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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an application for a ballot to be voted by mail.

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

SECTION 1.  Sections 86.0015(b) and (b-2), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b)  An application described by Subsection (a) is considered to be an application for a ballot for each election, including any ensuing runoff:

(1)  in which the applicant is eligible to vote; and

(2)  that occurs before the earlier of:

(A)  except as provided by Subsection (b-2), January 1 of the first odd-numbered year after [~~end of~~] the calendar year in which the application was submitted;

(B)  the date the county clerk receives notice from the voter registrar under Subsection (f) that the voter has changed residence to another county; or

(C)  the date the voter's registration is canceled.

(b-2)  An application is considered to be submitted in the following calendar year for purposes of this section if:

(1)  the applicant is eligible to vote in an election occurring in January or February of the next calendar year; and

(2)  the application is submitted in the last 60 days of an even-numbered [~~a~~] calendar year but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for a ballot to be voted by mail received on or after January 1, 2019.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.