

AN ACT

relating to the time for returning ballots mailed by certain federal postcard applicants.

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

SECTION 1. Section 67.003(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), each local canvassing authority shall convene to conduct the local canvass at the time set by the canvassing authority's presiding officer ~~[For an election held on the uniform election date in May, the local canvass must occur]~~ not later than the 11th day after election day and not earlier than the later of:

(1) the third day after election day;

(2) the date on which the early voting ballot board has verified and counted all provisional ballots, if a provisional ballot has been cast in the election; or

(3) the date on which all timely received ballots cast from addresses outside of the United States are counted, if a ballot to be voted by mail in the election was provided to a person outside of the United States.

SECTION 2. Section 101.057, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 101.057. RETURN OF VOTED BALLOT. (a) A ballot voted under this subchapter may be returned to the early voting clerk by

1 mail, common or contract carrier, or courier.

2 (b) A ballot voted by a voter described by Section  
3 101.001(2)(A) or (B) shall be counted if the ballot arrives at the  
4 address on the carrier envelope not later than the sixth day after  
5 the date of the election, except that if that date falls on a  
6 Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, then the  
7 deadline is extended to the next regular business day.

8 SECTION 3. Section 67.003(a), Election Code, is repealed.

9 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 929 was passed by the House on May 11, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 7, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 929 on May 27, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 6, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 929 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 24, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor