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H.B. No. 847

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

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

(a) The precinct conventions shall be held in the regular county election precincts on:

(1) general primary election day; or

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

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

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

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

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

7 Sec. 174.023. NOTICE OF DATE, HOUR, 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.