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H.B. No. 2383

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a permanent request for an early voting ballot.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 86.0015(a) and (b), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) This section applies only to an application for a ballot to be voted by mail that ~~+~~

~~[(1)]~~ is submitted to the county clerk indicating the ground of eligibility is age, ~~or~~ disability, or absence from county of residence ~~+, and~~

~~[(2) does not specify the election for which a ballot is requested].~~

(b) An application described by Subsection (a) is considered to be an application for a ballot for each election in which the county clerk serves as early voting clerk and:

(1) in which the applicant is eligible to vote; and

(2) that occurs before the earlier of the date:

(A) ~~[the end of the calendar year in which the application was submitted, or~~

~~[(B) the date]~~ the county clerk receives notice from the voter registrar under Subsection (d) that the voter has submitted a change in registration information; or

(B) the voter is no longer eligible for early voting by mail under Section 82.001, if the voter became eligible

1 under that section.

2           SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
3 to an application for a ballot to be voted by mail received on or  
4 after the effective date of this Act.

5           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2016.