

House Bill 929
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Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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 residence address within the county, if applicable.

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

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

SENATE VERSION (CS)

SECTION 1. Same as House version.

No equivalent provision.

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

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

SECTION 5. 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 mail, common or contract carrier, or courier.

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

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 Section 67.003(a), Election Code, is repealed.

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

No equivalent provision.

SECTION 2. Same as House version.

SECTION 3. Same as House version.

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