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S.B. No. 825

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the deadline for submitting certain recount petitions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 212.028, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a petition for an initial recount must be submitted by 5 p.m. of the third business ~~second~~ day after the date the canvassing authority to whose presiding officer the petition must be submitted completes its canvass of the original election returns.

(c) If the deadline for submitting a petition for an initial recount falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state holiday, the deadline is extended to 10 a.m. of the next regular business day.

SECTION 2. Section 212.083, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 212.083. DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PETITION. The deadline for submitting a recount petition under this subchapter is 2 p.m. of the second ~~first~~ day after the date of the local canvass.

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