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H.B. No. 2914

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain procedures involving the use of ballots for early voting by mail.

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

SECTION 1. Section 84.032, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) A request for cancellation in a manner other than as authorized by this section, including a request by letter, has no effect.

SECTION 2. Section 86.004, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 86.004. TIME FOR PROVIDING BALLOT TO VOTER. The balloting materials for voting by mail shall be mailed to a voter entitled to vote by mail not later than the seventh calendar day after the later of the date the clerk accepts the voter's application for a ballot to be voted by mail or the date [voters as soon as practicable after] the ballots become available for mailing, except that if that mailing date is [but not] earlier than the 45th day before election day, the balloting materials shall be mailed not later than the 38th day before election day.

SECTION 3. (a) This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

(b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 86.004, Election Code, applies only to an application to vote an early voting ballot by mail submitted for an election that is ordered on

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1 or after the effective date of this Act.