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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the registration of voters at a polling place and related procedures.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 12, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 12.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 12.008. CERTAIN ELECTION OFFICERS ARE VOTER REGISTRARS. The registrar shall appoint at least one election officer serving each polling place for early voting by personal appearance or on election day as a regular deputy registrar.

SECTION 2. Chapter 63, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 63.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 63.010. REGISTRATION AT POLLING PLACE; VOTING PROCEDURES. (a) Other applicable provisions of this code apply to the conduct of voting and to the registration of voters under this section to the extent those provisions do not conflict with this section.

(b) A person who would be eligible to vote in an election under Section 11.001, but for the requirement to be a registered voter, shall be accepted for voting at a polling place at which the person would be allowed to vote if registered if, on the day the person offers to vote, the person:

(1) submits a voter registration application that complies with Section 13.002 to a voter registrar at the polling

place;

(2) presents as proof of identification:

(A) a Texas driver's license, including a temporary license or instruction permit, or personal identification card issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety that states the person's current address on the day the person seeks to vote; or

(B) a utility bill addressed to the person dated not earlier than the 30th day before the date the person seeks to vote, and:

(i) a Texas driver's license, including a temporary license or instruction permit, or personal identification card issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety, regardless of whether the address stated on the license or card is current on the day the person seeks to vote;

(ii) a United States passport issued to the person; or

(iii) a United States military identification card that contains the person's photograph; and

(3) executes an affidavit stating that the person:

(A) is eligible to vote in the election; and

(B) is voting only once in the election.

(c) Persons voting under this section shall be processed separately at the polling place from persons who are voting under regular procedures.

(d) The secretary of state shall adopt rules to ensure the accountability of election officers and to fairly implement this

section.

SECTION 3. Section 85.031(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) For each person entitled to vote an early voting ballot by personal appearance or who is entitled to register at a polling place, the early voting clerk shall follow the procedure for accepting a regular voter on election day, with the modifications necessary for the conduct of early voting.

SECTION 4. The secretary of state shall adopt rules as required by Section 63.010, Election Code, as added by this Act, not later than February 1, 2028.

SECTION 5. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an election for which early voting by personal appearance begins on or after February 1, 2028.

SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2027.