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S.B. No. 363

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the uniform election dates for certain political
3 subdivisions.

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

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

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

8 (1) a runoff election;

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

10 (3) an election held under an order of a court or other
11 tribunal;

12 (4) an emergency election ordered under Section
13 41.0011;

14 (5) an expedited election to fill a vacancy in the
15 legislature held under Section 203.013; or

16 (6) ~~[an election held under a statute that expressly
17 provides that the requirement of Subsection (a) does not apply to
18 the election; or~~

19 ~~[(7)]~~ the initial election of the members of the
20 governing body of a newly incorporated city.

21 (c) Except for an election under Subsection (a) or Section
22 41.0011 or 41.005(a-1), or a runoff election following an election
23 held under Subsection (a)(2) or Section 41.005(a-1), an election
24 may not be held within 30 days before or after the date of the

1 general election for state and county officers, general primary
2 election, or runoff primary election.

3 SECTION 2. Section 41.005, Election Code, is amended by
4 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

5 (a-1) In addition to the election dates prescribed by
6 Section 41.001, a general election held by a political subdivision
7 other than a county may be held on the first Tuesday in March.

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