

1-1 By: Cortez, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 3697
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2025;
1-3 May 13, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 23, 2025, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0;
1-6 May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Hughes	X			
1-10	Paxton	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Birdwell	X			
1-13	Hall	X			
1-14	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-15	Middleton	X			
1-16	Parker	X			
1-17	Perry			X	
1-18	Schwertner	X			
1-19	Zaffirini	X			

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 3697 By: Paxton

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

1-23 relating to the text on an application for a ballot to be voted by
1-24 mail and other balloting materials.

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

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 84.011(b), Election Code, is amended to
1-27 read as follows:

1-28 (b) The officially prescribed application form for an early
1-29 voting ballot to be voted by mail must be:

1-30 (1) at least eight inches by nine inches in size;

1-31 (2) ~~[and be]~~ printed in at least 12-point ~~[six-point]~~
1-32 type; and

1-33 (3) printed in black text.

1-34 SECTION 2. Section 86.002, Election Code, is amended by
1-35 adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

1-36 (j) The balloting materials, including the instructions
1-37 under Subsection (d), must be printed:

1-38 (1) in at least 12-point type; and

1-39 (2) in black text.

1-40 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
1-41 an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-42 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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