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H.B. No. 2860

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 4, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 4.009 to read as follows:

Sec. 4.009. INTERNET POSTING. (a) Not later than the 21st day before election day, 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 date of the election;

(2) the location of each polling place;

(3) each candidate for an elected office on the ballot; and

(4) each measure on the ballot.

(b) Not later than the 21st day before election day, a city or independent school district that holds an election and maintains an Internet website shall post on the public Internet website for the city or independent school district, as applicable:

(1) the date of the next election;

(2) the location of each polling place;

(3) each candidate for an elected office on the ballot; and

1 (4) each measure on the ballot.

2 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 65, Election Code, is
3 amended by adding Section 65.016 to read as follows:

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

8 (1) the results of each election;

9 (2) the total number of votes cast;

10 (3) the total number of votes cast for each candidate
11 or for or against each measure;

12 (4) the total number of votes cast by personal
13 appearance on election day;

14 (5) the total number of votes cast by personal
15 appearance or mail during the early voting period; and

16 (6) the total number of counted and uncounted
17 provisional ballots cast.

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

22 (1) the results of each election;

23 (2) the total number of votes cast;

24 (3) the total number of votes cast for each candidate
25 or for or against each measure;

26 (4) the total number of votes cast by personal
27 appearance on election day;

1 (5) the total number of votes cast by personal
2 appearance or mail during the early voting period; and

3 (6) the total number of counted and uncounted
4 provisional ballots cast.

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

7 (1) clearly labeled in plain language;

8 (2) provided as soon as practicable after the
9 election;

10 (3) accessible without having to make more than two
11 selections or view more than two network locations after accessing
12 the Internet website home page of the county, city, or district, as
13 applicable, for the most recent election; and

14 (4) accessible without having to make more than four
15 selections or view more than four network locations after accessing
16 the Internet website home page of the county, city, or district, as
17 applicable, for a previous election.

18 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
19 an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act. An
20 election ordered before the effective date of this Act is governed
21 by the law in effect when the election was ordered, and the former
22 law is continued in effect for that purpose.

23 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.