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H.B. No. 270

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an electronic means for voters to determine the status of ballots submitted by mail.

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

SECTION 1. Section 86.011, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) This subsection applies only to an election held in a county with a population of 20,000 or more in which a federal office appears on the ballot. The early voting clerk shall make the unique identification number described by Section 86.013(h) available on the county's website and indicate whether the return of the official carrier envelope associated with the number is timely.

SECTION 2. Section 86.013, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) This subsection applies only to an election held in a county with a population of 20,000 or more in which a federal office appears on the ballot. The secretary of state by rule shall require that a detachable receipt be attached to the official carrier envelope and a unique identification number be printed on the receipt and the reverse side of the envelope.

SECTION 3. Sections 86.011(e) and 86.013(h), Election Code, as added by this Act, apply only to an election ordered on or after September 1, 2013.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.