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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT
2	relating to the eligibility to vote in an election.
3	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
4	SECTION 1. Section 15.022(a), Election Code, is amended to
5	read as follows:
6	(a) The registrar shall make the appropriate corrections in
7	the registration records, including, if necessary, deleting a
8	voter's name from the suspense list:
9	(1) after receipt of a notice of a change in
10	registration information under Section 15.021;
11	(2) after receipt of a voter's reply to a notice of
12	investigation given under Section 16.033;
13	(3) after receipt of any affidavits executed under
14	Section 63.006, following an election;
15	(4) [after receipt of a voter's statement of residence
16	executed under Section 63.0011;
17	$\left[\frac{(5)}{(5)}\right]$ before the effective date of the abolishment of
18	a county election precinct or a change in its boundary;
19	(5) [(6)] after receipt of United States Postal
20	Service information indicating an address reclassification;
21	(6) [(7)] after receipt of a voter's response under
22	Section 15.053;
23	(7) $[\frac{(8)}{(8)}]$ after receipt of a registration application

24 or change of address under Chapter 20; or

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- 1 (8) (9) after notification of a data entry error of
- 2 which the voter registrar is made aware under Section 63.0051.
- 3 SECTION 2. Section 15.025(a), Election Code, is amended to
- 4 read as follows:

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- 5 (a) Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (d), the
- 6 registration of a voter described by this subsection whose
 - information is changed on the registration records becomes
- 8 effective as to the change on the 30th day after:
- 9 (1) the date the voter submits to the registrar a
- 10 notice of a change in registration information under Section 15.021
- 11 or a response under Section 15.053, indicating the change; or
- 12 (2) the date the voter submits [a statement of
- 13 residence to an election officer under Section 63.0011 or] a
- 14 registration application or change of address to an agency employee
- 15 under Chapter 20, indicating the change.
- SECTION 3. Section 15.052(a), Election Code, is amended to
- 17 read as follows:
- 18 (a) The officially prescribed form for a confirmation
- 19 notice must include:
- 20 (1) [a statement that, if the voter fails to submit to
- 21 the registrar a written, signed response confirming the voter's
- 22 current residence on or before the 30th day after the date the
- 23 confirmation notice is mailed:
- [(A) the voter is subject to submission of a
- 25 statement of residence before the voter may be accepted for voting
- 26 in an election held after that deadline; or
- 27 [(B) for a notice delivered under Section 14.023,

- 1 the voter will remain subject to submission of a statement of
- 2 residence before the voter may be accepted for voting in an
- 3 election;
- 4 $\left[\frac{(2)}{2}\right]$ a warning that the voter's registration is
- 5 subject to cancellation if the voter fails to confirm the voter's
- 6 current residence [either] by notifying the registrar in writing
- 7 [or voting on a statement of residence] before November 30
- 8 following the second general election for state and county officers
- 9 that occurs after the date the confirmation notice is mailed; and
- 10 $\underline{(2)}$ [$\overline{(3)}$] a statement that the voter must include all
- 11 of the required information on the official confirmation notice
- 12 response form.
- 13 SECTION 4. Section 16.092, Election Code, is amended to
- 14 read as follows:
- 15 Sec. 16.092. SWORN STATEMENT REQUIRED. A voter desiring to
- 16 challenge a registration must file with the registrar a sworn
- 17 statement of the grounds for the challenge that:
- 18 (1) identifies the voter whose registration is being
- 19 challenged; and
- 20 (2) states a specific qualification for registration
- 21 that the challenged voter has not met based on the personal
- 22 knowledge of the voter desiring to challenge the registration,
- 23 including knowledge obtained through publicly available
- 24 <u>information</u>.
- 25 SECTION 5. Sections 63.001(b) and (e), Election Code, are
- 26 amended to read as follows:
- 27 (b) On [Except as provided by Subsection (h), on] offering

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- 1 to vote, a voter must present to an election officer at the polling
- 2 place <u>a driver's license or personal identification card issued to</u>
- 3 the person by the Department of Public Safety that has not expired
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- 5 [(1) one form of photo identification listed in
- 6 Section 63.0101(a); or
- 7 [(2) one form of identification listed in Section
- 8 63.0101(b) accompanied by the declaration described by Subsection
- $9 \frac{(i)}{(i)}$].
- 10 (e) On accepting a voter, an election officer shall indicate
- 11 beside the voter's name on the list of registered voters that the
- 12 voter is accepted for voting. [If the voter executes a declaration
- 13 of reasonable impediment to meet the requirement for identification
- 14 under Subsection (b), the election officer must affix the voter's
- 15 voter registration number to the declaration either in numeric or
- 16 bar code form.
- SECTION 6. Sections 63.0011(a) and (b), Election Code, are
- 18 amended to read as follows:
- 19 (a) Before a voter may be accepted for voting, an election
- 20 officer shall:
- 21 (1) ask the voter to state $[\frac{if}{i}]$ the voter's current
- 22 residence address; and
- (2) compare the address stated by the voter to the
- 24 voter's residence address listed on:
- 25 (A) the precinct list of registered voters; and
- 26 (B) a driver's license or personal
- 27 identification card issued to the person by the Department of

