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H.B. No. 2914

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the time within which ballots for early voting by mail
3 must be mailed to a voter.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 86.004, Election Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

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

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

17 (b) The change in law made by this Act to Section 86.004,
18 Election Code, applies only to an application to vote an early
19 voting ballot by mail submitted for an election that is ordered on
20 or after the effective date of this Act.