

By: King of Parker

H.B. No. 1975

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the submission of election changes under Section 5 of  
3 the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The secretary of state, attorney general, or  
6 other state officer shall submit any change in election process or  
7 procedure enacted by an Act of the 82nd Legislature, Regular  
8 Session, 2011, that is required to be submitted under Section 5 of  
9 the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. Section 1973c),  
10 to the United States District Court for the District of Columbia to  
11 determine whether the change has the purpose or effect of denying or  
12 abridging the right to vote on account of race or color or in  
13 contravention of the guarantees set forth in 42 U.S.C. Section  
14 1973b(f)(2).

15 (b) This section expires September 1, 2013.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
20 Act takes effect September 1, 2011.