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S.B. No. 1901

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to ensuring political subdivisions hold elections
required by law.

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

SECTION 1. Section 31.005, Election Code, is amended to
read as follows:

Sec. 31.005. PROTECTION OF VOTING RIGHTS. (a) The
secretary of state may take appropriate action to protect the
voting rights of the citizens of this state from abuse by the
authorities administering the state's electoral processes.

(b) If the secretary determines that a person performing
official functions in the administration of any part of the
electoral processes is exercising the powers vested in that person:

(1) in a manner that impedes the free exercise of a
citizen's voting rights; or

(2) to unduly delay or cancel an election they are
legally required to hold without obtaining prior approval from the
Secretary of State or a court of competent jurisdiction,

the secretary may order the person to correct the offending
conduct. If the person fails to comply, the secretary may seek
enforcement of the order by a temporary restraining order or a writ
of injunction or mandamus obtained through the attorney general.

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