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S.B. No. 702

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a minimum voter turnout requirement for an election
3 authorizing the issuance of bonds issued by a political
4 subdivision.

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

6 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 2, Election Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 CHAPTER 2. VOTE REQUIRED FOR ELECTION [~~TO OFFICE~~]

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 2, Election Code, is amended by adding
10 Subchapter E to read as follows:

11 SUBCHAPTER E. TURNOUT REQUIREMENTS

12 Sec. 2.101. POLITICAL SUBDIVISION BOND ELECTION. An
13 election held by a political subdivision to authorize the issuance
14 of bonds has no effect regarding the issuance of the bonds unless at
15 least 33 percent of the registered voters of the political
16 subdivision vote in the election in which the bond proposition is on
17 the ballot.

18 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
19 an election held on or after the effective date of this Act. An
20 election held before the effective date of this Act is governed by
21 the law in effect when the election was held, and that law is
22 continued in effect for that purpose.

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