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H.B. No. 2384

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the period in which a person may submit an application
3 to vote an early ballot by mail.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 84.007(c), Election Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (c) An application may [~~must~~] be submitted at any time in
8 the year preceding the date of the election for which a ballot is
9 requested, but not later than [~~on or after the 60th day before~~
10 ~~election day and before~~] the close of regular business in the early
11 voting clerk's office or 12 noon, whichever is later, on the ninth
12 day before election day unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, or
13 legal state or national holiday, in which case the last day is the
14 first preceding regular business day.

15 SECTION 2. Section 84.009, Election Code, is amended to
16 read as follows:

17 Sec. 84.009. SUBMITTING APPLICATION FOR BALLOT VOTED BY
18 MAIL: CONFINEMENT IN JAIL. [~~(a)~~] On request of the applicant, an
19 application for a ballot to be voted by mail on the ground of
20 confinement in jail may be submitted to the early voting clerk, at
21 the discretion of the authority in charge of the jail, by personal
22 delivery by the jail authority or by a designated subordinate of the
23 authority.

24 [~~(b) An application submitted under this section may not be~~

1 ~~submitted before the 20th day before election day.]~~

2 SECTION 3. Section 101.052(b), Election Code, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (b) A federal postcard application may be submitted at any
5 time during the ~~[calendar]~~ year preceding the date of ~~[in which]~~ the
6 election for which a ballot is requested ~~[occurs]~~, but not later
7 than the deadline for submitting a regular application for a ballot
8 to be voted by mail.

9 SECTION 4. Section 101.052(c), Election Code, is repealed.

10 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.