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H.B. No. 3247

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to electronic voter registration.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 13.009 to read as follows:

Sec. 13.009. ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION. (a) The secretary of state shall work with the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Information Resources to implement a program to allow a person to complete a voter registration application over the Internet from the official website of this state. The Internet websites of the secretary of state and the Department of Public Safety must also provide a link to the location of the application on the official website of this state.

(b) An applicant for electronic voter registration who has an unexpired driver's license or personal identification card issued in this state must:

(1) attest to the truth of the information provided on the application by affirmatively accepting the information as true; and

(2) affirmatively consent to the use of the signature on the applicant's driver's license or personal identification card for voter registration purposes.

(c) An applicant for electronic voter registration who does not have an unexpired driver's license or personal identification

1 card issued in this state must:

2 (1) attest to the truth of the information provided on
3 the application by affirmatively accepting the information as true;
4 and

5 (2) digitally sign the applicant's application before
6 submitting it electronically.

7 (d) For each application submitted under Subsection (b),
8 the program shall require that a digital copy of the applicant's
9 signature be obtained from the Department of Public Safety.

10 (e) A digital signature given as provided by secretary of
11 state rule meets the signature requirement under Section 13.002(b).
12 An application submitted under this section is considered for all
13 purposes an application submitted by mail under this title.

14 (f) The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to
15 implement this section, including rules to provide for additional
16 security measures necessary to ensure the accuracy and integrity of
17 applications submitted electronically.

18 (g) The rules adopted under Subsection (f) must require
19 that:

20 (1) the Internet website through which a person may
21 complete a voter registration application include a description of
22 the offense described by Section 13.007 in a conspicuous location
23 on the website near the place where the person begins or submits the
24 application; and

25 (2) the state electronic Internet portal project be
26 used to authenticate the identity and address of a person who
27 submits an application electronically under this section.

1 SECTION 2. Section 13.042(c), Election Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (c) An application submitted after the 27th [~~34th~~] day
4 before the date of an election and on or before the last day for a
5 person to timely submit a registration application for that
6 election as provided by Section 13.143 shall be delivered not later
7 than 5 p.m. of the next regular business day after the date to
8 timely submit a registration application for that election as
9 provided by Section 13.143.

10 SECTION 3. Sections 13.143(a) and (e), Election Code, are
11 amended to read as follows:

12 (a) Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (e), if an
13 applicant's registration application is approved, the registration
14 becomes effective on the 23rd [~~30th~~] day after the date the
15 application is submitted to the registrar or on the date the
16 applicant becomes 18 years of age, whichever is later.

17 (e) If the 23rd [~~30th~~] day before the date of an election is
18 a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, an
19 application is considered to be timely if it is submitted to the
20 registrar on or before the next regular business day.

21 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.