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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

# 1 AN ACT

2 relating to identifying an individual with veteran's status and  
3 providing notice to the Texas Veterans Commission.

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

5 SECTION 1. Sections 13.004(c) and (d), Election Code, are  
6 amended to read as follows:

10 (1) a social security number;

11 (2) a Texas driver's license number;

12 (3) a number of a personal identification card issued  
13 by the Department of Public Safety;

14 (4) the residence address of the applicant, if the  
15 applicant is a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge,  
16 a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States  
17 attorney, or a state judge, a family member of a federal judge,  
18 including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United  
19 States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state  
20 judge, the spouse of a peace officer as defined by Article [2A.001](#),  
21 Code of Criminal Procedure, or an individual to whom Section  
22 [552.1175](#), Government Code, or Section [521.1211](#), Transportation  
23 Code, applies and the applicant:

(A) included an affidavit with the registration

1 application describing the applicant's status under this  
2 subdivision, if the applicant is a federal judge, including a  
3 federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United States Marshals  
4 Service, a United States attorney, or a state judge or a family  
5 member of a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge, a  
6 marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States  
7 attorney, or a state judge;

8 (B) provided the registrar with an affidavit  
9 describing the applicant's status under this subdivision, if the  
10 applicant is a federal judge, including a federal bankruptcy judge,  
11 a marshal of the United States Marshals Service, a United States  
12 attorney, or a state judge or a family member of a federal judge,  
13 including a federal bankruptcy judge, a marshal of the United  
14 States Marshals Service, a United States attorney, or a state  
15 judge; or

16 (C) provided the registrar with a completed form  
17 approved by the secretary of state for the purpose of notifying the  
18 registrar of the applicant's status under this subdivision;

19 (5) the residence address of the applicant, if the  
20 applicant, the applicant's child, or another person in the  
21 applicant's household is a victim of family violence as defined by  
22 Section 71.004, Family Code, who provided the registrar with:

23 (A) a copy of a protective order issued under  
24 Chapter 85, Family Code, or a magistrate's order for emergency  
25 protection issued under Article 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure;  
26 or

27 (B) other independent documentary evidence

1 necessary to show that the applicant, the applicant's child, or  
2 another person in the applicant's household is a victim of family  
3 violence;

4 (6) the residence address of the applicant, if the  
5 applicant, the applicant's child, or another person in the  
6 applicant's household is a victim of sexual assault or abuse,  
7 stalking, or trafficking of persons who provided the registrar  
8 with:

9 (A) a copy of a protective order issued under  
10 Subchapter A or B, Chapter 7B, Code of Criminal Procedure, or a  
11 magistrate's order for emergency protection issued under Article  
12 17.292, Code of Criminal Procedure; or

13 (B) other independent documentary evidence  
14 necessary to show that the applicant, the applicant's child, or  
15 another person in the applicant's household is a victim of sexual  
16 assault or abuse, stalking, or trafficking of persons;

17 (7) the residence address of the applicant, if the  
18 applicant:

19 (A) is a participant in the address  
20 confidentiality program administered by the attorney general under  
21 Subchapter B, Chapter 58, Code of Criminal Procedure; and

22 (B) provided the registrar with proof of  
23 certification under Article 58.059, Code of Criminal Procedure;  
24 [ex]

25 (8) the telephone number of any applicant submitting  
26 documentation under Subdivision (4), (5), (6), or (7); or

27 (9) the applicant's status as a veteran.

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4 (1) a telephone number;

5 (2) a social security number;

6 (3) a driver's license number or a number of a personal  
7 identification card;

8 (4) a date of birth; [redacted]

9 (5) the residence address of a voter who submits

10 documentation under Subsection (c)(  
11 voter registrar or regarding whom  
12 notification under Section [15.0215](#); o

14 SECTION 2. Section 13.071, Election Code, is amended by  
15 adding Subsections (c) and (d) to read as follows:

16       (c) The registrar shall compile a list of each submitted  
17 application for registration that indicates the applicant served in  
18 the United States armed forces, including their reserve components,  
19 an auxiliary service of one of the branches of the armed forces, or  
20 the state military forces as defined by Section 431.001, Government  
21 Code. The list shall include each applicant's:

23 (2) if provided by the applicant, telephone number.

24       (d) The secretary of state shall adopt procedures for the  
25 transmission of information collected under Subsection (c) to the  
26 Texas Veterans Commission.

27 SECTION 3. Section 13.122, Election Code, is amended by

1 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as  
2 follows:

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

6 (1) the statement: "I understand that giving false  
7 information to procure a voter registration is perjury and a crime  
8 under state and federal law.;"

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

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

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

14 (5) a space for the applicant's social security  
15 number;

16 (6) a space for the applicant's sex;

17 (7) a statement indicating that the furnishing of the  
18 applicant's telephone number and sex is optional;

19 (8) a space or box for indicating whether the  
20 applicant or voter is submitting new registration information or a  
21 change in current registration information;

22 (9) a statement instructing a voter who is using the  
23 form to make a change in current registration information to enter  
24 the voter's name and the changed information in the appropriate  
25 spaces on the form;

26 (10) a statement that if the applicant declines to  
27 register to vote, that fact will remain confidential and will be

1 used only for voter registration purposes;

2 (11) a statement that if the applicant does register  
3 to vote, information regarding the agency or office to which the  
4 application is submitted will remain confidential and will be used  
5 only for voter registration purposes;

6 (12) a space or box for indicating whether the  
7 applicant is interested in working as an election judge;

8 (13) a statement warning that a conviction for making  
9 a false statement may result in imprisonment for up to the maximum  
10 amount of time provided by law, a fine of up to the maximum amount  
11 provided by law, or both the imprisonment and the fine; [and]

12 (14) a space or box for indicating whether the  
13 applicant served in the United States armed forces, including their  
14 reserve components, an auxiliary service of one of the branches of  
15 the armed forces, or the state military forces as defined by Section  
16 431.001, Government Code, and a statement acknowledging that:

17 (A) providing this information is optional; and

18 (B) this information will remain confidential  
19 and will be used only to print a designation on the voter  
20 registration certificate and to provide notification of the  
21 applicant's veteran status to the Texas Veterans Commission, which  
22 may contact the applicant to connect the applicant with available  
23 services; and

24 (15) [~~(14)~~] any other voter registration information  
25 required by federal law or considered appropriate and required by  
26 the secretary of state.

