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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a county, city, or independent school district posting election results on an Internet website.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 65, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 65.016 to read as follows:

Sec. 65.016.  INTERNET POSTING OF ELECTION RESULTS. (a) A county that holds or provides election services for an election and maintains an Internet website shall post on its public Internet website for an election administered by the county:

(1)  the results of each election;

(2)  the total number of votes cast; and

(3)  the total number of votes cast for each candidate or for or against each measure.

(b)  A city or independent school district that holds an election and maintains an Internet website shall post on its public Internet website for the city or independent school district, as applicable:

(1)  the results of each election;

(2)  the total number of votes cast; and

(3)  the total number of votes cast for each candidate or for or against each measure.

(c)  The information described by Subsections (a) and (b) must be:

(1)  posted as soon as practicable after the election; and

(2)  accessible without having to make more than two selections or view more than two network locations after accessing the Internet website home page of the county, city, or district, as applicable.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.