

1-1 By: Bettencourt, et al. S.B. No. 511
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 adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; April 7, 2025,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Hughes	X			
1-10	Paxton	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Birdwell	X			
1-13	Hall	X			
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-15	Middleton	X			
1-16	Parker	X			
1-17	Perry			X	
1-18	Schwertner			X	
1-19	Zaffirini			X	

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 511 By: Bettencourt

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to prohibiting an officer or employee of this state or of a
1-24 political subdivision of this state from distributing certain voter
1-25 registration application forms; creating a criminal offense.
1-26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-27 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Election Code, is
1-28 amended by adding Section 13.009 to read as follows:
1-29 Sec. 13.009. DISTRIBUTION OF APPLICATION; OFFENSE. (a)
1-30 Except as otherwise provided by a provision of this code, including
1-31 provisions of this chapter and Chapter 20, an officer or employee of
1-32 this state or of a political subdivision of this state may not
1-33 distribute a form on which a person may apply for registration to a
1-34 person who did not request it.
1-35 (b) An officer or employee of this state or of a political
1-36 subdivision of this state may not use public funds to facilitate the
1-37 distribution by another person of a form the officer or employee
1-38 would be prohibited from distributing under Subsection (a).
1-39 (c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a political party or a
1-40 candidate for office may distribute a form described by Subsection
1-41 (a) to a person who did not request it.
1-42 (d) An officer or employee of this state or of a political
1-43 subdivision of this state commits an offense if the officer or
1-44 employee violates Subsection (a) or (b).
1-45 (e) An offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.
1-46 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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