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S.B. No. 1051

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing a county clerk to mail an application to
vote by mail to certain voters.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 84, Election Code, is
amended by adding Section 84.014 to read as follows:

Sec. 84.014. APPLICATION SENT TO CERTAIN VOTERS BY COUNTY
CLERK. (a) In a year in which a general election for state and
county officers is held, the commissioners court may authorize the
county clerk to send by mail an application to vote by mail to:

(1) each person in the county eligible to vote by mail
under Section 82.003 other than a person whose name appears on the
suspense list; or

(2) each person who has previously voted by mail in
that voting year and was eligible under Section 82.001 or 82.002.

(b) A voter who completes an application sent under
Subsection (a)(1) and requests a ballot for a party primary
election is also considered to have requested a ballot for any
resulting runoff election and the general election for state and
county officers held in the same year.

(c) A voter who completes an application sent under
Subsection (a)(1) and requests a ballot for a runoff primary
election is also considered to have requested a ballot for the
general election for state and county officers held in the same

1 year.

2 (d) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of an
3 application sent under this section and adopt any other procedures
4 necessary to implement this section.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.