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H.B. No. 4434

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to voter registration.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 13.143(a) and (e), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsections (b) and (e), if an applicant's registration application is approved, the registration becomes effective on the 15th [~~30th~~] day after the date the application is submitted to the registrar or on the date the applicant becomes 18 years of age, whichever is later.

(e) If the 15th [~~30th~~] day before the date of an election is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, an application is considered to be timely if it is submitted to the registrar on or before the next regular business day.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a voter registration application submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. The submission of a voter registration application before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the application was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.