

1-1 By: Murphy, et al. H.B. No. 1096
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Bettencourt)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 11, 2015;
 1-4 May 11, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-5 Affairs; May 19, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 7, Nays 2; May 19, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-12	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the residence address of a person for purposes of a
 1-21 response to a confirmation notice sent by the registrar.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 15.052(b), Election Code, is amended to
 1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (b) The official confirmation notice response form must:

1-26 (1) provide spaces for the voter to include all of the
 1-27 information that a person must include in an application to
 1-28 register to vote under Section 13.002; ~~and~~

1-29 (2) describe the requirements of Section 15.054,
 1-30 provide a space for the voter to indicate if the voter is exempt
 1-31 from those requirements, and provide a space to indicate the reason
 1-32 for an exemption, if any; and

1-33 (3) be postage prepaid and preaddressed for delivery
 1-34 to the registrar.

1-35 SECTION 2. Section 15.053(a), Election Code, is amended to
 1-36 read as follows:

1-37 (a) Not later than the 30th day after the date a
 1-38 confirmation notice is mailed, the voter shall submit to the
 1-39 registrar a written, signed response to the notice that confirms
 1-40 the voter's current residence. The response must contain:

1-41 (1) all of the information that a person must include
 1-42 in an application to register to vote under Section 13.002; and

1-43 (2) evidence that the voter's residence address is
 1-44 established in compliance with Section 15.054 or an indication that
 1-45 the voter is exempt from those requirements.

1-46 SECTION 3. Subchapter C, Chapter 15, Election Code, is
 1-47 amended by adding Section 15.054 to read as follows:

1-48 Sec. 15.054. RESIDENCE FOR PURPOSES OF CONFIRMATION NOTICE
 1-49 RESPONSE. (a) For purposes of Section 15.053, a person's residence
 1-50 is established at the first residence address, beginning with
 1-51 Subdivision (1) and continuing through Subdivision (6), in the
 1-52 following list that is applicable to the person:

1-53 (1) the address stated on a driver's license issued to
 1-54 the person by the Department of Public Safety that has not expired
 1-55 or, if the person has notified the department of a change of address
 1-56 under Section 521.054, Transportation Code, the new address
 1-57 contained in the notification;

1-58 (2) the address stated on a personal identification
 1-59 card issued to the person by the Department of Public Safety that
 1-60 has not expired or, if the person has notified the department of a
 1-61 change of address under Section 521.054, Transportation Code, the

2-1 new address contained in the notification;
2-2 (3) the address stated on a license to carry a
2-3 concealed handgun issued to the person by the Department of Public
2-4 Safety that has not expired or, if the person has notified the
2-5 department of a change of address under Section 411.181, Government
2-6 Code, the new address contained in the notification;
2-7 (4) an address corresponding to a residence at which
2-8 the person receives mail;
2-9 (5) the address the person claims as a homestead in
2-10 this state; or
2-11 (6) the registration address of a vehicle the person
2-12 owns.
2-13 (b) A person whose residence in this state has no address
2-14 may establish residence under this section by executing an
2-15 affidavit stating that the person's residence in this state has no
2-16 address, providing a concise description of the location of the
2-17 person's residence, and delivering the affidavit to the registrar
2-18 with the person's response to the confirmation notice.
2-19 (c) The address described by Subsection (a)(4) may not be a
2-20 commercial post office box or similar location that does not
2-21 correspond to a residence.
2-22 (d) This section does not apply to:
2-23 (1) a person who is a member of the armed forces of the
2-24 United States or the spouse or a dependent of a member;
2-25 (2) a person enrolled as a full-time student at an
2-26 institution of higher education;
2-27 (3) a person whose address is confidential under
2-28 Subchapter C, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure;
2-29 (4) a federal judge, state judge, or spouse of a
2-30 federal or state judge whose driver's license includes the street
2-31 address of a courthouse under Section 521.121, Transportation Code;
2-32 or
2-33 (5) a peace officer whose driver's license omits the
2-34 officer's actual residence address under Section 521.1211,
2-35 Transportation Code.
2-36 (e) Subsection (a)(1) does not apply to a person who holds a
2-37 commercial driver's license under Subchapter C, Chapter 522,
2-38 Transportation Code.
2-39 (f) The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to
2-40 implement this section.
2-41 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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