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S.B. No. 1818

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the text of ballot propositions that increase taxes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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