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H.B. No. 1927

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the application to vote early by mail in more than one
election.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 84, Election Code, is
amended by adding Section 84.038 to read as follows:

Sec. 84.038. CANCELLATION EFFECTIVE FOR SINGLE ELECTION.

The cancellation of an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
under Section 84.032(c), (d), or (e) is effective for a single
ballot only and does not cancel the application with respect to a
subsequent election, including a subsequent election to which the
same application applies under Section 84.001(e) or 86.0015(b).

SECTION 2. Section 86.0015, Election Code, is amended to
read as follows:

Sec. 86.0015. APPLYING FOR MORE THAN ONE ELECTION IN SAME
APPLICATION. (a) This section applies only to an application for
a ballot to be voted by mail that:

(1) indicates [~~is submitted to the county clerk~~
~~indicating~~] the ground of eligibility is age or disability; and

(2) does not specify the election for which a ballot is
requested.

(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~~

1 ~~early voting clerk and~~]:

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

3 (2) that occurs before the earlier of:

4 (A) the end of:

5 (i) the calendar year in which the
6 application was submitted, if the application was submitted in an
7 even-numbered year; or

8 (ii) the subsequent even-numbered calendar
9 year, if the application was submitted in an odd-numbered year; or

10 (B) the date the county clerk receives notice
11 from the voter registrar under Subsection (f) [~~(d)~~] that the voter
12 has changed residence to another county [~~submitted a change in~~
13 ~~registration information~~].

14 (c) In an election of a political subdivision located in a
15 county in which the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the
16 county clerk shall provide the early voting clerk of the political
17 subdivision that is holding the election a list of voters in the
18 portion of the political subdivision located in the county who have
19 ballot applications on file under this section. The early voting
20 clerk shall provide a ballot to be voted by mail to each voter on the
21 list.

22 (d) The secretary of state shall provide a method by which
23 counties and political subdivisions located in the county can
24 exchange and update information on applications received under this
25 section.

26 (e) An application described by Subsection (a) shall be
27 preserved for the period for preserving the precinct election

1 records for the last election for which the application is
2 effective.

3 (f) [~~(d)~~] The voter registrar shall notify the county clerk
4 following the receipt of a notice of a change in registration
5 information under Section 15.021. The county clerk shall:

6 (1) except as provided by Subdivision (2), send to the
7 voter ballots to be voted by mail as required by this section at the
8 voter's updated address, and update as necessary the lists provided
9 to early voting clerks under Subsection (c) to reflect the change;
10 or

11 (2) delete the voter from the county clerk's list of
12 voters who have ballot applications on file under this section, if
13 the voter's county of residence has changed.

14 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
15 an election for which an application for a ballot to be voted by
16 mail may not be submitted before January 1, 2016.

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