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S.B. No. 146

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to automatic update of voter registration on issuance or
3 change of a driver's license or identification card by the
4 Department of Public Safety.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 13.0021, Election Code, is amended by
7 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

8 (c) A federal judge or state judge or the spouse of a federal
9 judge or state judge for whom voter registration is updated under
10 Section 13.009 and who seeks to have a residence address omitted
11 from the registration list shall submit an affidavit to the voter
12 registrar stating that the individual is a federal judge or state
13 judge or the spouse of a federal judge or state judge.

14 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Election Code, is
15 amended by adding Section 13.009 to read as follows:

16 Sec. 13.009. UPDATE OF VOTER REGISTRATION THROUGH
17 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY. (a) The secretary of state shall
18 update the statewide voter registration list and notify the
19 appropriate voter registrar of a change in registration information
20 for any individual who is a registered voter and:

21 (1) is issued a Texas driver's license or a personal
22 identification card by the Department of Public Safety; or

23 (2) makes a change to a Texas driver's license or
24 personal identification card issued by the Department of Public

1 Safety.

2 (b) A driver's license or personal identification card
3 transaction with an indication provided by Section 20.062(b) or
4 20.063(c) that the transaction is not for voter registration
5 purposes is not subject to this section.

6 SECTION 3. Section 18.061(c), Election Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (c) Under procedures prescribed by the secretary of state,
9 the Department of Public Safety and each voter registrar shall
10 provide to the secretary of state on an expedited basis the
11 information necessary to maintain the registration list
12 established under Subsection (a). The procedures shall provide for
13 the electronic submission of the information.

14 SECTION 4. Section 20.061, Election Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

16 Sec. 20.061. APPLICABILITY OF OTHER PROVISIONS. The other
17 provisions of this chapter apply to the Department of Public Safety
18 except provisions that conflict with this subchapter or Section
19 13.009.

20 SECTION 5. Section 20.062(b), Election Code, is amended to
21 read as follows:

22 (b) The department shall prescribe and use a change of
23 address form and procedure that combines department and voter
24 registration functions. The form must allow a licensee or
25 cardholder to indicate that ~~[whether]~~ the change of address is not
26 ~~[also to be used]~~ for voter registration purposes.

27 SECTION 6. Section 20.063(c), Election Code, is amended to

1 read as follows:

2 (c) A change of address that relates to a license or card and
3 that is submitted to the department in person, ~~[or]~~ by mail, or
4 online at the department's Internet website serves as a change of
5 address for voter registration unless the licensee or cardholder
6 indicates that the change is not for voter registration purposes.
7 The date of submission of a change of address to a department
8 employee is considered to be the date of submission to the voter
9 registrar for the purpose of determining the effective date of
10 registration ~~[only]~~.

11 SECTION 7. Section 20.065(b), Election Code, is amended to
12 read as follows:

13 (b) Each weekday the department is regularly open for
14 business, the department shall electronically transfer to the
15 secretary of state the name and information designated by the
16 secretary of state for ~~[of]~~ each individual ~~[person]~~ who completes
17 a voter registration application submitted to the department and
18 for each individual who is a registered voter and applies in person,
19 by mail, or online at the department's Internet website for an
20 original or renewal of a driver's license, a personal
21 identification card, or a duplicate or corrected license or card.
22 The secretary shall prescribe procedures necessary to implement
23 this subsection.

24 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.