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H.B. No. 2885

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to allowing the governing bodies of certain political
3 subdivisions to call for a local option election relating to the
4 sale of alcoholic beverages.

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

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Election Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 501.0211 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 501.0211. ELECTION CALLED BY GOVERNING BODY OF
9 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. (a) This section applies only to a county:

10 (1) with a population of more than 70,000 and less than
11 100,000;

12 (2) that contains a portion of the Colorado River; and

13 (3) that is adjacent to a county with a population of
14 one million or more.

15 (b) The commissioners court of a county may, on the
16 commissioners court's own motion, order a local option election in
17 the county or a justice precinct in the county to determine whether
18 the sale of alcoholic beverages of one or more of the various types
19 and alcoholic contents shall be legalized in the county or the
20 justice precinct.

21 (c) The governing body of a municipality may, by resolution,
22 order a local option election to be held in the municipality to
23 determine whether the sale of alcoholic beverages of one or more of
24 the various types and alcoholic contents shall be legalized in the

1 municipality.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.