

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 1307

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to qualifications and registration of certain voters on probation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 11.002(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In this code, "qualified voter" means a person who:

(1) is 18 years of age or older;

(2) is a United States citizen;

(3) has not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:

(A) totally mentally incapacitated; or

(B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;

(4) has not been finally convicted of a felony or, if so convicted, has:

(A) completed [~~fully discharged the person's sentence, including~~] any term of incarceration[~~, parole,~~] or community supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court;

(B) served at least 10 consecutive years of parole or mandatory supervision; or

(C) [~~(B)~~] been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote;

(5) is a resident of this state; and

(6) is a registered voter.

SECTION 2. Section 13.001(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) To be eligible for registration as a voter in this state, a person must:

(1) be 18 years of age or older;

(2) be a United States citizen;

(3) not have been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:

(A) totally mentally incapacitated; or

(B) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;

(4) not have been finally convicted of a felony or, if so convicted, must have:

(A) completed [~~fully discharged the person's sentence, including~~] any term of incarceration[, ~~parole,~~] or community supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court;

(B) served at least 10 consecutive years of parole or mandatory supervision; or

(C) [~~(B)~~] been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote; and

(5) be a resident of the county in which application for registration is made.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as

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1 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
2 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
3 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.