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H.B. No. 2099

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the canvass of general and runoff primary elections.

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

SECTION 1. Section 172.116(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The committee shall convene to conduct the local canvass at the county seat [~~not earlier than 6 p.m.~~] on the second Thursday [~~or later than 1 p.m. on the second Friday~~] after election day at the hour specified by the county chair.

SECTION 2. Section 172.120, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (b-1) to read as follows:

(b) The state executive committee shall convene to conduct the state canvass for the general primary election not later than:

(1) [on] the second Sunday [~~Wednesday~~] after general primary election day, for an election in which three or more candidates are seeking election to the same office; or

(2) the 22nd day after general primary election day, for an election not described by Subdivision (1).

(b-1) Not later than the third [~~second~~] Saturday after runoff primary election day, the committee shall convene at the call of the state chair to conduct the state canvass of the runoff primary election.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.