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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the secretary of state posting on the secretary of state's Internet website a database of certain election information collected from authorities responsible for giving notice of an election.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 4.003(e), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e)  The authority responsible for giving notice of the election shall deliver to the secretary of state:

(1)  a copy of the notice of a consolidated precinct required by Subsection (b) not later than the date of the election; and

(2)  information for the secretary of state's database of election information under Section 31.017 in an electronic format required by the secretary of state.

SECTION 2.  Subchapter A, Chapter 31, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 31.017 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.017.  INTERNET DATABASE OF ELECTION INFORMATION. (a) The secretary of state shall post on the secretary of state's public Internet website a database containing information provided by each authority responsible for giving notice of an election in this state. The database must include the following information:

(1)  the name of the authority;

(2)  each office to be filled at the election;

(3)  whether the office is elected at large or by district; and

(4)  the dates of the preceding and next election for the office.

(b)  The secretary of state:

(1)  may solicit and accept gifts, grants, and donations from any public or private source for the creation and maintenance of the database; and

(2)  shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.