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H.B. No. 3546

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of an independent school district to change the date of the general election for officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11.059(e), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e) Not later than December 31, 2030 [2023], the board of trustees may adopt a resolution changing the length of the terms of its trustees until the date the November election is canvassed. The resolution must provide for staggered terms of either three or four years and specify the manner in which the transition from the length of the former term to the modified term is made. The transition must begin with the first regular election for trustees that occurs after the board adopts the resolution, and a trustee who serves on the date the resolution is adopted shall serve the remainder of that term. This subsection expires January 1, 2036.

SECTION 2. Section 41.0052, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a-1), as added by Chapter 985 (S.B. 2620), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, and adding Subsection (f) to read as follows:

(a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a municipality[ ~~independent school district,~~] or hospital district wholly or partly located in a county with a population of more than 19,900 and less than 20,000 that holds its general election for officers on a date

1 other than the November uniform election date may change the date on  
2 which it holds its general election for officers to the November  
3 uniform election date.

4 (f) The governing body of an independent school district  
5 that holds its general election for officers on a date other than  
6 the November uniform election date may change the date on which it  
7 holds its general election for officers to the November uniform  
8 election date.

9 SECTION 3. The following provisions are repealed:

10 (1) Sections 11.059(f) and (g), Education Code; and

11 (2) Section 41.0052(a-1), Election Code, as added by  
12 Chapter 1160 (S.B. 1131), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular  
13 Session, 2023.

14 SECTION 4. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails  
15 over another Act of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025,  
16 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted  
17 codes.

18 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
19 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
20 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
21 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
22 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.