

SUBJECT: Notifying voters to update registration after surrendering driver's licenses

COMMITTEE: Elections — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 9 ayes — Smith, Bucy, Burrows, Capriglione, DeAyala, Manuel, E.
Morales, Swanson, Vo

0 nays

WITNESSES: For — Cindi Castilla, Texas Eagle Forum; Susana Carranza; Valerie DeBill; Karen Marshall; Eric Opiela (*Registered, but did not testify*: Marc Hoskins, Disability Rights Texas; Joshua Houston, Texas Impact; Ashley Ford, The Arc of Texas; Robert L. Green, Travis County Republican Party Election Integrity Committee for Legislation; and seven individuals)

Against — (*Registered, but did not testify*: Angela Smith, Fredericksburg Tea Party; Richard Bohnert; Henry Bohnert)

On — Alan Vera, Harris County Republican Party Ballot Security Committee; Rebekah Hibbs, Texas Department of Public Safety; Christina Adkins, Texas Secretary of State

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested that older Texans do not always make the necessary updates to their voter registration surrender when they surrender their driver's licenses and receive personal identification certificates, which may pose difficulties for mail-in voting.

DIGEST: CSHB 1980 would require that a person issued a personal identification certificate after surrendering their driver's license be notified that the person's voter registration information will need to be updated and provide an opportunity to update this information.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.