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H.B. No. 2177

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[+]~~

~~[(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, 2017 [~~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, 2018 [~~2012~~], and a trustee
11 who serves on that date shall serve the remainder of that
12 term. This subsection expires January 1, 2023 [~~2017~~].

13 SECTION 3. Section [11.065](#)(a), Education Code, is amended to
14 read as follows:

15 (a) Sections [11.052](#)(g) and (h) and Section [~~Sections~~
16 [11.059](#)(a) [~~and (b)~~] do not apply to the board of trustees of a
17 school district if:

18 (1) the district's central administrative office is
19 located in a county with a population of more than two million; and

20 (2) the district's student enrollment is more than
21 125,000 and less than 200,000.

22 SECTION 4. Section [11.059](#)(b), Education Code, is repealed.

23 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.