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S.B. No. 19

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to a study on the effect of a change to the period for
3 voting.

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

5 SECTION 1. (a) The secretary of state shall conduct a
6 study regarding the practical effects of eliminating the gap
7 between the early voting period for an election and election day and
8 providing for the conduct of elections with a single election
9 period.

10 (b) The study must include:

11 (1) best practices and policies of states that conduct
12 elections with a single election period;

13 (2) a cost-benefit analysis comparing the use of hand
14 marked paper ballots, ballot marking devices, and direct recording
15 electronic voting machines in elections with a single election
16 period;

17 (3) comparison of the estimated costs of conducting
18 elections with a single election period versus the costs of
19 conducting elections with a gap between the early voting period for
20 the election and election day; and

21 (4) recommended statutory language for implementing
22 the conduct of elections with a single election period.

23 (c) The secretary of state shall, not later than January
24 1,2022, submit a report on the secretary's findings to the

1 legislature.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
3 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
4 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
5 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
6 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
7 legislative session.