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H.B. No. 361

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the uniform election date.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 41.001(a) and (b), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this subchapter, each general or special election in this state shall be held on ~~[one of the following dates:~~

~~[(1) the second Saturday in May in an odd-numbered year;~~

~~[(2) the second Saturday in May in an even-numbered year, for an election held by a political subdivision other than a county; or~~

~~[(3)]~~ the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

(b) Subsection (a) does not apply to:

(1) a runoff election;

(2) an election to resolve a tie vote;

(3) an election held under an order of a court or other tribunal;

(4) an emergency election ordered under Section 41.0011;

(5) an expedited election to fill a vacancy in the legislature held under Section 203.013;

1           ~~[(6) an election held under a statute that expressly~~  
2 ~~provides that the requirement of Subsection (a) does not apply to~~  
3 ~~the election,]~~ or

4           (6) ~~[(7)]~~ the initial election of the members of the  
5 governing body of a newly incorporated city.

6           SECTION 2. Section 41.0052(a), Election Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8           (a) The governing body of a political subdivision, other  
9 than a county, that holds its general election for officers on a  
10 date other than the November uniform election date shall ~~may~~, not  
11 later than January 1, 2016 ~~[December 31, 2012]~~, change the date on  
12 which it holds its general election for officers to the November  
13 uniform election date.

14           SECTION 3. Sections 41.001(c) and (d) and Section  
15 41.0052(e), Election Code, are repealed.

16           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.