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H.B. No. 2321

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to signature verification on an early voting ballot voted  
by mail.

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

SECTION 1. Section 87.027(i), Election Code, is amended to  
read as follows:

(i) The signature verification committee shall compare the  
signature on each carrier envelope certificate, except those signed  
for a voter by a witness, with the signature on the voter's ballot  
application to determine whether the signatures are those of the  
voter. The committee shall also compare the signatures with each  
signature of the voter obtained from the Department of Public  
Safety and on file with the county clerk or voter registrar. The  
committee may also compare the signatures with any two or more  
signatures of the voter made within the preceding six years and on  
file with the county clerk or voter registrar to determine whether  
the signatures are those of the voter. Except as provided by  
Subsection (1), a determination under this subsection that the  
signatures are not those of the voter must be made by a majority  
vote of the committee's membership. The committee shall place the  
jacket envelopes, carrier envelopes, and applications of voters  
whose signatures are not those of the voter in separate containers  
from those of voters whose signatures are those of the voter. The  
committee chair shall deliver the sorted materials to the early

1 voting ballot board at the time specified by the board's presiding  
2 judge.

3 SECTION 2. Section 87.041, Election Code, is amended by  
4 adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

5 (e-1) In making the determination under Subsection (b)(2),  
6 the board shall also compare the signatures with each signature of  
7 the voter obtained from the Department of Public Safety and on file  
8 with the county clerk or voter registrar.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.