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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

2 relating to requirements for an early voting ballot voted by mail; 3 creating a criminal offense.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 87, Election Code, is 6 amended by adding Section 87.0411 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 87.0411. SUSPENSION OF REQUIREMENTS FOR BALLOT VOTED

8 BY MAIL PROHIBITED. (a) A county clerk, elections administrator,

9 early voting clerk, or early voting ballot board may not suspend a

10 requirement under Section 87.041(b).

11 (b) A county clerk, elections administrator, or early

12 voting clerk who violates this section by suspending a requirement

13 under Section 87.041(b)(2) commits an offense. An offense under

14 this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

15 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only

16 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.

17 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is

18 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,

19 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For

20 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the

21 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred

22 before that date.

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SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.