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H.B. No. 530

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

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

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

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

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

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

10 (2) that occurs before the earlier of:

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

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

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

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

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

23 (2) the application is submitted in the last 60 days of  
24 an even-numbered ~~[a]~~ calendar year but not earlier than the 60th day

1 before the date of the January or February election.

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

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