- 1 Public Safety that has not expired [is current and whether the voter
- 2 has changed residence within the county. If the voter's address is
- 3 omitted from the precinct list under Section 18.005(c), the officer
- 4 shall ask the voter if the voter's residence, if listed, on
- 5 identification presented by the voter under Section 63.001(b) is
- 6 current and whether the voter has changed residence within the
- 7 county].
- 8 (b) If the voter's residence address provided under
- 9 Subsection (a) does not match the address on the precinct list of
- 10 registered voters or the address listed on the voter's driver's
- 11 license or personal identification card [is not current because the
- 12 voter has changed residence within the county], the voter may be
- 13 accepted for provisional voting only under Section 63.011 [voter
- 14 if otherwise eligible, in the election precinct in which the voter
- 15 is registered if the voter resides in the county in which the voter
- 16 is registered and, if applicable:
- 17 [(1) resides in the political subdivision served by
- 18 the authority ordering the election if the political subdivision is
- 19 other than the county; or
- 20 [(2) resides in the territory covered by the election
- 21 in a less-than-countywide election ordered by the governor or a
- 22 county authority].
- SECTION 7. Section 63.004(a), Election Code, is amended to
- 24 read as follows:
- 25 (a) The secretary of state may prescribe forms that combine
- 26 the poll list, the signature roster, or any other form used in
- 27 connection with the acceptance of voters at polling places with

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- 1 each other or with the list of registered voters. The secretary
- 2 shall prescribe any special instructions necessary for using the
- 3 combination forms. [The combination forms must include space for
- 4 an election officer to indicate whether a voter executed a
- 5 declaration of reasonable impediment under Section 63.001(i).
- 6 SECTION 8. Sections 63.011(a) and (b), Election Code, are 7 amended to read as follows:
- 8 (a) A person to whom Section 63.001(g), 63.0011(b), or
- 9 63.009 applies may cast a provisional ballot if the person executes
- 10 an affidavit stating that the person:
- 11 (1) is a registered voter in the precinct in which the
- 12 person seeks to vote; and
- 13 (2) is eligible to vote in the election.
- 14 (b) A form for an affidavit required by this section must be
- 15 printed on an envelope in which the provisional ballot voted by the
- 16 person may be placed and must include [+
- 17 $\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]$ a space for entering the identification number
- 18 of the provisional ballot voted by the person[; and
- 19 [(2) a space for an election officer to indicate
- 20 whether the person presented a form of identification described by
- 21 Section 63.0101].
- SECTION 9. Section 65.0541(a), Election Code, is amended to
- 23 read as follows:
- 24 (a) A voter who is accepted for provisional voting under
- 25 Section 63.011 because the voter does not meet the identification
- 26 requirements of Section 63.001(b) may, not later than the sixth day
- 27 after the date of the election:

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- 1 (1) present a form of identification that meets the
- 2 requirements of [described by] Section 63.001(b) [63.0101] to the
- 3 voter registrar for examination; or
- 4 (2) execute an affidavit described by Section
- 5 65.054(b)(2)(B) or (C) in the presence of the voter registrar.
- 6 SECTION 10. Section 66.0241, Election Code, is amended to
- 7 read as follows:
- 8 Sec. 66.0241. CONTENTS OF ENVELOPE NO. 4. Envelope no. 4
- 9 must contain:
- 10 (1) the precinct list of registered voters;
- 11 (2) the registration correction list; and
- 12 (3) [any statements of residence executed under
- 13 Section 63.0011; and
- 14 $\left[\frac{(4)}{(4)}\right]$ any affidavits executed under Section 63.006 or
- 15 63.011.
- SECTION 11. Sections 84.002(a) and (b-1), Election Code,
- 17 are amended to read as follows:
- 18 (a) An early voting ballot application must include:
- 19 (1) the applicant's name and the address at which the
- 20 applicant is registered to vote;
- 21 (1-a) the following information:
- (A) the number of the applicant's driver's
- 23 license[, election identification certificate,] or personal
- 24 identification card issued by the Department of Public Safety;
- 25 (B) if the applicant has not been issued a number
- 26 described by Paragraph (A), the last four digits of the applicant's
- 27 social security number; or

