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S.B. No. 834

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain persons younger than 18 years of age to preregister to vote.

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

SECTION 1. Section 13.001(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To be eligible to apply for registration, a person must, on the date the registration application is submitted to the registrar, be at least 17 years [~~and 10 months~~] of age and satisfy the requirements of Subsection (a) except for age.

SECTION 2. Section 13.046, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(d) At least twice each school year, a high school deputy registrar shall distribute an officially prescribed registration application form to each student who is or will be 18 years of age or older during that year, subject to rules prescribed by the secretary of state. A high school deputy registrar shall annually submit the number of registration application forms distributed under this section and the number of students whose year of birth was at least 18 years ago to the secretary of state.

(d-1) The secretary of state shall publish and maintain on the agency's Internet website a list of high schools to which Subsection (d) applies and indicate whether the school is in

1 compliance with that subsection.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.