

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 310
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed November 12, 2024; February 3, 2025,
1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 March 26, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10,
1-5 Nays 0; March 26, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the determination of a majority vote in certain
1-22 elections.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2, Election Code, is
1-25 amended by adding Section 2.0215 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 2.0215. DETERMINATION OF MAJORITY VOTE. (a) In this
1-27 section, "preferential voting system" means a voting system which
1-28 permits a voter to rank each candidate through a numerical
1-29 designation from the candidate the voter favors most to the
1-30 candidate the voter favors least.

1-31 (b) In an election requiring a majority vote to be elected
1-32 to a public or political party office or to receive a political
1-33 party's nomination, a candidate must receive more than half of the
1-34 votes as originally cast. A majority may not be determined by using
1-35 a preferential voting system to reassign votes.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 2.022(b), Election Code, is amended to
1-37 read as follows:

1-38 (b) Sections 2.0215, 2.023, 2.025, and 2.028 supersede a law
1-39 outside this subchapter to the extent of any conflict.

1-40 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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