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H.B. No. 3159

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of an accessible absentee mail system by certain voters.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 81, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 81.006 to read as follows:

Sec. 81.006. ACCESSIBLE ABSENTEE BALLOT SYSTEM. (a) A person eligible for early voting by mail under Section 82.002 or Section 101.001 as a person described by Section 101.001(2)(A) may cast a ballot using an accessible absentee mail system, notwithstanding any other provision of this title.

(b) An accessible absentee mail system must be an electronic system, including software, used for the sole purpose of enabling any voter, including a voter who has a disability, to mark the voter's ballot and print and submit the ballot in the manner required by law for a ballot marked by the voter.

(c) The secretary of state shall adopt rules and prescribe procedures for the implementation of this section.

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