

1-1 By: Cortez (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 315
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2023;
 1-3 May 11, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 16, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 16, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to a statement by the secretary of state regarding the
 1-22 furnishing of certain personal information on an application for a
 1-23 ballot to be voted by mail.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 84.011, Election Code, is amended by
 1-26 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
 1-27 follows:

1-28 (a) The officially prescribed application form for an early
 1-29 voting ballot must include:

1-30 (1) immediately preceding the signature space the
 1-31 statement: "I certify that the information given in this
 1-32 application is true, and I understand that giving false information
 1-33 in this application is a crime.";

1-34 (2) a statement informing the applicant of the
 1-35 offenses prescribed by Sections 84.003 and 84.004;

1-36 (3) spaces for entering an applicant's voter
 1-37 registration number and county election precinct of registration,
 1-38 with a statement informing the applicant that failure to furnish
 1-39 that information does not invalidate the application;

1-40 (3-a) a space for entering the information required
 1-41 under Section 84.002(a)(1-a); and

1-42 (4) on an application for a ballot to be voted by mail:

1-43 (A) a space for an applicant applying on the
 1-44 ground of absence from the county of residence to indicate the date
 1-45 on or after which the applicant can receive mail at the address
 1-46 outside the county;

1-47 (B) a space for indicating the fact that an
 1-48 applicant whose application is signed by a witness cannot make the
 1-49 applicant's mark and a space for indicating the relationship or
 1-50 lack of relationship of the witness to the applicant;

1-51 (C) a space for entering an applicant's telephone
 1-52 number, with:

1-53 (i) a statement informing the applicant
 1-54 that failure to furnish that information does not invalidate the
 1-55 application; and

1-56 (ii) a statement prescribed by the
 1-57 secretary of state explaining the benefits of furnishing that
 1-58 information, including how that information assists the early
 1-59 voting clerk;

1-60 (D) a space or box for an applicant applying on
 1-61 the ground of age or disability to indicate that the address to

2-1 which the ballot is to be mailed is the address of a facility or
2-2 relative described by Section 84.002(a)(3), if applicable;

2-3 (E) a space or box for an applicant applying on
2-4 the ground of confinement in jail or involuntary civil commitment
2-5 to indicate that the address to which the ballot is to be mailed is
2-6 the address of a relative described by Section 84.002(a)(4) or (7),
2-7 if applicable;

2-8 (F) a space for an applicant applying on the
2-9 ground of age or disability to indicate if the application is an
2-10 application under Section 86.0015;

2-11 (G) spaces for entering the signature, printed
2-12 name, and residence address of any person assisting the applicant;

2-13 (H) a statement informing the applicant of the
2-14 condition prescribed by Section 81.005; and

2-15 (I) a statement informing the applicant of the
2-16 requirement prescribed by Section 86.003(c).

2-17 (c) The secretary of state shall make the statement
2-18 prescribed by Subsection (a)(4)(C)(ii) available on the
2-19 secretary's Internet website.

2-20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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