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H.B. No. 1801

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the uniform election date in May.

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

SECTION 1. Section 41.001(a), Election Code, is 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 second [~~first~~] Saturday in May;

(3) the second Saturday in September; or

(4) the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

SECTION 2. Section 67.003, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 67.003. TIME FOR LOCAL CANVASS. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), each [~~Each~~] local canvassing authority shall convene to conduct the local canvass at the time set by the canvassing authority's presiding officer not earlier than the eighth day or later than the 11th day after election day.

(b) For an election held on the uniform election date in May, if no provisional ballots have been cast in the election, the local canvass must occur not earlier than the third day or later than the sixth day after election day.

1 SECTION 3. Section 85.001, Election Code, is amended by
2 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

3 (e) For an election held on the uniform election date in
4 May, the period for early voting by personal appearance begins on
5 the 14th day before election day and continues through the fourth
6 day before election day.

7 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.