

Amend CSSB 1952 by adding the following appropriately numbered PART and by renumbering the remaining PARTS as appropriate:

PART __. ELECTION PROCEDURES

ARTICLE __A. UNIFORM DATES

SECTION __.01. Sections 41.001(a) and (b), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this subchapter, each general or special election in this state shall be held on one of the following dates:

(1) ~~[the first Saturday in February,~~
~~[(2)]~~ the third ~~[first]~~ Saturday in May;
~~[(3) the second Saturday in September,]~~ or
(2) ~~[(4)]~~ the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to:

(1) a runoff election;
(2) ~~[an election for the issuance or assumption of bonds for any purpose authorized by law relating to public schools or colleges or the levy of a tax for the maintenance of a public school or college, if the governing body of the political subdivision having jurisdiction of the public school or college issuing or assuming the bonds or levying the tax:~~

~~[(A) by resolution, order, or ordinance, finds that holding the election on a date other than a uniform election date is in the public interest, which finding is conclusive and incontestable, and~~

~~[(B) the election is the only election of the type described by this subdivision held by that political subdivision on a date other than a uniform election date during the state fiscal biennium,~~

~~[(3)]~~ an election to resolve a tie vote;
(3) ~~[(4)]~~ an election held under an order of a court or other tribunal;
(4) ~~[(5)]~~ an emergency election ordered under Section 41.0011;
(5) ~~[(6)]~~ an expedited election to fill a vacancy in

the legislature held under Section 203.013; or

(6) [~~(7)~~] an election held under a statute that expressly provides that the requirement of Subsection (a) does not apply to the election.

SECTION __.02. Section 41.001(e), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) In addition to a date prescribed by Subsection (a), an [~~An~~] election for an office in which a majority vote is required and that is [~~may not be held on the September or February uniform election date. This subsection does not apply to an election~~] conducted under Section 26.045, Local Government Code, may be held on the first Saturday in February or the second Saturday in September, which are considered to be dates that comply with Subsection (a) and Section 26.045, Local Government Code.

SECTION __.03. Section 41.0052(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The governing body of a political subdivision other than a county may, not later than December 31, 2003 [~~1999~~], change the date on which it holds its general election for officers to another authorized uniform election date. An election on the new date may not be held before 2004 [~~2000~~].

SECTION __.04. Section 41.253(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The transitional board of trustees shall divide the consolidated district into nine single-member trustee districts in accordance with the procedures provided by Section 11.052. The transitional board shall order an election for the initial board of trustees to be held on the first May [~~February~~] uniform election date after the effective date of a consolidation order.

SECTION __.05. Section 49.103(b), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An election shall be held on the uniform election date, established by the Election Code, in [~~either February or~~] May of each even-numbered year to elect the appropriate number of directors.

SECTION __.06. Section 56.804(a), Water Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The election shall be held on a uniform election day in ~~[February or]~~ May.

SECTION __.07. Section 41.001(d), Election Code, is repealed.

SECTION __.08. Not later than December 31, 2003, a political subdivision that before October 1, 2003, held its general election for officers on the February or September uniform election date or on the first Saturday in May shall change the election date as permitted by Section 41.0052, Election Code, as amended by this article, to a date authorized by Section 41.001, Election Code, as amended by this article.

SECTION __.09. This article takes effect October 1, 2003, and applies only to an election ordered on or after that date.