

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the election of the entire governing body of a
3 municipality following each apportionment.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 21, Local Government Code,
6 is amended by adding Section 21.006 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 21.006. ELECTION OF ENTIRE GOVERNING BODY UPON
8 APPORTIONMENT. (a) A municipality that is divided into districts,
9 wards, or other areas from which members of its governing body are
10 elected shall elect all members of the municipality's governing
11 body following each apportionment on the first uniform election
12 date that allows sufficient time to comply with any requirements of
13 law.

14 (b) If members of the governing body of a municipality
15 described by Subsection (a) serve staggered terms, the municipality
16 shall adopt an equitable process to determine which members of the
17 governing body serve shorter terms to accommodate an election
18 following apportionment that accounts for the remaining time in
19 each member's term and whether the term of any member elected from a
20 particular district, ward, or area was previously shortened under
21 this section.

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

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3613 was passed by the House on May 12, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 5, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3613 was passed by the Senate on May 24, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor