

By: Miller of Fort Bend

H.B. No. 1659

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 86.0015(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An application described by Subsection (a) is considered to be an application for a ballot for each election, including any ensuing runoff, 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 after the year in which the application was submitted; or

(B) the date the county clerk receives notice from the voter registrar under Subsection (d) that the voter has submitted a change in registration information.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for a ballot to be voted by mail received on or after January 1, 2015.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2015.