

1-1 By: Bhojani, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Paxton) H.B. No. 4621
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 15, 2023;
 1-3 May 16, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 21, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 21, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 4621 By: Hughes

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the authority to cancel certain elections on a measure.
 1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Election Code, is
 1-26 amended by adding Section 2.083 to read as follows:
 1-27 Sec. 2.083. CANCELLATION OF ELECTION DURING DECLARED
 1-28 DISASTER. (a) In this section, "disaster" has the meaning assigned
 1-29 by Section 418.004, Government Code.
 1-30 (b) The authority that ordered an election on a measure may
 1-31 request approval from the secretary of state to cancel the election
 1-32 if:
 1-33 (1) the governor issued a disaster declaration for a
 1-34 disaster under Chapter 418, Government Code, covering an area
 1-35 within the authority's jurisdiction; and
 1-36 (2) the authority determines that the disaster makes
 1-37 holding the election impossible.
 1-38 (c) In determining whether to grant a request to cancel an
 1-39 election on a measure under this section, the secretary of state
 1-40 shall consider the circumstances of the disaster in the affected
 1-41 area, including whether other elections in or near the area can be
 1-42 conducted.
 1-43 (d) If the secretary of state grants a request to cancel an
 1-44 election on a measure under this section, the authority holding the
 1-45 election shall post notice of the cancellation during early voting
 1-46 by personal appearance and on election day, at each polling place
 1-47 that would have been used for the election on the measure.
 1-48 (e) If an election on a measure required following the
 1-49 submission of a petition signed by a number of registered voters is
 1-50 canceled under this section, the authority that ordered the
 1-51 election shall order a new election on the measure for the first
 1-52 available uniform election day after the canceled election.
 1-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
 1-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
 1-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
 1-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
 1-57 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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