

CHAPTER 431

S.B. No. 1071

AN ACT

relating to the method of returning marked absentee mail ballots.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Subsection (a), Section 86.006, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A marked ballot voted *under this chapter* [~~by-mail~~] must be returned to the absentee voting clerk [~~by-mail~~] in the official carrier envelope. *The carrier envelope may be delivered in another envelope and must be delivered by mail or by common or contract carrier.* A ballot returned by any other method may not be counted.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed the Senate on April 15, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. Passed the House on May 27, 1987, by a non-record vote.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.