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S.B. No. 1054

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to requirements for a trial in the contest of an election
3 on a proposed constitutional amendment.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 233.014, Election Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (h) to read as
7 follows:

8 (d) The trial date may not be earlier than the 45th day after
9 the date of the contested election nor later than the 180th day
10 after the date of the contested election. The trial date may be
11 earlier than the 45th day after the date of the contested election
12 at the request of [unless] the contestant [~~requests an earlier~~
13 date].

14 (h) If a contestant files an appeal of the contest, the
15 appellate court must ensure that the action is brought to final
16 disposition not later than the 180th day after the date the judgment
17 becomes final.

18 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.