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S.B. No. 1820

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a duplicate application for a ballot to be voted by mail.

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

SECTION 1. Section 86.001, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (g) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), if ~~if~~ the applicant is entitled to vote an early voting ballot by mail, the clerk shall provide an official ballot to the applicant as provided by this chapter.

(b-1) If the clerk has previously provided the applicant with an official ballot for the election for which the applicant requests a ballot, the clerk shall deliver written notice to the applicant, at both the residence address and the mailing address on the application, that states:

(1) a ballot to be voted by mail was previously provided to the applicant; and

(2) the date the ballot was provided.

(g) If a ballot is provided to the applicant, the clerk shall indicate beside the applicant's name on the list of registered voters that a ballot to be voted by mail was provided to the applicant and the date of providing the ballot ~~[unless the form of the list makes it impracticable to do so]~~.

1           SECTION 2.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.