

By: Branch

H.B. No. 3458

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the requirements for a petition proposing an amendment to the charter of a home-rule municipality.

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

SECTION 1. Section 9.004(a), Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The governing body of a municipality on its own motion may submit a proposed charter amendment to the municipality's qualified voters for their approval at an election. The governing body shall submit a proposed charter amendment to the voters for their approval at an election if the submission is supported by a petition signed by a number of registered ~~qualified~~ voters of the municipality equal to at least 10 ~~five~~ percent of the number of registered ~~qualified~~ voters of the municipality ~~[or 20,000, whichever number is the smaller]~~. The petition requirements of this subsection do not affect a petition submitted under Chapter 143 or 174.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to a petition proposing a charter amendment that is filed with a municipality on or after September 1, 2009.

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