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H.B. No. 2981

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the time for holding certain runoff elections.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 2.025(c) and (d), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) This section supersedes a law outside this code [~~subchapter~~] to the extent of any [~~a~~] conflict notwithstanding Section 2.022.

(d) Except as otherwise provided by this code, a [~~A~~] runoff election for a special election to fill a vacancy in Congress or a special election to fill a vacancy in the legislature [~~to which Section 101.104 applies~~] shall be held not earlier than the 70th day or later than the 84th [~~77th~~] day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed.

SECTION 2. Section 203.004(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) If the election is to be held as an emergency election, it shall be held on a Tuesday or Saturday occurring on or after the 36th day and before the 50th day after the date the election is ordered. Any necessary runoff election must be held on a Tuesday or Saturday occurring not earlier than the 20th day or later than the 45th day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed.

SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only

1 to an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.  
2 An election ordered before the effective date of this Act is  
3 governed by the law in effect when the election was ordered, and the  
4 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

5 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.