

By: Hall

S.B. No. 1609

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to the precedence of election contests in district and  
3 appellate courts.

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

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

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

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

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