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H.B. No. 2825

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of preferential voting in an election of officers of a municipality.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Election Code, is amended by adding Subchapter E to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER E. PREFERENTIAL VOTING

Sec. 2.101. PREFERENTIAL VOTING IN MUNICIPALITY ELECTIONS.

(a) This section applies only to a municipality that has authorized the use of preferential voting in its city charter.

(b) An election of an officer of a municipality may use a preferential voting system.

(c) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures to provide for an election of an officer of a municipality to use a preferential voting system. The system must allow a voter to rank each candidate through a numerical designation from the candidate the voter favors most to the candidate the voter favors least.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.