

By: Aycock

H.B. No. 847

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 847:

By: King of Parker

C.S.H.B. No. 847

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the date for a political party's precinct conventions.

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

4 SECTION 1. Sections 174.022(a), (b), and (c), Election
5 Code, are amended to read as follows:

6 (a) The precinct conventions may [~~shall~~] be held in the
7 regular county election precincts on:

8 (1) general primary election day; and

9 (2) a date determined by the county executive
10 committee that occurs not later than the fifth day after the date of
11 the general primary election [~~in the regular county election~~
12 ~~precincts~~].

13 (b) Consistent with Subsection (c), not [~~Not~~] later than the
14 date of the regular drawing for position on the general primary
15 election ballot, the county executive committee shall set the hour
16 and place for convening each precinct convention for the precincts
17 served by the committee. If the county executive committee fails to
18 do so, the county chair shall set, consistent with Subsection (c),
19 the hour and place.

20 (c) If precinct conventions are held on general primary
21 election day, the [~~The~~] hour set for convening the conventions may
22 not be earlier than 7 p.m. or later than 9 p.m., but a
23 [~~Notwithstanding the hour set for convening, the~~] convention may
24 not convene until the last voter has voted at the precinct polling

1 place. If precinct conventions are held on a day other than general
2 primary election day, the county executive committee shall set the
3 hour for convening or a time frame in which the conventions must
4 convene.

5 SECTION 2. Section 174.023, Election Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 174.023. NOTICE OF DATE, HOOR, AND PLACE. (a) The
8 county chair shall post a notice of the date, hour, and place for
9 convening each precinct convention on the bulletin board used for
10 posting notice of meetings of the commissioners court. The notice
11 must remain posted continuously for the 10 days immediately
12 preceding the date of the convention.

13 (b) Not later than the 10th day before the date of the
14 precinct conventions, the county chair shall deliver to the county
15 clerk written notice of the date, hour, and place for convening each
16 precinct convention.

17 (c) If the county chair fails to post or deliver notice in
18 accordance with this section, another member of the county
19 executive committee may post or deliver the notice.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.