

1-1 By: Jackson, Isaac (Senate Sponsor - Duncan) H.B. No. 360
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 18, 2011;
1-3 April 20, 2011, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 16, 2011, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
1-6 May 16, 2011, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 360 By: Duncan

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to ballot language for a proposition to approve the
1-11 imposition, increase, or reduction of a tax or the issuance of
1-12 bonds.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. Section 52.072, Election Code, is amended by
1-15 adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

1-16 (e) In addition to any other requirement imposed by law for
1-17 a proposition, including a provision prescribing the proposition
1-18 language, a proposition submitted to the voters for approval of the
1-19 issuance of bonds or the imposition, increase, or reduction of a tax
1-20 shall specifically state, as applicable:

1-21 (1) with respect to a proposition seeking voter
1-22 approval of the issuance of bonds:

1-23 (A) the total principal amount of the bonds to be
1-24 authorized, if approved; and

1-25 (B) a general description of the purposes for
1-26 which the bonds are to be authorized, if approved;

1-27 (2) with respect to a proposition that only seeks
1-28 voter approval of the imposition or increase of a tax, the amount of
1-29 or maximum tax rate of the tax or tax increase for which approval is
1-30 sought; or

1-31 (3) with respect to a proposition that only seeks
1-32 voter approval of the reduction of a tax, the amount of tax rate
1-33 reduction or the tax rate for which approval is sought.

1-34 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-35 to an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.
1-36 An election ordered before the effective date of this Act is
1-37 governed by the law in effect when the election was ordered.

1-38 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.

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