

1-1 By: Aliseda, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hegar) H.B. No. 2449
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 16, 2011;
1-3 May 16, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 21, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 3; May 21, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the illegal possession of another person's ballot to be
1-9 voted by mail.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 86.006, Election Code, is amended by
1-12 adding Subsection (g-1) to read as follows:

1-13 (g-1) When ballots or carrier envelopes are obtained in
1-14 violation of this section pursuant to one scheme or continuing
1-15 course of conduct, whether from the same or several sources, the
1-16 conduct may be considered as one offense and the number of ballots
1-17 or carrier envelopes aggregated in determining the grade of the
1-18 offense.

1-19 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-20 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-21 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
1-22 governed by the law in effect when the offense was committed, and
1-23 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
1-24 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
1-25 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
1-26 before that date.

1-27 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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