

1-1 By: Bettencourt, et al. S.B. No. 510
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 25, 2024; February 3, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 7, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-5 Nays 0; April 7, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-18			X	

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the failure of a voter registrar to comply with voter
1-22 registration laws.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 16.039, Election Code, is transferred to
1-25 Subchapter A, Chapter 12, Election Code, redesignated as Section
1-26 12.007, Election Code, and amended to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 12.007 [~~16.039~~]. FAILURE BY REGISTRAR TO TIMELY
1-28 PERFORM DUTY. (a) The secretary of state may withhold funds
1-29 administered and distributed by the secretary under Chapter 19 or
1-30 Section 31.009 from a registrar if the [~~If a~~] registrar fails to
1-31 timely perform a duty imposed on the registrar under this code
1-32 [subchapter] requiring:

1-33 (1) the approval, change, or cancellation of a voter's
1-34 registration;

1-35 (2) the scheduling of a hearing under Section 16.064
1-36 or 16.093;

1-37 (3) the determination of a challenge under Section
1-38 16.066 or 16.095; or

1-39 (4) the delivery of notice under Section 16.0921 [~~, the~~
1-40 ~~secretary of state may withhold funds administered and distributed~~
1-41 ~~by the secretary under Chapter 19 or Section 31.009 from the~~
1-42 ~~registrar].~~

1-43 (b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the secretary of state
1-44 shall distribute funds under Chapter 19 or Section 31.009 if the
1-45 registrar performs the registrar's duty not later than 30 days
1-46 after the funds are withheld.

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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