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H.B. No. 1736

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to public inspection of certain early voting records.

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

SECTION 1. Section 86.014(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A copy of an application for a ballot to be voted by mail is not available for public inspection, except to the voter seeking to verify that the information pertaining to the voter is accurate, until the first business day after the election day of the latest occurring election for which the application is submitted. An application submitted under Section 86.0015 is not available for public inspection before the first business day after the latest occurring election held by the authority to which the application was submitted in the calendar year for which the application was submitted.

SECTION 2. Section 87.121(f), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f) Information on the roster for a person to whom an early voting mail ballot has been sent is not available for public inspection, except to the voter seeking to verify that the information pertaining to the voter is accurate, until the first business day after the election day of the latest occurring election for which the application is submitted.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.