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H.B. No. 4447

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to public inspection of early voting rosters.

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

SECTION 1. Section 87.121, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsections (g) and (h) and adding Subsection (i) 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 the date the information is entered on the roster under Subsection (c).

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

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

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

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

(B) if the county does not maintain a website, on

1 the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the  
2 commissioners court; or

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

4 (A) on the publicly accessible Internet website  
5 of the authority ordering the election; or

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

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