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H.B. No. 3912

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to automatic recounts of certain elections.

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

SECTION 1. Section 216.001, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 216.001. APPLICABILITY OF CHAPTER. This chapter applies only to an election that results in:

(1) a tie vote as provided by Sections 2.002(i), 2.023(b) and (c), and 2.028;

(2) a candidate defeated or eliminated by one-half of one percent or less of the votes cast for that office; or

(3) a measure submitted to voters for the approval of bonds approved or defeated by one-half of one percent or less of the votes cast on that measure.

SECTION 2. Section 216.004, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 216.004. COUNTING PROCEDURES. The method of counting votes in an automatic recount is the same method of counting used in the election subject to the recount [~~that resulted in the tie vote~~].

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.