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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,~~

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

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