

1-1 By: Miller (Senate Sponsor - Taylor of Collin) H.B. No. 929
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2017;
 1-3 May 12, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2017, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 19, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 929 By: Hughes

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the time for returning ballots mailed by certain
 1-22 federal postcard applicants.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 67.003(b), Election Code, is amended to
 1-25 read as follows:

1-26 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), each local
 1-27 canvassing authority shall convene to conduct the local canvass at
 1-28 the time set by the canvassing authority's presiding officer [~~For~~
 1-29 ~~an election held on the uniform election date in May, the~~
 1-30 ~~local canvass must occur]~~ not later than the 11th day after
 1-31 election day and not earlier than the later of:

1-32 (1) the third day after election day;

1-33 (2) the date on which the early voting ballot board has
 1-34 verified and counted all provisional ballots, if a provisional
 1-35 ballot has been cast in the election; or

1-36 (3) the date on which all timely received ballots cast
 1-37 from addresses outside of the United States are counted, if a ballot
 1-38 to be voted by mail in the election was provided to a person outside
 1-39 of the United States.

1-40 SECTION 2. Section 101.057, Election Code, is amended to
 1-41 read as follows:

1-42 Sec. 101.057. RETURN OF VOTED BALLOT. (a) A ballot voted
 1-43 under this subchapter may be returned to the early voting clerk by
 1-44 mail, common or contract carrier, or courier.

1-45 (b) A ballot voted by a voter described by Section
 1-46 101.001(2)(A) or (B) shall be counted if the ballot arrives at the
 1-47 address on the carrier envelope not later than the sixth day after
 1-48 the date of the election, except that if that date falls on a
 1-49 Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, then the
 1-50 deadline is extended to the next regular business day.

1-51 SECTION 3. Section 67.003(a), Election Code, is repealed.

1-52 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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