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S.B. No. 1730

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a moratorium on certain election practices and procedures.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 31, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 31.126 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.126. MORATORIUM ON CERTAIN ACTIONS BEFORE ELECTION DAY. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, any changes made by an election authority to a practice or procedure related to election administration or voter registration must be finalized not later than the 45th day before election day.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, during the 45 days preceding election day:

(1) Deviations from the practices or procedures are presumptively invalid and subject to injunctive relief under Section 273.081, unless there is a declared state of disaster or emergency under Chapter 418 or Chapter 433 of the Government Code.

(c) The attorney general may obtain injunctive relief to enforce this section.

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