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H.B. No. 374

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an application for an early voting ballot by mail.

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

SECTION 1. Section 84.001, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as follows:

(e) Except as provided by Subsection (e-1), an application  
~~[An applicant]~~ for a ballot to be voted by mail serves as an  
application both ~~[may apply]~~ for a ballot ~~[ballots]~~ for the main  
election and for any resulting runoff election ~~[on the same~~  
~~application]~~. If an application ~~[for the main election and any~~  
~~resulting runoff]~~ is not timely for the main election, it will be  
considered timely for any resulting runoff if received not later  
than the deadline, determined using the date of the runoff  
election, for submitting a regular application for a ballot to be  
voted by mail.

(e-1) An applicant for a ballot to be voted by mail for the  
main election may request not to receive a ballot for a resulting  
runoff election.

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