

AN ACT

relating to the requirements to access the online tracker of an application for a ballot to be voted by mail and to the date of runoff elections.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2.025, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (d) or as otherwise provided by this code, a runoff election shall be held on a Saturday designated by the secretary of state ~~[not earlier than the 20th or later than the 45th day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed]~~.

(e) A date designated by the secretary of state under this section for a runoff election:

(1) must be:

(A) not earlier than the 30th day after the date of the main election; and

(B) not later than the 45th day after the date of the main election; and

(2) may not:

(A) be a national or state holiday under Section 1.006(f); or

(B) have an early voting period that includes a

1 national or state holiday under Section 1.006(f).

2 SECTION 2. Section 86.015(b), Election Code, is amended to
3 read as follows:

4 (b) The online tool developed or provided under Subsection
5 (a) must require the voter to provide, before permitting the voter
6 to access information described by that subsection:

7 (1) the voter's name and date of birth [~~registration~~
8 ~~address~~] and the last four digits of the voter's social security
9 number; and

10 (2) the voter's:

11 (A) driver's license number; or

12 (B) personal identification card number issued
13 by the Department of Public Safety.

14 SECTION 3. Section 2.025(b), Election Code, is repealed.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 357 was passed by the House on April 27, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 357 on May 25, 2023, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 357 on May 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 140, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 357

I certify that H.B. No. 357 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 357 on May 28, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor