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H.B. No. 3147

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the deadline for an early voting ballot board to determine whether to accept voters' ballots.

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

SECTION 1. Section 65.051(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The early voting ballot board shall verify and count provisional ballots as provided by this subchapter not later than the 10th [~~ninth~~] day after the date of an election.

SECTION 2. Section 87.041, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h) The early voting ballot board shall determine whether to accept mail ballots as provided by this section not later than the 10th day after the date of an election.

SECTION 3. Section 87.0431(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Not later than the 10th day after the local canvass [~~election day~~], the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board shall deliver written notice of the reason for the rejection of a ballot to the voter at the residence address on the ballot application. If the ballot was transmitted to the voter by e-mail under Subchapter C, Chapter 101, the presiding judge shall also provide the notice to the e-mail address to which the ballot was sent.

1 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.