

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 1600
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2023; March 16, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 6, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-5 Nays 2; April 6, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a person submitting proof of citizenship to verify
 1-22 eligibility to vote in Texas.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 13.002, Election Code, is amended by
 1-25 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
 1-26 follows:

1-27 (a) A person desiring to register to vote must submit an
 1-28 application and proof of citizenship as required under Subsection
 1-29 (a-1) to the registrar of the county in which the person
 1-30 resides. Except as provided by Subsection (e), an application must
 1-31 be submitted by personal delivery, by mail, or by telephonic
 1-32 facsimile machine in accordance with Sections 13.143(d) and (d-2).

1-33 (a-1) To the extent permitted by the National Voter
 1-34 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. Section 20501 et seq.) and
 1-35 Arizona v. Inter Tribal Council Of Arizona, Inc., 570 U.S. 1 (2013),
 1-36 the secretary of state shall prescribe rules that require a person
 1-37 to submit to the registrar proof of citizenship to determine voter
 1-38 eligibility.

1-39 SECTION 2. (a) Not later than January 1, 2024, the
 1-40 secretary of state shall request that the federal Election
 1-41 Assistance Commission alter the mail voter registration
 1-42 application form requirements described in the National Voter
 1-43 Registration Act of 1993 (52 U.S.C. Section 20501 et seq.) to
 1-44 include a requirement that applicants submit documented proof of
 1-45 citizenship as a condition to registration in Texas.

1-46 (b) If the commission fails to comply before the 180th day
 1-47 following the secretary of state's request under this section, the
 1-48 attorney general shall seek enforcement in a court of law.

1-49 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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