

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Miller

H.B. No. 929

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain early voting procedures.

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 84.011, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) In addition to the requirements imposed by Subsection (a), the officially prescribed application form for an early voting ballot must include a space for the voter to provide a change of

1 residence address within the county, if applicable.

2 SECTION 3. Section 86.001, Election Code, is amended by
3 adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

4 (f) If the application includes a change of address within
5 the county, the early voting clerk shall notify the voter registrar
6 of the change and the registrar shall update the voter's
7 registration accordingly.

8 SECTION 4. Section 86.002, Election Code, is amended by
9 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

10 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the clerk is not
11 required to provide a form for a statement of residence to a voter
12 who indicated a change of address within the county on the voter's
13 application for an early voting ballot to be voted by mail.

14 SECTION 5. Section 101.057, Election Code, is amended to
15 read as follows:

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

19 (b) A ballot voted by a voter described by Section
20 101.001(2)(A) or (B) shall be counted if the ballot arrives at the
21 address on the carrier envelope not later than the sixth day after
22 the date of the election, except that if that date falls on a
23 Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, then the
24 deadline is extended to the next regular business day.

25 SECTION 6. Section 67.003(a), Election Code, is repealed.

26 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

ADOPTED

MAY 24 2017

Leta Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

By: Miller/Taylor, Van

H.B. No. 929

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

By: Boggs

C.S. H.B. No. 929

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15 verified and counted all provisional ballots, if a provisional
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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.

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 25, 2017

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB929 by Miller (Relating to the time for returning ballots mailed by certain federal postcard applicants.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code relating to the time for returning ballots mailed by certain federal postcard applicants.

The Secretary of State assumes any additional work associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

LBB Staff: UP, SD, AG, ASa, BM, LBO, NV

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 19, 2017

TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB929 by Miller (Relating to the time for returning ballots mailed by certain federal postcard applicants.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code relating to the time for returning ballots mailed by certain federal postcard applicants.

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The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

LBB Staff: UP, AG, ASa, BM, LBO, NV

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 16, 2017

TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB929 by Miller (Relating to certain early voting procedures.), **As Engrossed**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code relating to certain early voting procedures.

The Secretary of State assumes any additional work associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

LBB Staff: UP, AG, NV, ASa, JGA, BM, LBO

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 10, 2017

TO: Honorable Jodie Laubenberg, Chair, House Committee on Elections

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB929 by Miller (Relating to the time for returning ballots mailed by certain federal postcard applicants.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code relating to the time for returning ballots mailed by certain federal postcard applicants.

The Secretary of State assumes any additional work associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

LBB Staff: UP, ASa, BM, LBO, NV

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 18, 2017

TO: Honorable Jodie Laubenberg, Chair, House Committee on Elections

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB929 by Miller (Relating to the time for returning mail ballots.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code relating to the time for returning mail ballots.

The Secretary of State assumes any additional work associated with implementing the provisions of the bill could be absorbed using existing resources.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2017.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

LBB Staff: UP, LBO, NV, ASa, BM