

1-1 By: Klick, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Perry) H.B. No. 1218  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 27, 2019;  
 1-3 April 1, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Health  
 1-4 & Human Services; May 1, 2019, reported favorably by the following  
 1-5 vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 1, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the distribution of benefits under the supplemental  
 1-20 nutrition assistance program.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 33.002, Human Resources Code, is amended  
 1-23 by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

1-24 (c-1) The executive commissioner by rule shall establish a  
 1-25 schedule for the distribution of supplemental nutrition assistance  
 1-26 program benefits that ensures the even distribution of the benefits  
 1-27 each month over a 28-day period.

1-28 SECTION 2. Not later than September 1, 2020, the executive  
 1-29 commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission shall  
 1-30 adopt, modify, or repeal rules as necessary to implement Section  
 1-31 33.002(c-1), Human Resources Code, as added by this Act.

1-32 SECTION 3. A distribution schedule adopted as required by  
 1-33 Section 33.002(c-1), Human Resources Code, as added by this Act,  
 1-34 applies only to the distribution of supplemental nutrition  
 1-35 assistance program benefits to a recipient whose initial  
 1-36 determination of eligibility under Chapter 33, Human Resources  
 1-37 Code, for those benefits is made on or after September 1, 2020. The  
 1-38 distribution of benefits to a recipient whose initial determination  
 1-39 of eligibility under Chapter 33, Human Resources Code, is made  
 1-40 before September 1, 2020, is governed by the distribution schedule  
 1-41 in effect immediately preceding that date, and the former law is  
 1-42 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-43 SECTION 4. If before implementing any provision of this Act  
 1-44 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a  
 1-45 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,  
 1-46 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or  
 1-47 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the  
 1-48 waiver or authorization is granted.

1-49 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-50 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-51 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-52 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-53 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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