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S.B. No. 1252

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the text of ballot propositions that increase taxes.

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

4 SECTION 1. Section 52.072(e), Election Code, is amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (e) In addition to any other requirement imposed by law for
7 a proposition, including a provision prescribing the proposition
8 language, a proposition submitted to the voters for approval of the
9 imposition, increase, or reduction of a tax shall [~~specifically~~
10 ~~state~~], as applicable:

11 (1) with respect to a proposition that only seeks
12 voter approval of the imposition or increase of a tax:

13 (A) state [~~7~~] the amount of or maximum tax rate of
14 the tax or tax increase for which approval is sought; and

15 (B) include the statement "THIS IS A TAX
16 INCREASE"; or

17 (2) with respect to a proposition that only seeks
18 voter approval of the reduction of a tax, state the amount of tax
19 rate reduction or the tax rate for which approval is sought.

20 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
21 an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.

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