- 1 (C) a statement by the applicant that the
- 2 applicant has not been issued a number described by Paragraph (A) or
- 3 (B);
- 4 (2) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
- 5 on the ground of absence from the county of residence, the address
- 6 outside the applicant's county of residence to which the ballot is
- 7 to be mailed;
- 8 (3) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
- 9 on the ground of age or disability, the address of the hospital,
- 10 nursing home or other long-term care facility, or retirement
- 11 center, or of a person related to the applicant within the second
- 12 degree by affinity or the third degree by consanguinity, as
- 13 determined under Chapter 573, Government Code, if the applicant is
- 14 living at that address and that address is different from the
- 15 address at which the applicant is registered to vote;
- 16 (4) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
- 17 on the ground of confinement in jail, the address of the jail or of a
- 18 person related to the applicant within the degree described by
- 19 Subdivision (3);
- 20 (5) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
- 21 on any ground, an indication of each election for which the
- 22 applicant is applying for a ballot;
- 23 (6) an indication of the ground of eligibility for
- 24 early voting; and
- 25 (7) for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
- 26 on the ground of involuntary civil commitment, the address of the
- 27 facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Civil

- 1 Commitment Office or of a person related to the applicant within the
- 2 degree of consanguinity described by Subdivision (3).
- 3 (b-1) A person may use the number of a driver's license[7]
- 4 election identification certificate, or personal identification
- 5 card that has expired for the purpose of fulfilling the requirement
- 6 under Subsection (a)(1-a) if the license or identification is
- 7 otherwise valid.
- 8 SECTION 12. Section 86.001, Election Code, is amended by
- 9 adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:
- 10 (h) If the applicant's name appears on the list of
- 11 registered voters with the notation "S", or a similar notation, or
- 12 the residence address on the applicant's early voting ballot
- 13 application is not the same as the applicant's residence address on
- 14 the list of registered voters, the clerk shall reject the
- 15 <u>application</u>.
- 16 SECTION 13. Sections 86.002(a), (c), (g), and (h), Election
- 17 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 18 (a) The early voting clerk shall provide an official ballot
- 19 envelope and carrier envelope with each ballot provided to a voter.
- 20 [If the voter's name appears on the list of registered voters with
- 21 the notation "S", or a similar notation, or the residence address on
- 22 the voter's early voting ballot application is not the same as the
- 23 voter's residence address on the list of registered voters, the
- 24 clerk shall provide a form for a statement of residence to the
- 25 voter.
- 26 (c) The clerk shall enter on a carrier envelope the voter's
- 27 name in printed form[, a notation that a statement of residence is

- 1 enclosed, if applicable, and any other information the clerk
- 2 determines necessary for proper processing of the ballot.
- 3 (g) The carrier envelope must include a space that is hidden
- 4 from view when the envelope is sealed for the voter to enter the
- 5 following information:
- 6 (1) the number of the voter's driver's license[7
- 7 election identification certificate, or personal identification
- 8 card issued by the Department of Public Safety;
- 9 (2) if the voter has not been issued a number described
- 10 by Subdivision (1), the last four digits of the voter's social
- 11 security number; or
- 12 (3) a statement by the applicant that the applicant
- 13 has not been issued a number described by Subdivision (1) or (2).
- 14 (h) A person may use the number of a driver's license[7]
- 15 election identification certificate, or personal identification
- 16 card that has expired for purposes of Subsection (g) if the license
- 17 or identification is otherwise valid.
- SECTION 14. Sections 86.006(a-1) and (a-2), Election Code,
- 19 are amended to read as follows:
- 20 (a-1) The voter may deliver a marked ballot in person to the
- 21 early voting clerk's office only while the polls are open on
- 22 election day. A voter who delivers a marked ballot in person must
- 23 present an acceptable form of identification described by Section
- 24 63.001(b) [63.0101].
- 25 (a-2) An in-person delivery of a marked ballot voted under
- 26 this chapter must be received by an election official at the time of
- 27 delivery. The receiving official shall record the voter's name,

- 1 signature, and type of identification provided under Section
- 2 63.001(b) [63.0101] on a roster prescribed by the secretary of
- 3 state. The receiving official shall attest on the roster that the
- 4 delivery complies with this section.
- 5 SECTION 15. Section 87.0271(a), Election Code, is amended
- 6 to read as follows:
- 7 (a) This section applies to an early voting ballot voted by
- 8 mail:
- 9 (1) for which the voter did not sign the carrier
- 10 envelope certificate;
- 11 (2) for which it cannot immediately be determined
- 12 whether the signature on the carrier envelope certificate is that
- 13 of the voter;
- 14 (3) [missing any required statement of residence;
- 15 $\left[\frac{(4)}{}\right]$ missing information or containing incorrect
- 16 information required under Section 84.002(a)(1-a) or Section
- 17 **86.002**; or
- (4) $\left[\frac{(5)}{(5)}\right]$ containing incomplete information with
- 19 respect to a witness.
- SECTION 16. Section 87.041(b), Election Code, is amended to
- 21 read as follows:
- 22 (b) A ballot may be accepted only if:
- 23 (1) the carrier envelope certificate is properly
- 24 executed;
- 25 (2) neither the voter's signature on the ballot
- 26 application nor the signature on the carrier envelope certificate
- 27 is determined to have been executed by a person other than the

