By:  Schofield H.B. No. 4402

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the date of the general election for state and county officers.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 41.002, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 41.002.  GENERAL ELECTION FOR STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS. The general election for state and county officers shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered [~~even-numbered~~] years.

SECTION 2.  Section 41.007, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 41.007.  PRIMARY ELECTIONS. (a) The general primary election date is the first Tuesday in September [~~March~~] in each odd-numbered [~~even-numbered~~] year.

(b)  The runoff primary election date is the fourth Tuesday in September [~~fourth Tuesday in May~~] following the general primary election.

(c)  The presidential primary election date is the first Tuesday in March in each presidential election year.

(d)  No other election may be held on the date of a primary election.

SECTION 3.  Section 172.023(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  An application for a place on the general primary election ballot must be filed not later than 6 p.m. on the second Monday in December of an even-numbered [~~odd-numbered~~] year unless the filing deadline is extended under Subchapter C.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.