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H.B. No. 2264

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the time for returning mail ballots that were sent to
3 the voter after the time provided by law.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 86.007, Election Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsections (a) and (g) and adding Subsection (d-1) to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d) or (d-1), a marked
9 ballot voted by mail must arrive at the address on the carrier
10 envelope before the time the polls are required to close on election
11 day.

12 (d-1) A marked ballot voted by mail that arrives after the
13 time prescribed by Subsection (a) shall be counted if:

14 (1) balloting materials are sent after the time
15 prescribed by Section 86.004 for providing the ballots; and

16 (2) the ballot arrives at the address on the carrier
17 envelope not later than the fifth day after the date of the
18 election, except that if that date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or
19 legal state or national holiday, then the deadline is extended to
20 the next regular business day.

21 (g) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures as
22 necessary to implement Subsections [~~Subsection~~] (d) and (d-1).

23 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.