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H.B. No. 3936

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the cancellation of all voter registrations following each presidential election; making conforming changes to voter registration and maintenance procedures.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.142(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) An initial certificate takes effect on the effective date of the registration and expires on the ~~[following]~~ January 1 immediately following the next gubernatorial election ~~[of an even-numbered year]~~.

SECTION 2. Sections 14.001(a), (c), and (d), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) On or after November 15 but before December 6 of each ~~[odd-numbered]~~ year with a gubernatorial election, the registrar shall issue a voter registration certificate to each voter in the county whose registration is effective on the preceding November 14 and whose name does not appear on the suspense list.

(c) A renewal certificate is valid until the ~~[for two years beginning on]~~ January 1 immediately following the next presidential election ~~[its issuance]~~.

(d) At the time the registrar issues an initial certificate for a voter whose registration will be effective after November 14 of each ~~[an odd-numbered]~~ year with a gubernatorial election and

before January 1 of the following year, the registrar shall also issue the voter a renewal certificate.

SECTION 3. Section 14.023(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) After January 1 but not later than March 1 of each ~~[even-numbered]~~ year, the registrar shall deliver a confirmation notice in accordance with Section 15.051 to each voter whose name appears on the suspense list under this subchapter.

SECTION 4. Section 16.032, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 16.032. CANCELLATION FOLLOWING END OF SUSPENSE LIST PERIOD. If on January 1 ~~[November 30]~~ following the first ~~[second]~~ general election for state and county officers that occurs after the date the voter's name is entered on the suspense list a registered voter's name appears on the suspense list, the registrar shall cancel the voter's registration unless the name is to be deleted from the list under Section 15.022 or 15.023.

SECTION 5. Subchapter B, Chapter 16, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 16.040 to read as follows:

Sec. 16.040. CANCELLATION FOLLOWING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, on January 1 of each year immediately following a presidential election, the registrar shall cancel all voter registrations.

(b) A cancellation under this section may not be challenged or reinstated under this chapter.

(c) Following cancellation under this section, a person desiring to register to vote must submit an application for

1 registration under Chapter 13.

2 SECTION 6. Section 16.061, Election Code, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 Sec. 16.061. RIGHT TO CHALLENGE CANCELLATION. A person
5 whose voter registration is canceled may challenge the cancellation
6 at a hearing before the registrar. This section does not apply to a
7 person whose voter registration is canceled under Section 16.040.

8 SECTION 7. Sections 13.142(c) and 14.001(c), Election Code,
9 as amended by this Act, apply only to a voter registration
10 certificate for which an application is received by the voter
11 registrar on or after September 1, 2025.

12 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.