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H.B. No. 2998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to requiring voter approval for mass pesticide application by municipalities or counties.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 370, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 370.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 370.010. VOTER APPROVAL FOR MASS PESTICIDE APPLICATION REQUIRED. (a) In this section:

(1) "Mass pesticide application" means the application of a pesticide by using a motor vehicle or other mechanical device.

(2) "Pesticide" has the meaning assigned by Section 76.001, Agriculture Code.

(b) Notwithstanding any other law, a municipality or county may not conduct a mass pesticide application unless the application is approved by a majority of voters voting at an election held for that purpose in the municipality or county. For purposes of this section, an application that wholly occurs in the boundaries of a municipality does not require approval of the voters of a county in which the municipality is located.

(c) The governing body of a municipality or county may order an election under this section.

(d) At an election to approve mass pesticide application, the ballot must be printed to provide for voting for or against the

1 approval of the mass pesticide application.

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