

AN ACT

relating to the failure of a voter registrar to comply with voter registration laws.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16.039, Election Code, is transferred to Subchapter A, Chapter 12, Election Code, redesignated as Section 12.007, Election Code, and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 12.007 [16.039]. FAILURE BY REGISTRAR TO TIMELY PERFORM DUTY. (a) The secretary of state may withhold funds administered and distributed by the secretary under Chapter 19 or Section 31.009 from a registrar if, after providing the registrar a written notice of the alleged violation and a reasonable opportunity to correct the alleged violation, the [If a] registrar fails to timely perform a duty imposed on the registrar under this code [subchapter] requiring:

(1) the approval, change, or cancellation of a voter's registration;

(2) the scheduling of a hearing under Section 16.064 or 16.093;

(3) the determination of a challenge under Section 16.066 or 16.095; or

(4) the delivery of notice under Section 16.0921[; the secretary of state may withhold funds administered and distributed by the secretary under Chapter 19 or Section 31.009 from the

1 ~~registrar]~~.

2 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the secretary of state
3 shall distribute funds under Chapter 19 or Section 31.009 if the
4 registrar performs the registrar's duty not later than 30 days
5 after the funds are withheld.

6 (c) The secretary of state shall prescribe rules for the
7 administration of this section.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 510 passed the Senate on May 13, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 30, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 510 passed the House, with amendment, on May 28, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 109, Nays 33, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor