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H.B. No. 3827

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to unlawful solicitation and distribution of a voter
3 registration application; creating a criminal offense.

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

5 SECTION 1. Chapter 276, Election Code, is amended by adding
6 Section 276.0175 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 276.0175. UNLAWFUL SOLICITATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF
8 VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION. (a) A public official or election
9 official commits an offense if the official, while acting in an
10 official capacity, knowingly:

23 (b) Subsection (a)(2) does not apply if the public official
24 or election official engaged in the conduct described by that

1 subdivision by providing access to a voter registration application
2 from a publicly accessible Internet website.

3 (c) Subsection (a) does not apply if a public official or
4 election official:

5 (1) provides general information about applying to
6 register to vote, the voter registration process, or the timeliness
7 of applying to register to vote to a person or the public; or
8 (2) engages in conduct described by Subsection (a)
9 while acting in the official's capacity as a candidate for public
10 elective office.

11 (d) An offense under this section is a state jail felony.

12 (e) A remedy provided under this section is cumulative, and
13 does not restrict any other remedies provided by this code or by
14 law. A violation of this section is subject to injunctive relief or
15 mandamus as provided by this code.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.