

1-1 By: Bettencourt S.B. No. 1436  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 19, 2025; March 6, 2025,  
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-4 March 31, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
1-5 Nays 0; March 31, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to accepting an early voting ballot voted by mail;  
1-22 creating a criminal offense.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 87, Election Code, is  
1-25 amended by adding Section 87.0412 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 87.0412. SUSPENSION OF ACCEPTING VOTER REQUIREMENTS  
1-27 PROHIBITED. (a) A county clerk, elections administrator, early  
1-28 voting clerk, or early voting ballot board may not suspend the  
1-29 requirements under Section 87.041(b).

1-30 (b) A county clerk, elections administrator, or early  
1-31 voting clerk who violates this section commits an offense. An  
1-32 offense under this section is a Class A misdemeanor.

1-33 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only  
1-34 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.  
1-35 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is  
1-36 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,  
1-37 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For  
1-38 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the  
1-39 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred  
1-40 before that date.

1-41 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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