By: Aliseda, Pena H.B. No. 2449

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2449:

By: Burkett C.S.H.B. No. 2449

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to the illegal possession of another person's ballot to be
- 3 voted by mail.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 5 SECTION 1. Section 86.006, Election Code, is amended by
- 6 adding Subsection (g-1) to read as follows:
- 7 (g-1) When ballots or carrier envelopes are obtained in
- 8 violation of this section pursuant to one scheme or continuing
- 9 course of conduct, whether from the same or several sources, the
- 10 conduct may be considered as one offense and the number of ballots
- 11 or carrier envelopes aggregated in determining the grade of the
- 12 <u>offense.</u>
- 13 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
- 14 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
- 15 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
- 16 governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and
- 17 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
- 18 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
- 19 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
- 20 before that date.
- 21 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.