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S.B. No. 1070

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the date on which a voter registration application  
3 becomes effective.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 13.042(c), Election Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (c) An application submitted after the 19th [~~34th~~] day  
8 before the date of an election and on or before the last day for a  
9 person to timely submit a registration application for that  
10 election as provided by Section 13.143 shall be delivered not later  
11 than 5 p.m. of the next regular business day after the date to  
12 timely submit a registration application for that election as  
13 provided by Section 13.143.

14 SECTION 2. Section 13.143(a), Election Code, is amended to  
15 read as follows:

16 (a) Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (e), if an  
17 applicant's registration application is approved, the registration  
18 becomes effective on the 15th [~~30th~~] day after the date the  
19 application is submitted to the registrar or on the date the  
20 applicant becomes 18 years of age, whichever is later.

21 SECTION 3. Section 13.144(a), Election Code, is amended to  
22 read as follows:

23 (a) Not later than the 15th [~~30th~~] day after the date the  
24 registrar receives the application, the registrar shall deliver the

1 original of an initial certificate:

2 (1) in person to the applicant or the applicant's agent  
3 appointed under Section 13.003; or

4 (2) by mail to the applicant.

5 SECTION 4. Sections 15.025(a) and (d), Election Code, are  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (a) Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (d), the  
8 registration of a voter described by this subsection whose  
9 information is changed on the registration records becomes  
10 effective as to the change on the 15th [~~30th~~] day after:

11 (1) the date the voter submits to the registrar a  
12 notice of a change in registration information under Section 15.021  
13 or a response under Section 15.053, indicating the change; or

14 (2) the date the voter submits a statement of  
15 residence to an election officer under Section 63.0011 or a  
16 registration application or change of address to an agency employee  
17 under Chapter 20, indicating the change.

18 (d) If the 15th [~~30th~~] day before the date of an election is  
19 a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, the  
20 document is considered to be timely if it is submitted to the  
21 registrar on or before the next regular business day.

22 SECTION 5. Section 16.0921(c), Election Code, is amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (c) The registrar may not deliver a confirmation notice  
25 resulting from a sworn statement filed after the 75th day before the  
26 date of the general election for state and county officers until  
27 after the date of that election. This subsection does not apply to

1 a person who submits a registration application after the 75th day  
2 and prior to the 15th [~~30th~~] day before the general election for  
3 state and county officers.

4 SECTION 6. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
5 a voter registration application submitted on or after the  
6 effective date of this Act. A voter registration application  
7 submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the  
8 law in effect when the application was submitted, and the former law  
9 is continued in effect for that purpose.

10 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.