

AN ACT

relating to the procedure for returning an application for an early voting ballot.

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

SECTION 1. Section 84.001, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(d) An ~~[applicant may not use an]~~ application must be submitted by mail to the early voting clerk for the election who serves the election precinct of the applicant's residence [form that is furnished to the applicant unless the application form is printed or stamped with the name or office or official title of the early voting clerk as addressee and the clerk's official mailing address].

(d-1) A timely application that is addressed to the wrong early voting clerk shall be forwarded to the proper early voting clerk not later than the day after the date it is received by the wrong clerk.

SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

(b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 84.001(d), Election Code, applies only to an application to vote an early voting ballot by mail for an election that is ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.

H.B. No. 2064

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2064 was passed by the House on April 10, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2064 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor