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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 613 |
| By: Springer |
| Public Education |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE** There are concerns that the joint election requirement applicable to an election for trustees of an independent school district may result in long-term vacancies on the board of trustees. H.B. 613 seeks to address these concerns by removing that requirement while still providing a statutory framework for joint elections for trustees. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY** It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS** H.B. 613 amends the Education Code to remove the requirement that an election for trustees of an independent school district be held as a joint election on the same date as certain other elections and to make statutory provisions relating to such a joint election applicable only if such a joint election is held. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE** September 1, 2019. |