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H.B. No. 3347

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the date on which the election for statewide elected officials and members of the legislature is held.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 41, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 41.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 41.003. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF LEGISLATURE. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, the election for an executive officer listed under Section 1, Article IV, Texas Constitution, other than the secretary of state, and for members of the legislature shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd-numbered years.

(b) A law, rule, or provision that applies to the general election for state and county officers applies to an election held under this section.

(c) The first election held under this section shall be held on November 7, 2023. A person who occupies an office pending the outcome of that election, either as a constitutional holdover from the prior term or through other law, is entitled to receive the emoluments of office until the successor qualifies for the office after the election. This subsection expires September 1, 2025.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect January 1, 2022.