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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the period during which certain voters receive ballots to be voted by mail for each election held in that period.

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

SECTION 1.  The heading to Section 86.0015, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 86.0015.  [~~ANNUAL~~] BALLOTS BY MAIL FOR MULTIPLE ELECTIONS FOLLOWING SINGLE APPLICATION.

SECTION 2.  Section 86.0015(b), Election Code, is 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),~~] the end of the next even-numbered calendar year in which a gubernatorial general election is held following 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.

SECTION 3.  Section 86.0015(b-2), Election Code, is repealed.

SECTION 4.  The change in law made by this Act to Section 86.0015, Election Code, applies only to an application for a ballot to be voted by mail submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a ballot to be voted by mail submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the application was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 5.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.