

AN ACT

relating to allowing the governing bodies of certain political subdivisions to call for a local option election relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 501.0211 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.0211. ELECTION CALLED BY GOVERNING BODY OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. (a) This section applies only to:

(1) a county:

(A) with a population of more than 70,000 and less than 100,000;

(B) that contains a portion of the Colorado River; and

(C) that is adjacent to a county with a population of one million or more; and

(2) a municipality:

(A) with a population of 240,000 or more;

(B) that is located in two or more counties; and

(C) that borders a man-made lake that has a surface area of at least 20,000 acres.

(b) The commissioners court of a county may, on the commissioners court's own motion, order a local option election to be held in the county or a justice precinct in the county to

1 determine whether the sale of alcoholic beverages of one or more of
2 the various types and alcoholic contents shall be legalized in the
3 county or the justice precinct.

4 (c) The governing body of a municipality located in a county
5 described by Subsection (a)(1) may, by resolution, order a local
6 option election to be held in the municipality to determine whether
7 the sale of alcoholic beverages of one or more of the various types
8 and alcoholic contents shall be legalized in the municipality.

9 (d) The governing body of a municipality described by
10 Subsection (a)(2) may, by resolution, order a local option election
11 to be held in the municipality to determine whether the sale of
12 mixed beverages, as described by Section 501.035(b)(8), shall be
13 legalized in the municipality.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

H.B. No. 2885

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2885 was passed by the House on April 30, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 112, Nays 22, 2 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2885 on May 29, 2025, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2885 on June 1, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 101, Nays 27, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 2885

I certify that H.B. No. 2885 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 26, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 2885 on June 1, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 3.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor