

1-1 By: Bohac (Senate Sponsor - Lindsay) H.B. No. 2064  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2003;  
1-3 April 15, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 23, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the procedure for returning an application for an early  
1-9 voting ballot.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 84.001, Election Code, is amended by  
1-12 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as  
1-13 follows:

1-14 (d) An ~~[applicant may not use an]~~ application must be  
1-15 submitted by mail to the early voting clerk for the election who  
1-16 serves the election precinct of the applicant's residence ~~[form~~  
1-17 ~~that is furnished to the applicant unless the application form is~~  
1-18 ~~printed or stamped with the name or office or official title of the~~  
1-19 ~~early voting clerk as addressee and the clerk's official mailing~~  
1-20 ~~address].~~

1-21 (d-1) A timely application that is addressed to the wrong  
1-22 early voting clerk shall be forwarded to the proper early voting  
1-23 clerk not later than the day after the date it is received by the  
1-24 wrong clerk.

1-25 SECTION 2. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

1-26 (b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 84.001(d),  
1-27 Election Code, applies only to an application to vote an early  
1-28 voting ballot by mail for an election that is ordered on or after  
1-29 the effective date of this Act.

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