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H.B. No. 260

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appeal of an election contest.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 232.014, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 232.014. APPEAL OF ELECTION CONTEST [~~ACCELERATED APPEAL IN PRIMARY CONTEST~~].

SECTION 2. Sections 232.014(a) and (d), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) This section applies [~~only~~] to the contest of a general, special, or primary election.

(d) As soon as practicable after an appeal in a contest is perfected, the district judge shall set the deadline for filing the trial court record in the appellate court. The judge shall [~~may~~] make any other orders to expedite an appeal that are reasonable and appropriate, including reducing the time normally allowed for filing appellate briefs, subject to review by the appellate court on motion of a party.

SECTION 3. Sections 232.014(f) and 232.015, Election Code, are repealed.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.