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H.B. No. 2385

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a voter's use of an application for a ballot to be voted
3 by mail to update the voter's residence.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 84.002, Election Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

7 (c) An application for a ballot to be voted by mail may
8 indicate a change of residence address. If the voter includes a
9 change of residence address in the voter's application, the early
10 voting clerk shall notify the appropriate voter registrars of the
11 change and the registrars shall update the voter's voter
12 registration information accordingly.

13 SECTION 2. Section 84.011, Election Code, is amended by
14 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

15 (c) The officially prescribed application form for an early
16 voting ballot to be voted by mail must include a space for the voter
17 to provide a change of residence address.

18 SECTION 3. Section 86.001(e), Election Code, is amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (e) If the applicant does not have an effective voter
21 registration for the election, the clerk shall reject the
22 application unless:

23 (1) the clerk can determine from the voter registrar
24 that the applicant has submitted a voter registration application

1 and the registration will be effective on election day; or
2 (2) the voter has provided a change of residence
3 address on the voter's application for a ballot to be voted by mail
4 and the voter's registration will be effective on election day.

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