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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a local option election to allow the sale of certain alcoholic beverages on Sunday.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 105.01(a), Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  Except as provided in Sections 105.011, 105.02, 105.03, 105.04, 105.08, and 105.091, no person may sell, offer for sale, or deliver any liquor:

(1)  on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas Day;

(2)  on Sunday; or

(3)  before 10 a.m. or after 9 p.m. on any other day.

SECTION 2.  Chapter 105, Alcoholic Beverage Code, is amended by adding Section 105.011 to read as follows:

Sec. 105.011.  SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUOR IN CERTAIN AREAS. In an area where the sale on Sunday of liquor for off-premise consumption has been approved by local option election:

(1)  the holder of a package store permit may sell, offer for sale, or deliver liquor on Sunday between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.;

(2)  the holder of a wholesaler's permit may sell, offer for sale, or deliver liquor to a retailer anytime on Sunday; and

(3)  the holder of a local distributor's permit may sell, offer for sale, or deliver liquor to a retailer on Sunday between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m.

SECTION 3.  Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 501.0351 to read as follows:

Sec. 501.0351.  ISSUE ON SUNDAY SALE OF LIQUOR. (a) In an area where the sale of liquor for off-premise consumption has been legalized, a local option election may be held to prohibit or legalize the sale on Sunday of liquor for off-premise consumption.

(b)  The ballot shall be prepared to permit voting for or against the issue: "The sale on Sunday of liquor for off-premise consumption."

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.