

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, a voter registration application is not required to include an applicant's driver's license number or personal identification number issued by the Department of Public Safety. It is often impossible to identify duplicate voter registrations because there is no unique number with which to identify voters who are registered in more than one county or in the same county. S.B. 500 would require most voter registration applications to include the applicant's driver's license number, which is a unique number, therefore enabling the state and counties to identify duplicate registrations.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 500 outlines provisions regarding the contents of a voter registration application.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 13.002(c) and (d), Election Code, to require a voter registration application to include the applicant's driver's license number or personal identification card number issued by the Department of Public Safety (department). Provides that the omission of the applicant's driver's license number or personal identification card under Subsection (c)(10) does not affect the validity of a registration application. Makes conforming and nonsubstantive changes.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 13.122(a), Election Code, to delete text requiring a space for the applicant's Texas driver's license number or number of a personal identification card issued by the department to be included on an officially prescribed registration application form. Deletes text requiring a statement indicating that furnishing the applicant's driver's license number and personal identification card number on the officially prescribed application form is optional. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 20.063, Election Code, by adding Subsection (d), as follows:

(d) Requires the department to enter the appropriate information on the application if a completed voter registration application submitted to a department employee does not include the applicant's correct driver's license or personal identification card number.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 5. Emergency clause.