

1-1 By: Shapiro S.B. No. 997
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 28, 2011; March 8, 2011,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 March 28, 2011, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
1-5 Nays 0; March 28, 2011, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the public inspection of an application for a ballot to
1-9 be voted early by mail.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 86.014, Election Code,
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 (a) A copy of an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
1-14 is not available for public inspection, except to the voter seeking
1-15 to verify that the information pertaining to the voter is accurate,
1-16 until the first business day after ~~[may be obtained from the early~~
1-17 ~~voting clerk.~~

1-18 ~~[(1) 72 hours after the time a ballot is mailed to the~~
1-19 ~~voter, or~~

1-20 ~~[(2) 48 hours after the time a ballot is mailed to the~~
1-21 ~~voter if the mailing occurs on the fourth day before]~~ election day.

1-22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-25 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-26 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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