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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the date of runoff elections.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 2.025, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a)  Except as provided by Subsection (d) or as otherwise provided by this code, a runoff election shall be held on a Saturday designated by the secretary of state [~~not earlier than the 20th or later than the 45th day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed~~].

(e)  A date designated by the secretary of state under this section for a runoff election:

(1)  must be:

(A)  not earlier than the 30th day after the date of the main election; and

(B)  not later than the 45th day after the date of the main election; and

(2)  may not:

(A)  be a national or state holiday under Section 1.006(f); or

(B)  have an early voting period that includes a national or state holiday under Section 1.006(f).

SECTION 2.  Section 2.025(b), Election Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.