

AN ACT

relating to the date of the primary election.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 41.007(a), (b), and (c), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The general primary election date is the first [~~second~~] Tuesday in March in each even-numbered year.

(b) The runoff primary election date is the first [~~second~~] Tuesday in April following the general primary election.

(c) The presidential primary election date is the first [~~second~~] Tuesday in March in each presidential election year.

SECTION 2. The secretary of state by rule shall modify applicable procedures, dates, and deadlines in the Election Code to implement the changes in primary election dates made by this Act.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2496 was passed by the House on May 9, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2496 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor