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By:  Morales Shaw H.B. No. 2992

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the contents of an application to vote a late ballot by mail for certain sick or disabled voters.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 102.002, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 102.002.  CONTENTS OF APPLICATION. An application for a late ballot must:

(1)  be in the form of an affidavit; and

(2)  comply with the applicable provisions of Section 84.002 [~~and must include or be accompanied by a certificate of a licensed physician or chiropractor or accredited Christian Science practitioner in substantially the following form:~~

[~~"This is to certify that I know that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has a sickness or physical condition that will prevent him or her from appearing at the polling place for an election to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_, without a likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring his or her health and that the sickness or physical condition originated on or after \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.~~

[~~"Witness my hand at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_~~].

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[~~(signature of physician,~~

[~~chiropractor, or practitioner)"~~]

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.