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H.B. No. 2117

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the submission by telephonic facsimile or electronic transmission of an application for a ballot to be voted by mail.

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

SECTION 1. Section 84.007(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An application must be submitted to the early voting clerk by:

(1) mail;

(2) common or contract carrier;

(3) ~~subject to Subsection (b-1),~~ telephonic facsimile machine, if a machine is available in the clerk's office; or

(4) ~~subject to Subsection (b-1),~~ electronic transmission of a scanned application containing an original signature.

SECTION 2. Section 84.007(b-1), Election Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an application for a ballot to be voted by mail submitted on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a ballot to be voted by mail submitted before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the application was submitted, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.