

AN ACT

relating to the content and numbering of propositions on the ballot.

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

SECTION 1. Section 52.095, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 52.095. PROPOSITIONS. (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, the authority ordering an election in which more than one measure is to be voted on shall determine the order in which the propositions are to appear on the ballot.

(b) Each political subdivision's proposition on the ballot shall be assigned a unique number or letter on the ballot as follows:

(1) except as provided by Subdivision (2), for each proposition on the ballot, the authority ordering the election shall assign a letter of the alphabet to the measure that corresponds to its order on the ballot; and

(2) for each proposition on the ballot to be voted on statewide, the authority ordering the election shall assign a number to the measure that corresponds to its order on the ballot.

(c) Each proposition on the ballot must identify the name of the authority ordering the election on the measure.

(d) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures necessary to implement this section.

1 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 274, Election Code, is  
2 amended by adding Section 274.004 to read as follows:

3 Sec. 274.004. PROPOSITION BALLOT ORDER. A proposed  
4 constitutional amendment must be placed on the ballot before all  
5 other propositions.

6 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
7 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
8 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
9 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
10 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 957 passed the Senate on April 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 22, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 957 passed the House, with amendment, on May 19, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor