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H.B. No. 2191

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2191:

By: King of Parker

C.S.H.B. No. 2191

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the language in which a ballot to be voted by mail is
3 printed.

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

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

7 Sec. 84.014. APPLICATION FOR BALLOT IN ELECTION IN WHICH
8 BALLOT IS REQUIRED TO BE PRINTED IN A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH.

9 (a) For an election in which ballots to be voted by mail are
10 required to be printed in a language other than English, the
11 secretary of state shall prescribe procedures, including the
12 modification, as appropriate, of the officially prescribed
13 application form for an early voting ballot so that:

14 (1) the applicant for the ballot may indicate on the
15 application the printed language the applicant desires for the
16 ballot; and

17 (2) if the applicant does not indicate on the
18 application a preference for the ballot to be provided in a
19 particular language, the ballot shall be provided to the applicant
20 in English.

21 (b) The early voting clerk shall provide the applicant with
22 a ballot in the language indicated on the application if that
23 language is required to be used for ballots in the election or, if
24 no language is indicated, provide the ballot to the applicant in

1 English.

2 SECTION 2. Section 272.006(b), Election Code, is repealed.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.