

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, the process to register to vote after moving includes an extra step in the statement of residence confirmation that could be eliminated by streamlining the process from county to county.

This bill amends the Election Code to require the officially prescribed form for a confirmation notice of a voter's current residence to include a statement that the voter must include all of the required information on the official confirmation notice response form.

By streamlining the process, the voter registrar of the county the voter is moving from can cancel the voter's registration and forward the voter's information to the new county of residence and keep the voter's registration current.

H.B. 3069 amends current law relating to streamlining voter reregistration across county lines.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 15.052(a) and (b), Election Code, as follows:

- (a) Requires that the officially prescribed form for a confirmation notice include certain information, including a statement that the voter is required to include all of the required information on the official confirmation notice response form.
- (b) Requires that the official confirmation notice response form provide spaces for the voter to include all of the information that a person must include in an application to register to vote under Section 13.002 (Application Required).

SECTION 2. Amends Sections 15.053(a) and (c), Election Code, as follows:

- (a) Requires that the response contain all of the information that a person is required to include in an application to register to vote under Section 13.002.
- (c) Requires the registrar to act on the response in accordance with Section 13.072 (Action on Application) and retain the response on file with the voter's registration application.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 63.0011(c), Election Code, as follows:

- (c) Requires the voter, before being accepted for voting, to execute and submit to an election officer a statement including certain information, including all of the information that a person is required to include in an application to register to vote under Section 13.002, rather than a statement including the voter's residence address or, if the residence has no address, the address at which the voter receives mail and a concise description of the location of the voter's residence and the month, day, and year of the voter's birth.

SECTION 4. Requires the secretary of state, not later than September 1, 2009, to prescribe official forms for a confirmation notice and confirmation notice response that meet the requirements of Section 15.052 (Official Confirmation Notice and Confirmation Notice Response Forms), Election Code, as amended by this Act, and a form that may be used for the statement of residence that meets the requirements of Section 63.0011(c), Election Code, as amended by this Act.

SECTION 5. Effective date: September 1, 2009.