

AN ACT

relating to the dates on which certain independent school districts may hold an election of trustees.

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

SECTION 1. Section 41.0051, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 41.0051. GENERAL ELECTION IN CERTAIN COASTAL CITIES.

(a) The general election for officers of a city that borders the Gulf of Mexico, has a population of more than 230,000 according to the 1980 census, and held its general election for officers in 1987 on the first Saturday in April may be held on any Saturday in April in odd-numbered years.

(b) An independent school district located wholly or partly in a city holding an election authorized under Subsection (a) may hold its general election for trustees on the same date as a joint election with the city.

SECTION 2. Section 11.0581(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An election for trustees of an independent school district shall be held on the same date as:

(1) the election for the members of the governing body of a municipality located in the school district; [~~or~~]

(2) the general election for state and county officers; or

1           (3) the election for the members of the governing body  
2 of a hospital district, if the school district:

3           (A) is wholly or partly located in a county with a  
4 population of less than 30,000 that is adjacent to a county with a  
5 population of more than three million; and

6           (B) held its election for trustees jointly with  
7 the election for the members of the governing body of the hospital  
8 district before May 2007.

9           SECTION 3. Not later than December 31, 2007, the board of  
10 trustees of an independent school district may:

11           (1) change the date on which it holds its general  
12 election for trustees to allow the district to hold its election  
13 jointly with a municipality holding an election under Section  
14 41.0051, Election Code, or a hospital district as described by  
15 Section 11.0581(a)(3), Education Code; and

16           (2) adjust the terms of office of trustees to conform  
17 to the change of the election date made under Subdivision (1) of  
18 this section.

19           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 945 was passed by the House on May 4, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; that the House refused to concur in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 945 on May 24, 2007, and requested the appointment of a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the House adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 945 on May 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 143, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

H.B. No. 945

I certify that H.B. No. 945 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 22, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; at the request of the House, the Senate appointed a conference committee to consider the differences between the two houses; and that the Senate adopted the conference committee report on H.B. No. 945 on May 27, 2007, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor