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H.B. No. 3920

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to signature verification on an early voting ballot voted by mail; creating a criminal offense.

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

SECTION 1. Section 82.002, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

Sec. 82.002. DISABILITY. (a) A qualified voter is eligible for early voting by mail if the voter:

(1) has a sickness or physical condition that prevents the voter from appearing at the polling place on election day without a likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring the voter's health; or

(2) expects to be confined for childbirth on election day.

(b) The following do not constitute [~~Expected or likely confinement for childbirth on election day is~~] sufficient cause to entitle a voter to vote under Subsection (a):

(1) a lack of transportation;

(2) a sickness that does not otherwise prevent the voter from leaving the voter's residence; or

(3) a requirement to appear at the voter's place of employment on election day.

(c) An application for a ballot to be voted by mail on the

1 ground of disability must require the applicant to affirmatively  
2 indicate that the applicant agrees with the statement "I am  
3 physically unable to enter a polling place on election day without  
4 needing personal assistance or injuring my health," as prescribed  
5 by Section [82.002\(a\)](#).

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.