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By:  Rosenthal H.B. No. 1736

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to annual applications for ballots to be voted by mail.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 86.0015, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-3) 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) or (b-3), the 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-3)  An application is considered to be submitted for the year in which the application is submitted and the following calendar year for purposes of this section if:

(1)  the first election in which the applicant is eligible to vote following the submission of the application is an election held on the uniform election date in November of an odd-numbered year; and

(2)  the applicant indicates that the application is for the next November election and the elections held in the following calendar year.

SECTION 2.  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.