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H.B. No. 273

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the time for providing a ballot to be voted by mail to a  
3 voter.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 86.004(a), Election Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), the balloting  
8 materials for voting by mail shall be mailed to a voter entitled to  
9 vote by mail not later than the seventh calendar day after the later  
10 of the date the clerk accepts the voter's application for a ballot  
11 to be voted by mail or the date the ballots become available for  
12 mailing, except that if that mailing date is earlier than the 38th  
13 [~~45th~~] day before election day, the balloting materials shall be  
14 mailed not later than the 30th day before election day.

15 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
16 to an election ordered on or after September 1, 2019.

17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.