By:  Hughes S.B. No. 921

(In the Senate - Filed February 14, 2023; March 3, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; March 21, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 3; March 21, 2023, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

               Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Hughes          X

Paxton          X

Bettencourt     X

Birdwell        X

LaMantia            X

Menéndez            X

Middleton       X

Parker          X

Perry           X

Schwertner      X

Zaffirini           X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the determination of a majority vote in certain elections.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter B, Chapter 2, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 2.0215 to read as follows:

Sec. 2.0215.  DETERMINATION OF MAJORITY VOTE. (a) In this section, "preferential voting system" means a voting system which permits a voter to rank each candidate through a numerical designation from the candidate the voter favors most to the candidate the voter favors least.

(b)  In an election requiring a majority vote to be elected to a public office, a candidate must receive more than half of the votes as originally cast. A majority may not be determined by using a preferential voting system to reassign votes.

SECTION 2.  Section 2.022(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  Sections 2.0215, 2.023, 2.025, and 2.028 supersede a law outside this subchapter to the extent of any conflict.

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

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