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H.B. No. 1103

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study regarding uniform election dates.

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

SECTION 1. (a) The secretary of state shall conduct a study to evaluate the feasibility and advisability of eliminating by 2013 the uniform election date in May.

(b) In conducting the study, the secretary of state shall consider:

(1) whether voting districts would need to be consolidated if the uniform election date in May were eliminated;

(2) whether longer ballots would negatively affect voter behavior; and

(3) any likely effects on local governments of eliminating the uniform election date in May.

(c) The secretary of state shall develop recommendations on how to mitigate or avoid any negative effects that may result from eliminating the uniform election date in May.

(d) Following the study, the secretary of state shall file a written report containing findings with the speaker of the house of representatives and the lieutenant governor not later than December 1, 2010.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.