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H.B. No. 2279

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the cancellation of a person's voter registration on notice that the person has acknowledged that the person is not a citizen.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16.031(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

(5) notice from a voter registration official in another state that the voter has registered to vote outside this 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 security
9 number; or

10 (8) notwithstanding Section 16.0332, a list under
11 Section 18.068 of this code or Section 62.113, Government Code, of
12 persons excused or disqualified from jury service because of
13 citizenship status that includes the voter.

14 SECTION 2. Section 16.036(a), Election Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 (a) Immediately after, but not later than the 30th day after
17 the date a voter's registration is canceled under Section
18 16.031(a)(3) or (8), 16.033, 16.0331, or 16.0332, the registrar
19 shall deliver written notice of the cancellation to the voter.

20 SECTION 3. Section 19.001(a), Election Code, is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (a) Before May 15 of each year, the registrar shall prepare
23 and submit to the secretary of state a statement containing:

24 (1) the total number of initial registrations for the
25 previous voting year;

26 (2) the total number of registrations canceled under
27 Sections 16.031(a)(1) and (8), 16.033, and 16.0332 for the previous

1 voting year; and

2 (3) the total number of registrations for which
3 information was updated for the previous voting year.

4 SECTION 4. Sections 62.113(b) and (c), Government Code, are
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (b) On the third business day of each month, the clerk shall
7 send a copy of the list of persons excused or disqualified because
8 of citizenship in the previous month to:

9 (1) the voter registrar of the county;

10 (2) the county official responsible for administering
11 elections;

12 (3) the secretary of state; and

13 (4) [~~(3)~~] the county or district attorney for an
14 investigation of whether the person committed an offense under
15 Section 13.007 or 64.012, Election Code, or other law.

16 (c) A list compiled under this section may not be used for a
17 purpose other than a purpose described by Subsection (b) or Section
18 16.031(a)(8), 16.0332, or 18.068, Election Code.

19 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.