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H.B. No. 307

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the availability of certain records pertaining to
3 ballots to be voted by mail.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 86.014(a), Election Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (a) A copy of an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
8 may be obtained from the early voting clerk not earlier than+

9 ~~[(1) 72 hours after the time a ballot is mailed to the~~
10 ~~voter, or~~

11 ~~[(2) 48 hours after the time a ballot is mailed to the~~
12 ~~voter if the mailing occurs on the fourth day before]~~ election day.

13 SECTION 2. Section 87.121(f), Election Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (f) Information on the roster for a person to whom an early
16 voting mail ballot has been sent is not available for public
17 inspection, except to the voter seeking to verify that the
18 information pertaining to the voter is accurate, until+

19 ~~[(1) 72 hours after the time a ballot is mailed to the~~
20 ~~voter, or~~

21 ~~[(2) 48 hours after the time a ballot is mailed to the~~
22 ~~voter if the mailing occurs on the fourth day before]~~ election day.

23 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and
24 applies only to an election for which the action ordering the

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1 election is taken on or after that date.