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H.B. No. 1943

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to annual applications for ballots to be voted by mail.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 86.0015, Election Code, is amended by
5 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-3) to read as
6 follows:

7 (b) An application described by Subsection (a) is
8 considered to be an application for a ballot for each election,
9 including any ensuing runoff:

10 (1) in which the applicant is eligible to vote; and

11 (2) that occurs before the earlier of:

12 (A) except as provided by Subsection (b-2) or
13 (b-3), the end of the calendar year in which the application was
14 submitted;

15 (B) the date the county clerk receives notice
16 from the voter registrar under Subsection (f) that the voter has
17 changed residence to another county; or

18 (C) the date the voter's registration is
19 canceled.

20 (b-3) An application is considered to be submitted for the
21 year in which the application is submitted and the following
22 calendar year for purposes of this section if:

23 (1) the first election in which the applicant is
24 eligible to vote following the submission of the application is an

1 election held on the uniform election date in November of an
2 odd-numbered year; and

3 (2) the applicant indicates that the application is
4 for the next November election and the elections held in the
5 following calendar year.

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.