

1-1 By: Menéndez S.B. No. 2451  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2023; March 23, 2023, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
 1-4 April 6, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0; April 6, 2023,  
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
1-11	X			
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1-18	X			
1-19	X			

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 2451 By: Menéndez

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to personal information entered on the carrier envelope of  
 1-24 a ballot to be voted by mail.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 86.002, Election Code, is amended by  
 1-27 adding Subsection (d-1) and amending Subsection (g) to read as  
 1-28 follows:

1-29 (d-1) The secretary of state shall prescribe instructions  
 1-30 to be printed on the balloting materials for marking the ballot  
 1-31 envelope with the information required under Subsection (g). The  
 1-32 instructions must:

1-33 (1) be printed in at least a 10-point font;

1-34 (2) except as provided by Subdivision (3), not include  
 1-35 the text "V.U.I.D." or the words "voter registration number"; and

1-36 (3) contain the statement: "A voter registration  
 1-37 number (V.U.I.D.) does not satisfy the requirement to enter the  
 1-38 number of an election identification certificate and should not be  
 1-39 printed on the carrier envelope."

1-40 (g) The carrier envelope must include a space, at least one  
 1-41 half inch in height and two inches in width, that is hidden from  
 1-42 view when the envelope is sealed for the voter to enter the  
 1-43 following information:

1-44 (1) the number of the voter's driver's license,  
 1-45 election identification certificate, or personal identification  
 1-46 card issued by the Department of Public Safety;

1-47 (2) if the voter has not been issued a number described  
 1-48 by Subdivision (1), the last four digits of the voter's social  
 1-49 security number; or

1-50 (3) a statement by the applicant that the applicant  
 1-51 has not been issued a number described by Subdivision (1) or (2).

1-52 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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