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H.B. No. 1198

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an application for a ballot to be voted by mail.

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

SECTION 1. Section 84.002, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) A voter may indicate on the voter's application for a ballot to be voted by mail on the ground of age or disability submitted to the county clerk that the application is for ballots to be voted by mail in each election for which the county clerk serves as the early voting clerk held before the end of the calendar year in which the first presidential election is held following the date the application is submitted.

SECTION 2. Section 86.0015, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) An application described by Subsection (a) is considered to be an application for a ballot for each election in which the county clerk serves as early voting clerk and:

(1) in which the applicant is eligible to vote; and

(2) that occurs before ~~the earlier of:~~

~~(A)~~ the end of the calendar year in which:

(A) the application was submitted; or

(B) if requested on the voter's application, the first presidential election is held following the date the

1 application was submitted.

2 (b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), the county clerk may
3 not provide a ballot to a voter under this section after the date
4 the county clerk receives notice from the voter registrar under
5 Subsection (d) that the voter has submitted a change in
6 registration information.

7 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
8 to an application for a ballot to be voted by mail received on or
9 after the effective date of this Act.

10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.