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H.B. No. 2765

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the procedure by which certain voters receive ballots
3 to be voted by mail for each election held during a certain 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, Election Code, is amended by
10 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (g) to read as
11 follows:

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

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

16 (2) that occurs before the earlier of:

17 (A) [~~except as provided by Subsection (b-2),~~] the
18 end of the next calendar year following the calendar year in which
19 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 (g) The county clerk shall provide to a voter who has
2 applied for and qualifies to receive ballots to be voted by mail
3 under this section, before the end of the last calendar year for
4 which the voter will receive ballots under this section, a notice
5 stating that the voter must make a new application under this
6 section if the voter wishes to continue to receive ballots to be
7 voted by mail.

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9 repealed.

10 SECTION 4. The change in law made by this Act to Section
11 86.0015, Election Code, applies only to an application for a ballot
12 to be voted by mail submitted on or after the effective date of this
13 Act. An application for a ballot to be voted by mail submitted
14 before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in
15 effect when the application was submitted, and the former law is
16 continued in effect for that purpose.

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