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S.B. No. 997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the public inspection of an application for a ballot to  
3 be voted early by mail.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 86.014, Election Code,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 (a) A copy of an application for a ballot to be voted by mail  
8 is not available for public inspection, except to the voter seeking  
9 to verify that the information pertaining to the voter is accurate,  
10 until the first business day after ~~[may be obtained from the early~~  
11 ~~voting clerk.~~

12 ~~[(1) 72 hours after the time a ballot is mailed to the~~  
13 ~~voter, or~~

14 ~~[(2) 48 hours after the time a ballot is mailed to the~~  
15 ~~voter if the mailing occurs on the fourth day before]~~ election day.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.