

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, H.B. No. 357 (Bucy/Hughes)

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S.R. No. 706

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 88th
2 Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, That Senate Rule 12.03 be
3 suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the
4 conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on House
5 Bill 357 (the requirements to access the online tracker of an
6 application for a ballot to be voted by mail and to the date of
7 runoff elections) to consider and take action on the following
8 matter:

9 Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to
10 add text on a matter not included in either the house or senate
11 version of the bill by adding the following SECTIONS to the bill:

12 SECTION 1. Section 2.025, Election Code, is amended by
13 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as
14 follows:

15 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d) or as otherwise
16 provided by this code, a runoff election shall be held on a Saturday
17 designated by the secretary of state [~~not earlier than the 20th or~~
18 ~~later than the 45th day after the date the final canvass of the main~~
19 ~~election is completed~~].

20 (e) A date designated by the secretary of state under this
21 section for a runoff election:

22 (1) must be:

23 (A) not earlier than the 30th day after the date
24 of the main election; and

1 (B) not later than the 45th day after the date of
2 the main election; and

3 (2) may not:

4 (A) be a national or state holiday under Section
5 1.006(f); or

6 (B) have an early voting period that includes a
7 national or state holiday under Section 1.006(f).

8 SECTION 3. Section 2.025(b), Election Code, is repealed.

9 Explanation: This change is necessary to provide for
10 consistency and predictability in determining the date of a runoff
11 election.