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H.B. No. 3441

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the date of the election for trustees of an independent school district.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.0581(a), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) An election for trustees of an independent school district shall be held on the same date as[+]

~~[(1) the election for the members of the governing body of a municipality located in the school district,~~

~~[(2)] the general election for state and county officers or the date of the general primary election[+]~~

~~[(3) the election for the members of the governing body of a hospital district, if the school district:~~

~~[(A) is wholly or partly located in a county with a population of less than 40,000 that is adjacent to a county with a population of more than three million, and~~

~~[(B) held its election for trustees jointly with the election for the members of the governing body of the hospital district before May 2007, or~~

~~[(4) the election for the members of the governing board of a public junior college district in which the school district is wholly or partly located].~~

SECTION 2. Sections 11.059(a) and (e), Education Code, are

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (a) A trustee of an independent school district serves a
3 term of [~~three or~~] four years.

4 (e) Not later than December 31, 2015 [~~2011~~], the board of
5 trustees may adopt a resolution changing the length of the terms of
6 its trustees. The resolution must provide for staggered terms of
7 [~~either three or~~] four years and specify the manner in which the
8 transition from the length of the former term to the modified term
9 is made. The transition must begin with the first regular election
10 for trustees that occurs after January 1, 2016 [~~2012~~], and a trustee
11 who serves on that date shall serve the remainder of that
12 term. This subsection expires January 1, 2021 [~~2017~~].

13 SECTION 3. The heading to Section 41.0052, Election Code,
14 is amended to read as follows:

15 Sec. 41.0052. [~~CHANGING~~] GENERAL ELECTION DATE OF POLITICAL
16 SUBDIVISION OTHER THAN COUNTY.

17 SECTION 4. Sections 41.0052(a) and (e), Election Code, are
18 amended to read as follows:

19 (a) The governing body of a political subdivision, other
20 than a county, that holds its general election for officers on a
21 date other than the November uniform election date or the date of
22 the general primary election shall [~~may~~], not later than December
23 31, 2016 [~~2012~~], change the date on which it holds its general
24 election for officers to the November uniform election date or the
25 date of the general primary election.

26 (e) The governing body of a newly incorporated city may, not
27 later than the second anniversary of the date of incorporation,

1 change the date on which it holds its general election for officers
2 to another authorized [~~uniform~~] election date.

3 SECTION 5. Section 11.059(b), Education Code, and Section
4 41.005, Election Code, are repealed.

5 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.