

By: Buckley

H.B. No. 824

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 824:

By: Swanson

C.S.H.B. No. 824

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of certain municipalities to change the date of the general election for officers.

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

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

(a-1) The governing body of a city that is intersected by State Highway 195 and Interstate Highway 14 and that holds its general election for officers on a uniform election date in May may, not later than December 31, 2024, change the date on which it holds its general election for officers to the uniform election date in November. This subsection expires January 1, 2025.

(c) A home-rule city may implement a ~~the~~ change authorized by this section ~~[Subsection (a)]~~ or provide for the election of all members of the governing body at the same election through the adoption of a resolution. The change contained in the resolution supersedes a city charter provision that requires a different general election date or that requires the terms of members of the governing body to be staggered.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.