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S.B. No. 173

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the uniform election date.

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

4 SECTION 1. Sections 41.001(a) and (b), Election Code, are
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (a) Except as otherwise provided by this subchapter, each
7 general or special election in this state shall be held on ~~[one of~~
8 ~~the following dates:~~

9 ~~[(1) the first Saturday in May in an odd-numbered~~
10 ~~year;~~

11 ~~[(2) the first Saturday in May in an even-numbered~~
12 ~~year, for an election held by a political subdivision other than a~~
13 ~~county; or~~

14 ~~[(3)]~~ the first Tuesday after the first Monday in
15 November.

16 (b) Subsection (a) does not apply to:

17 (1) a runoff election;

18 (2) an election to resolve a tie vote;

19 (3) an election held under an order of a court or other
20 tribunal;

21 (4) an emergency election ordered under Section
22 41.0011;

23 (5) an expedited election to fill a vacancy in the
24 legislature held under Section 203.013;

1 ~~[(6) an election held under a statute that expressly~~
2 ~~provides that the requirement of Subsection (a) does not apply to~~
3 ~~the election,] or~~

4 (6) ~~[(7)]~~ the initial election of the members of the
5 governing body of a newly incorporated city.

6 SECTION 2. Section 41.0052(a), Election Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (a) The governing body of a political subdivision, other
9 than a county ~~[or municipal utility district]~~, that holds its
10 general election for officers on a date other than the November
11 uniform election date shall ~~[may]~~, not later than January 1, 2018
12 ~~[December 31, 2016]~~, change the date on which it holds its general
13 election for officers to the November uniform election date.

14 SECTION 3. Sections 41.001(c) and (d) and Section
15 41.0052(e), Election Code, are repealed.

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