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S.B. No. 1877

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the timing of state financing for voter registration.

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

SECTION 1. Section 19.002, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) Beginning ~~[After]~~ June 1 of each year and until the last day of the 27th month after, the secretary of state shall make payments pursuant to vouchers submitted by the registrar and approved by the secretary of state in amounts that in the aggregate do not exceed the registrar's entitlement. The secretary of state shall prescribe the procedures necessary to implement this subsection.

(c) A voucher for a payment under this section is considered timely if it is submitted not later than the 30th day after the period of the entitlement described by Subsection (b).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.