

1-1 By: Elkins (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 985
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;
 1-3 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 14, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 14, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the deadlines by which provisional ballots must be
 1-20 processed and the state canvass must be conducted for certain
 1-21 elections.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 65.051, Election Code, is amended by
 1-24 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

1-25 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), for an election held
 1-26 on the date of the general election for state and county officers,
 1-27 the early voting ballot board shall verify and count provisional
 1-28 ballots as provided by this subchapter not later than the 13th day
 1-29 after the date of the election.

1-30 SECTION 2. Section 65.052, Election Code, is amended to
 1-31 read as follows:

1-32 Sec. 65.052. DUTY OF VOTER REGISTRAR. The secretary of
 1-33 state shall prescribe procedures by which the voter registrar of
 1-34 the county in which a provisional ballot is cast shall provide
 1-35 assistance to the early voting ballot board in executing its
 1-36 authority under this subchapter. In an election described by
 1-37 Section 65.051(a-1), the procedures must allow for seven calendar
 1-38 days for the voter registrar to review a provisional voter's
 1-39 eligibility.

1-40 SECTION 3. Section 67.003, Election Code, is amended by
 1-41 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
 1-42 follows:

1-43 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) or (c), each local
 1-44 canvassing authority shall convene to conduct the local canvass at
 1-45 the time set by the canvassing authority's presiding officer not
 1-46 earlier than the eighth day or later than the 11th day after
 1-47 election day.

1-48 (c) In an election described by Section 65.051(a-1), the
 1-49 time for the local canvass may be set not later than the 14th day
 1-50 after election day.

1-51 SECTION 4. Section 67.012(a), Election Code, is amended to
 1-52 read as follows:

1-53 (a) The governor shall conduct the state canvass [~~not~~
 1-54 ~~earlier than the 15th or later than the 30th day after election day~~]
 1-55 at the time set by the secretary of state:

1-56 (1) not earlier than the 15th or later than the 30th
 1-57 day after election day; or

1-58 (2) for an election described by Section 65.051(a-1),
 1-59 not earlier than the 18th or later than the 33rd day after election
 1-60 day.

2-1 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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