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H.B. No. 3434

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the dates on which certain political subdivisions hold elections.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.0581, Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11.0581. JOINT ELECTIONS AUTHORIZED ~~[REQUIRED]~~. (a) An election for trustees of an independent school district that is held on the same date as the election of a political subdivision any portion of which is located in the territory of the school district may ~~[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.~~

~~[(b) Elections held on the same date as provided by Subsection (a) shall]~~ be held as a joint election under Chapter 271, Election Code.

(b) ~~[(c)]~~ The voters of a joint election under this section shall be served by common polling places consistent with Section 271.003(b), Election Code.

~~[(d) The board of trustees of an independent school district changing an election date to comply with this section shall adjust the terms of office of its members to conform to the new election~~

1 ~~date.]~~

2 SECTION 2. Section 41.0052(a), Election Code, is amended to  
3 read as follows:

4 (a) The governing body of a political subdivision other than  
5 a county may, not later than December 31, 2007 [~~2005~~], change the  
6 date on which it holds its general election for officers to another  
7 authorized uniform election date.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.