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H.B. No. 2190

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the deadline by which provisional ballots must be
3 processed for certain elections.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 65.051, Election Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

7 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), in the general
8 election for state and county officers held in a county with a
9 population of more than 500,000, the early voting ballot board
10 shall verify and count provisional ballots as provided by this
11 subchapter not later than the 13th day after the date of the
12 election.

13 SECTION 2. Section 65.052, Election Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 Sec. 65.052. DUTY OF VOTER REGISTRAR. The secretary of
16 state shall prescribe procedures by which the voter registrar of
17 the county in which a provisional ballot is cast shall provide
18 assistance to the early voting ballot board in executing its
19 authority under this subchapter. In an election described by
20 Section 65.051(a-1), the procedures must allow for seven calendar
21 days for the voter registrar to review a provisional voter's
22 eligibility.

23 SECTION 3. Section 67.003, Election Code, is amended by
24 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as

1 follows:

2 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) or (c), each local
3 canvassing authority shall convene to conduct the local canvass at
4 the time set by the canvassing authority's presiding officer not
5 earlier than the eighth day or later than the 11th day after
6 election day.

7 (c) In an election described by Section 65.051(a-1), the
8 time for the local canvass may be set not later than the 14th day
9 after election day.

10 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.