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H.B. No. 3184

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to ballot language for a proposition to approve the imposition or increase of a tax or the issuance of bonds.

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

SECTION 1. Section 52.072, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e) In addition to any other requirement imposed by law for a proposition, including a provision prescribing the proposition language, a proposition allowing the voters to approve the imposition or increase of a tax or the issuance of bonds shall specifically state:

(1) as applicable:

(A) the total dollar amount of bonds that will be issued; or

(B) the amount of the tax or tax rate increase;  
and

(2) in plain language, any projects to be supported by the tax or bonds.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act. An election ordered before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect when the election was ordered, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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