- 1 voter, unless signed by a witness;
- 2 (3) the voter's ballot application states a legal
- 3 ground for early voting by mail;
- 4 (4) the voter is registered to vote, if registration
- 5 is required by law;
- 6 (5) the address to which the ballot was mailed to the
- 7 voter, as indicated by the application, was outside the voter's
- 8 county of residence, if the ground for early voting is absence from
- 9 the county of residence;
- 10 (6) [for a voter to whom a statement of residence form
- 11 was required to be sent under Section 86.002(a), the statement of
- 12 residence is returned in the carrier envelope and indicates that
- 13 the voter satisfies the residence requirements prescribed by
- 14 Section 63.0011;
- 15 $\left[\frac{7}{7}\right]$ the address to which the ballot was mailed to the
- 16 voter is an address that is otherwise required by Sections 84.002
- 17 and 86.003; and
- 18 (7) [(8)] the information required under Section
- 19 86.002(g) provided by the voter identifies the same voter
- 20 identified on the voter's application for voter registration under
- 21 Section 13.002(c)(8).
- SECTION 17. Section 87.0411(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;

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- 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 $\left[\frac{(4)}{(4)}\right]$ missing information or containing incorrect
- 6 information required under Section 84.002(a)(1-a) or Section
- 7 86.002; or
- 8 $\underline{(4)}$ [$\underline{(5)}$] containing incomplete information with
- 9 respect to a witness.
- SECTION 18. Section 141.063(e), Election Code, is amended
- 11 to read as follows:
- 12 (e) The signer's residence address and registration address
- 13 are not required to be the same if the signer would otherwise be
- 14 able to vote for that office under Section [11.004 or] 112.002.
- 15 SECTION 19. Section 272.011(b), Election Code, is amended
- 16 to read as follows:
- 17 (b) The secretary of state shall prepare the translation for
- 18 election materials required to be provided in a language other than
- 19 English or Spanish for the following state prescribed voter forms:
- 20 (1) voter registration application form required by
- 21 Section 13.002;
- 22 (2) the confirmation form required by Section 15.051;
- 23 (3) the voting instruction poster required by Section
- 24 62.011;
- 25 (4) [the reasonable impediment declaration required
- 26 by Section 63.001(b);
- 27 [(5) the statement of residence form required by

1 Section 63.0011;

- 2 [(6)] the provisional ballot affidavit required by
- 3 Section 63.011;
- 4 (5) $\left[\frac{(7)}{1}\right]$ the application for a ballot by mail
- 5 required by Section 84.011;
- 6 (6) [(8)] the carrier envelope and voting instructions
- 7 required by Section 86.013; and
- 8 (7) $[\frac{(9)}{}]$ any other voter forms that the secretary of
- 9 state identifies as frequently used and for which state resources
- 10 are otherwise available.
- 11 SECTION 20. Section 277.002(f), Election Code, is amended
- 12 to read as follows:
- 13 (f) The signer's residence address and the address listed on
- 14 the signer's registration are not required to be the same if the
- 15 signer is eligible to vote under Section [$\frac{11.004 \text{ or}}{1}$] 112.002.
- SECTION 21. Sections 521.009(a) and (a-1), Transportation
- 17 Code, are amended to read as follows:
- 18 (a) The department may establish a program for the provision
- 19 of renewal and duplicate driver's license[, election
- 20 identification certificate, and personal identification
- 21 certificate services in counties and municipalities that enter into
- 22 an agreement with the department under Subsection (a-1).
- 23 (a-1) Under the program, the department may enter into an
- 24 agreement with the commissioners court of a county or the governing
- 25 body of a municipality to permit county or municipal employees to
- 26 provide services at a county or municipal office relating to the
- 27 issuance of renewal and duplicate driver's licenses[, election

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   certificates, including:
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               (1) taking photographs;
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               (2) administering vision tests;
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   identification certificate,
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   certificate to change a name, address, or photograph;
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               (4) distributing and collecting information relating
   to donations under Section 521.401;
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               (5) collecting fees; and
               (6) performing other basic ministerial functions and
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   tasks necessary to issue renewal and duplicate driver's licenses[7
   election identification certificates, and personal identification
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   certificates.
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          SECTION 22. The following provisions are repealed:
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               (1) Sections 11.004, 15.112, 31.013, and 63.0101,
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   Election Code;
                    Sections 15.001(c), 16.037(b), 63.001(c-1), (d),
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    (h), and (i), and 86.002(d), Election Code;
               (3) Sections 191.0046(e) and (f), Health and Safety
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(4) Chapter 521A, Transportation Code.

SECTION 23. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.