(b); and

19                   (2) Section 13.122(c).

20           SECTION 16. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.