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H.B. No. 1850

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the availability of certain voter information.

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

SECTION 1. Section 85.072, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsections (f) and (g) to read as follows:

(f) The early voting clerk shall provide, in a downloadable database format, a current copy of the register for posting on the Internet website of the authority ordering the election, if the authority maintains a website, each day early voting is conducted.

At a minimum, the voter registration number for each voter listed in the register must be posted.

(g) The early voting clerk shall compile the registers and electronically submit to the secretary of state a record of each voter participating in a primary, a runoff primary, a general election, or any special election ordered by the governor not later than the day the voter votes in person or the early voting clerk receives a ballot voted by mail.

SECTION 2. Section 87.121, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsections (g) and (h) and adding Subsections (i) and (j) to read as follows:

(g) Information on the roster for a person who votes an early voting ballot by personal appearance shall be made available for public inspection as provided by Subsection (i) not later than 11 a.m. [~~the beginning of regular business hours~~] on the day after

1 the date the information is entered on the roster under Subsection
2 (c).

3 (h) Information on the roster for a person who votes an
4 early voting ballot by mail shall be made available for public
5 inspection as provided by Subsection (i) not later than 11 a.m. on
6 the day following the day the early voting clerk receives a ballot
7 voted by mail.

8 (i) The information under Subsections (g) and (h) must be
9 made available:

10 (1) for an election in which the county clerk is the
11 early voting clerk:

12 (A) on the publicly accessible Internet website
13 of the county; or

14 (B) if the county does not maintain a website, on
15 the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the
16 commissioners court; or

17 (2) for an election not described by Subdivision (1):

18 (A) on the publicly accessible Internet website
19 of the authority ordering the election; or

20 (B) if the authority ordering the election does
21 not maintain a website, on the bulletin board used for posting
22 notice of meetings of the governing body of the authority.

23 (j) The secretary of state shall make any early voting
24 roster created under this section available to the public on the
25 secretary's Internet website.

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