

SUBJECT: Requiring voter registration information for surrendered driver's licenses.

COMMITTEE: Elections — committee substitute recommended

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

0 nays

SENATE VOTE: On final passage (April 12) — 30 - 0

WITNESSES: None (*considered in a formal meeting May 1*)

BACKGROUND: Some have suggested that providing an opportunity to update voter registrations after older Texans surrender their driver's licenses and receive their personal identification certificates would reduce rejected mail-in ballots.

DIGEST: CSSB 975 would require that procedures adopted by the Department of Public Safety for the issuance of a personal identification certificate to a person who surrenders the person's drivers license include requirements that the person issued a personal identification certificate be:

- notified that the person's voter registration information will need to be updated to include the identification number of the new certificate; and
- provided an opportunity to update the person's voter registration information when applying for the new certificate to include the identification number of the new certificate.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2023.