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H.B. No. 1927

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1927:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the application to vote early by mail in more than one
3 election.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 86.0015, Election Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

18 (2) that occurs before the earlier of:

19 (A) the end of the calendar year in which the
20 application was submitted; or

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

1 (c) In an election of a political subdivision located in a
2 county in which the county clerk is not the early voting clerk, the
3 county clerk shall provide the early voting clerk of the political
4 subdivision that is holding the election a list of voters in the
5 portion of the political subdivision located in the county who have
6 ballot applications on file under this section. The early voting
7 clerk shall provide a ballot to be voted by mail to each voter on the
8 list.

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

13 (e) An application described by Subsection (a) shall be
14 preserved for the period for preserving the precinct election
15 records for the last election for which the application is
16 effective.

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

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

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

1 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
2 an election for which an application for a ballot to be voted by
3 mail may not be submitted before January 1, 2016.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.