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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. 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 [~~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 the application was submitted; or

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

1           (c) The county clerk shall maintain a registry for  
2 applications to which this section applies in a form prescribed by  
3 the secretary of state that allows the voter to vote by mail in all  
4 elections described by Subsection (b).

5           (d) On receiving an application to which this section  
6 applies, the early voting clerk shall enter the information in the  
7 registry for applications.

8           (e) An application described by Subsection (a) shall be  
9 preserved for the period for preserving the precinct election  
10 records for the last election for which the application is  
11 effective.

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

15                   (1) except as provided by Subdivision (2), update the  
16 registry to reflect the change; or

17                   (2) delete the voter from the registry and notify the  
18 county clerk of the voter's new county of residence, if known and in  
19 this state, that the voter is eligible to receive ballots by mail  
20 under this section, if the voter's county of residence has changed.

21           (g) A county clerk that receives notice of a voter as  
22 provided by Subsection (f)(2) shall add the voter to the registry  
23 maintained by the clerk under Subsection (c). The secretary of  
24 state may prescribe procedures to implement this subsection.

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

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