

1-1 By: Birdwell, Buckingham, Flores S.B. No. 30
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2019; March 7, 2019, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 4, 2019, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 4, 2019,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 30 By: Hughes

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to ballot language requirements for a proposition seeking
 1-22 voter approval for the issuance of bonds.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 45.003, Education Code, is amended by
 1-25 adding Subsections (g) and (h) to read as follows:

1-26 (g) Notwithstanding Section 52.072, Election Code, the
 1-27 question of whether to approve the issuance of bonds for the
 1-28 construction, acquisition, and equipment of school buildings in the
 1-29 district and the purchase of necessary sites for school buildings
 1-30 may be submitted to the voters in a single ballot proposition,
 1-31 except that bonds for each of the following purposes must be stated
 1-32 in a separate proposition:

1-33 (1) the construction, improvement, or renovation of a
 1-34 stadium;

1-35 (2) the construction, improvement, or renovation of a
 1-36 natatorium;

1-37 (3) the construction, improvement, or renovation of
 1-38 another recreational facility other than a gymnasium;

1-39 (4) the construction, improvement, or renovation of a
 1-40 performing arts facility;

1-41 (5) the construction, improvement, or renovation of
 1-42 housing for teachers as determined by the district to be necessary
 1-43 to have a sufficient number of teachers for the district; and

1-44 (6) an acquisition or update of technology equipment,
 1-45 other than equipment used for school security purposes.

1-46 (h) The question of whether to approve the issuance of bonds
 1-47 for a building described by Subsection (g)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5)
 1-48 must be printed on the ballot as a separate ballot proposition
 1-49 regardless of whether that building is proposed as part of the same
 1-50 complex or building that contains traditional classroom
 1-51 facilities. Each separate ballot proposition required by this
 1-52 subsection must state the principal amount of the bonds to be issued
 1-53 that constitutes the cost for construction of that portion of the
 1-54 building or complex attributable to the building described by
 1-55 Subsection (g)(1), (2), (3), (4), or (5) or to the traditional
 1-56 classroom facilities, as applicable.

1-57 SECTION 2. Section 52.072, Election Code, is amended by
 1-58 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (f) to read as
 1-59 follows:

1-60 (e) In addition to any other requirement imposed by law for

2-1 a proposition, including a provision prescribing the proposition
2-2 language, a proposition submitted to the voters for approval of the
2-3 issuance of bonds or the imposition, increase, or reduction of a tax
2-4 shall specifically state, as applicable:

2-5 (1) with respect to a proposition seeking voter
2-6 approval of the issuance of bonds:

2-7 (A) the total principal amount of the bonds to be
2-8 authorized, if approved; and

2-9 (B) a plain language [~~general~~] description of the
2-10 single specific purpose [~~the purposes~~] for which the bonds are to be
2-11 authorized, if approved;

2-12 (2) with respect to a proposition that only seeks
2-13 voter approval of the imposition or increase of a tax, the amount of
2-14 or maximum tax rate of the tax or tax increase for which approval is
2-15 sought; or

2-16 (3) with respect to a proposition that only seeks
2-17 voter approval of the reduction of a tax, the amount of tax rate
2-18 reduction or the tax rate for which approval is sought.

2-19 (f) Each single specific purpose for which bonds requiring
2-20 voter approval are to be issued must be printed on the ballot as a
2-21 separate proposition.

2-22 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies only
2-23 to an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.
2-24 An election ordered before the effective date of this Act is
2-25 governed by the law in effect when the election was ordered, and the
2-26 former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

2-27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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