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By:  Thimesch, Swanson, Bumgarner H.B. No. 2133

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to authorizing certain political subdivisions to change the date on which the general election for officers is held.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 41.0052, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to read as follows:

(a-1)  The governing body of a political subdivision, other than a county or municipal utility district, that holds its general election for officers on the November uniform election date may, not later than December 31, 2024, change the date on which it holds its general election for officers to the May uniform election date.

(a-2)  Subsection (a-1) applies only to a municipality:

(1)  with a population of more than 30,000;

(2)  through which State Highway 121 runs; and

(3)  that is wholly located in a county with a population of more than 500,000 that borders two counties, each of which has a population of more than 2 million.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2023.