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H.B. No. 5431

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the exclusion of at-large and mayoral seats from the requirement of re-election following apportionment.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 21.006, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21.006. ELECTION OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF ~~[ENTIRE]~~ GOVERNING BODY UPON APPORTIONMENT.

SECTION 2. Section 21.006, Local Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), a [A] municipality that is divided into districts, wards, or other areas from which members of its governing body are elected shall elect all members of the municipality's governing body following each apportionment on the first uniform election date that allows sufficient time to comply with any requirements of law.

(c) A municipality that elects one or more members of its governing body at-large, including the office of mayor, is not required to hold an election for those positions following apportionment unless the term of office of the at-large member or mayor would otherwise expire under applicable law.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.