

By: Miller of Fort Bend

H.B. No. 2163

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to signature verification on an early voting ballot voted
3 by mail.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 87.041, Election Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as
7 follows:

8 (e) In making the determination under Subsection (b)(2),
9 the board may also compare the signatures with any two or more
10 signatures of the voter made within the preceding six years and on
11 file with the general custodian of election records or voter
12 registrar to determine if ~~[confirm that]~~ the signatures are those
13 of the same person ~~[but may not use the signatures to determine that~~
14 ~~the signatures are not those of the same person]~~.

15 (e-1) In making the determination under Subsection (b)(2),
16 the board may also compare the signatures with any two or more
17 signatures of the voter made before the preceding six years and on
18 file with the general custodian of election records or voter
19 registrar to confirm that the signatures are those of the same
20 person but may not use the signatures to determine that the
21 signatures are not those of the same person.

22 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.