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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

1 election held on the uniform election date in November of an  
2 odd-numbered year; and

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

6 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.