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H.B. No. 3827

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

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

(1) solicits the submission of a voter registration application from a person who did not request an application;

(2) distributes a voter registration application to a person who did not request the application, except as the distribution is authorized by Chapter 13, Chapter 20, or another provision of this code;

(3) authorizes or approves the expenditure of public funds to facilitate third-party distribution of a voter registration application to a person who did not request the application; or

(4) completes any portion of a voter registration application and distributes the application to an applicant.

(b) Subsection (a)(2) does not apply if the public official 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.