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H.B. No. 365

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a study of the uniform election date.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 41, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 41.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 41.003. SINGLE UNIFORM ELECTION DATE STUDY. (a) No later than January 1, 2018, the secretary of state shall conduct a study and report to the standing committees of the legislature with jurisdiction over election procedures recommendations regarding the feasibility of implementing a single uniform election held in November. The study shall include an explanation and investigation of:

(1) the experience of jurisdictions, including other states, that have implemented this practice;

(2) the anticipated cost expenditures or savings to the state and counties upon implementation of this practice; and

(3) the anticipated increase or decrease in voter turnout upon implementation of this practice.

(b) This section expires September 1, 2018.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.