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H.B. No. 929

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 929:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the time for returning ballots mailed by certain  
3 federal postcard applicants.

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

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

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

13 (1) the third day after election day;

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

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

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

23 Sec. 101.057. RETURN OF VOTED BALLOT. (a) A ballot voted  
24 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 Section 67.003(a), Election Code, is repealed.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.