

AN ACT

relating to voting by mail, including the cancellation of an application for a ballot to be voted by mail.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 84, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 84.038 to read as follows:

Sec. 84.038. CANCELLATION EFFECTIVE FOR SINGLE ELECTION FOR CERTAIN VOTERS. The cancellation of an application for a ballot to be voted by mail under Section 84.032(c), (d), or (e) does not cancel the application with respect to a subsequent election to which the same application applies under Section 86.0015(b).

SECTION 2. Section 86.0015, Subsection (b), Election Code, is amended by adding a new Section (3) to read as follows:

(3) A person eligible to submit an application under this section may apply to receive all ballots in an even numbered year on the same application submitted for a ballot in the November general election of an odd year.

SECTION 3. Section 86.013(d), Election Code, is amended by adding a new Subsection (6) to read as follows:

(6) The secretary of state by rule may redesign the official carrier envelope by moving all the requirements of (1) through (5) to a separate sheet and styling the signature box to insure that a voter is instructed to and must sign over the flap.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1034 passed the Senate on May 8, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 30, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1034 passed the House, with amendment, on May 27, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 1, zero present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor