

1-1 By: Burton S.B. No. 1820
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2017; March 23, 2017, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 2, 2017,
1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the
1-5 following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 2, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7				
1-8	Huffman	X		
1-9	Hughes	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Estes		X	
1-13	Lucio	X		
1-14	Nelson		X	
1-15	Schwertner	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1820 By: Creighton

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to an application for a ballot to be voted by mail.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 86.001, Election Code, is amended by
1-23 amending Subsections (b) and (g) and adding Subsection (b-1) to
1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), if ~~if~~ the
1-26 applicant is entitled to vote an early voting ballot by mail, the
1-27 clerk shall provide an official ballot to the applicant as provided
1-28 by this chapter.

1-29 (b-1) This subsection applies only to an early voting clerk
1-30 who does not electronically record applications for a ballot to be
1-31 voted by mail under Section 87.126. If the clerk has previously
1-32 provided the applicant with an official ballot for the election for
1-33 which the applicant requests a ballot and the clerk has not already
1-34 delivered notice under this subsection, the clerk shall deliver
1-35 written notice to the applicant, at both the residence address and
1-36 the mailing address on the application, that states:

1-37 (1) a ballot to be voted by mail was previously
1-38 provided to the applicant; and

1-39 (2) the date the ballot was provided.

1-40 (g) If a ballot is provided to the applicant, the clerk
1-41 shall indicate beside the applicant's name on the list of
1-42 registered voters that a ballot to be voted by mail was provided to
1-43 the applicant and the date of providing the ballot ~~[unless the form~~
1-44 ~~of the list makes it impracticable to do so].~~

1-45 SECTION 2. Section 86.014(a), Election Code, is amended to
1-46 read as follows:

1-47 (a) A copy of an application for a ballot to be voted by mail
1-48 is not available for public inspection, except to the voter seeking
1-49 to verify that the information pertaining to the voter is accurate,
1-50 until the first business day after the election day of the earliest
1-51 ~~latest~~ occurring election for which the application is submitted.

1-52 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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