

By: Campbell, et al. S.B. No. 957
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Substitute the following for S.B. No. 957:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the content and numbering of propositions on the
3 ballot.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 (d) The secretary of state shall prescribe procedures
24 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.