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H.B. No. 2274

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the period during which certain voters receive ballots  
3 to be voted by mail for each election held in that period.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 86.0015, Election Code,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 86.0015. [~~ANNUAL~~] BALLOTS BY MAIL FOR MULTIPLE  
8 ELECTIONS FOLLOWING SINGLE APPLICATION.

9 SECTION 2. Section 86.0015(b), Election Code, is amended to  
10 read as follows:

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

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

15 (2) that occurs before the earlier of:

16 (A) [~~except as provided by Subsection (b-2),~~] the  
17 end of the next even-numbered calendar year in which a  
18 gubernatorial general election is held following the calendar year  
19 in which the application was submitted;

20 (B) the date the county clerk receives notice  
21 from the voter registrar under Subsection (f) that the voter has  
22 changed residence to another county; or

23 (C) the date the voter's registration is  
24 canceled.

1           SECTION 3. Section 86.0015(b-2), Election Code, is  
2 repealed.

3           SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act to Section  
4 86.0015, Election Code, applies only to an application for a ballot  
5 to be voted by mail submitted on or after the effective date of this  
6 Act. An application for a ballot to be voted by mail submitted  
7 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in  
8 effect when the application was submitted, and the former law is  
9 continued in effect for that purpose.

10          SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.