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By:  Hall S.B. No. 1609

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the precedence of election contests in district and appellate courts.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 231.009, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 231.009.  PRECEDENCE OF ELECTION CONTEST [~~ON APPEAL~~]. An election contest has precedence in the district and appellate courts and shall be disposed of as expeditiously as practicable. A court must to the extent reasonably possible ensure that the action is brought to final disposition before the expiration of the term of the contested office.

SECTION 2.  The change in law made by this Act applies only to an election contest filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An election contest filed before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before the effective date of this Act, and that law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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