

1-1 By: Gerdes (Senate Sponsor - Schwertner) H.B. No. 2885  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 30, 2025;  
1-3 May 5, 2025, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 23, 2025, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 10, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

1-7	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	X			
1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to allowing the governing bodies of certain political  
1-22 subdivisions to call for a local option election relating to the  
1-23 sale of alcoholic beverages.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 501, Election Code, is  
1-26 amended by adding Section 501.0211 to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 501.0211. ELECTION CALLED BY GOVERNING BODY OF  
1-28 POLITICAL SUBDIVISION. (a) This section applies only to a county:

1-29 (1) with a population of more than 70,000 and less than  
1-30 100,000;

1-31 (2) that contains a portion of the Colorado River; and

1-32 (3) that is adjacent to a county with a population of  
1-33 one million or more.

1-34 (b) The commissioners court of a county may, on the  
1-35 commissioners court's own motion, order a local option election in  
1-36 the county or a justice precinct in the county to determine whether  
1-37 the sale of alcoholic beverages of one or more of the various types  
1-38 and alcoholic contents shall be legalized in the county or the  
1-39 justice precinct.

1-40 (c) The governing body of a municipality may, by resolution,  
1-41 order a local option election to be held in the municipality to  
1-42 determine whether the sale of alcoholic beverages of one or more of  
1-43 the various types and alcoholic contents shall be legalized in the  
1-44 municipality.

1-45 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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