

1-1 By: Campbell, et al. S.B. No. 1675
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2021; March 24, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 15, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 15, 2021,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1675 By: Birdwell

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to procedures for early voting by mail.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Chapter 81, Election Code, is amended by adding
 1-24 Section 81.006 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 81.006. MODIFICATION OF EARLY VOTING BY MAIL
 1-26 QUALIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES. Except as specifically permitted by
 1-27 statute, the qualifications for early voting by mail and procedures
 1-28 for conducting early voting by mail may not be amended or suspended
 1-29 for any reason.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 418.016, Government Code, is amended by
 1-31 adding Subsection (i) to read as follows:

1-32 (i) Notwithstanding Subsection (a) and except as provided
 1-33 by this subsection, the governor may not suspend a provision of a
 1-34 statute, an order, or a rule under this section if the provision,
 1-35 order, or rule is related to the qualifications or procedures for
 1-36 early voting by mail. Upon declaration of a state of disaster, the
 1-37 governor may suspend Section 86.006(a-1), Election Code, only for
 1-38 the purpose of allowing a voter registered to vote at an address
 1-39 located in a disaster area to deliver a marked ballot voted under
 1-40 Section 86.006(a-1) to the early voting clerk's office on or before
 1-41 election day.

1-42 SECTION 3. Section 418.108, Government Code, is amended by
 1-43 adding Subsection (j) to read as follows:

1-44 (j) The presiding officer of the governing body of a
 1-45 political subdivision may not suspend a provision of a statute,
 1-46 rule, or order under this section if the statute, rule, or order is
 1-47 related to the qualifications or procedures for early voting by
 1-48 mail.

1-49 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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