27 (d) The information furnished by an applicant under

1    Subsection (a)(14) may only be used for the purpose described by  
2    Sections 13.071(c) and (d) or Section 15.001(a).

3            SECTION 4. Section 15.001(a), Election Code, is amended to  
4    read as follows:

5            (a) Each voter registration certificate issued must  
6    contain:

7                (1) the voter's name in the form indicated by the  
8    voter, subject to applicable requirements prescribed by Section  
9    13.002 and by rule of the secretary of state;

10              (2) the voter's residence address or, if the residence  
11   has no address, the address at which the voter receives mail and a  
12   concise description of the location of the voter's residence;

13              (3) the year of the voter's birth;

14              (4) the number of the county election precinct in  
15   which the voter resides;

16              (5) the voter's effective date of registration if an  
17   initial certificate;

18              (6) the voter's registration number;

19              (7) an indication of the period for which the  
20   certificate is issued;

21              (8) a statement explaining the circumstances under  
22   which the voter will receive a new certificate;

23              (9) a space for stamping the voter's political party  
24   affiliation;

25              (10) a statement that voting with the certificate by a  
26   person other than the person in whose name the certificate is issued  
27   is a felony;



1 SECTION 5. Section 18.066(b), Election Code, is amended to  
2 read as follows:

3 (b) Information furnished under this section may not  
4 include:

5 (1) a voter's social security number; [or]  
6 (2) the residence address of a voter whose residence  
7 address is confidential under Section 13.004; or  
8 (3) the voter's status as a veteran, if the voter  
9 stated on the voter's registration application that the voter  
10 served in the United States armed forces, including their reserve  
11 components, an auxiliary service of one of the branches of the armed  
12 forces, or the state military forces as defined by Section 431.001,  
13 Government Code.

14 SECTION 6. Section 521.011, Transportation Code, is amended  
15 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 521.011. SERVICES INFORMATION FOR VETERANS. (a) In  
17 this section, "veteran" means:

18 (1) a person who receives [The department and the  
19 ~~Texas Veterans Commission shall jointly develop a one-page~~  
20 ~~informational paper about veterans services provided by this state~~  
21 ~~for veterans who receive~~]:

22 (A) [(-1)] a driver's license with a designation  
23 under Section 521.1235; or

24 (B) [(-2)] a personal identification certificate  
25 with a designation under Section 521.102; or

26 (2) a person who:

27 (A) served in the United States armed forces,

1 including their reserve components, an auxiliary service of one of  
2 the branches of the armed forces, or the state military forces as  
3 defined by Section 437.001, Government Code; and

4                   (B) did not request or is not eligible for a  
5 designation described by Subdivision (1).

6                   (b) The department shall provide to each applicant for an  
7 original, renewal, corrected, or duplicate driver's license or  
8 personal identification certificate the opportunity to voluntarily  
9 indicate for the purposes of this section that the person is a  
10 veteran. The department shall acknowledge that:

11                   (1) providing this information is optional; and  
12                   (2) this information will remain confidential and will  
13 be used only to:

14                   (A) provide the applicant with a one-page  
15 informational paper about veterans services provided by this state;  
16 and

17                   (B) provide notification of the applicant's  
18 veteran status to the Texas Veterans Commission, which may contact  
19 the applicant to connect the applicant with available services.

20                   (c) The department and the Texas Veterans Commission shall  
21 jointly develop a process to enable the department to share with the  
22 Texas Veterans Commission a person's name, veteran status, and  
23 residence address received under Subsection (b). The Texas  
24 Veterans Commission may contact the person to connect the person  
25 with veterans services provided by this state. Information  
26 received by the department and the Texas Veterans Commission under  
27 this section is confidential and not subject to disclosure under

1    Chapter 552, Government Code.

2            (d) The department and the Texas Veterans Commission shall:

3                (1) jointly develop a one-page informational paper

4    about veterans services provided by this state; and

5                (2) provide the informational paper to each person who

6    voluntarily indicates to the department under Subsection (b) that

7    the person is a veteran.

8                SECTION 7. Sections    [521.102\(c\)](#)    and    [521.1235\(c\)](#) ,  
9    Transportation Code, are repealed.

10               SECTION 8. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
11    [13.122\(a\)](#), Election Code, applies only to a voter registration  
12    application distributed on or after September 1, 2025. A voter  
13    registration application distributed before September 1, 2025, is  
14    covered by the law in effect when the application was distributed,  
15    and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

16               SECTION 9. Section [521.011](#), Transportation Code, as amended  
17    by this Act, applies only to an application for a driver's license  
18    or personal identification certificate issued or renewed on or  
19    after the effective date of this Act. An application for a driver's  
20    license or personal identification certificate issued or renewed  
21    before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in  
22    effect when the license or certificate was issued or renewed, and  
23    the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

24               SECTION 10. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.