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H.B. No. 962

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to ballot language for a proposition to approve the issuance of bonds by a school district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 52.072(e), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

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

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

(A) the total principal amount of the bonds to be authorized, if approved; ~~and~~

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

(C) if the issuer is a school district, the total debt owed, stated as a total amount and as a per capita amount for the district population, and any surplus funds held by the school district on the first day of the fiscal year in which the election is held;

(2) with respect to a proposition that only seeks voter approval of the imposition or increase of a tax, the amount of

1 or maximum tax rate of the tax or tax increase for which approval is
2 sought; or

3 (3) with respect to a proposition that only seeks
4 voter approval of the reduction of a tax, the amount of tax rate
5 reduction or the tax rate for which approval is sought.

6 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
7 to an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.
8 An election ordered before the effective date of this Act is
9 governed by the law in effect when the election was ordered.

10 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.