

1-1 By: Martinez, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 3546
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2025;
1-3 May 8, 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 9, Nays 0; May 23, 2025, sent to printer.)

1-6	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Hughes	X			
1-9	Paxton	X			
1-10	Bettencourt	X			
1-11	Birdwell	X			
1-12	Hall	X			
1-13	Hinojosa of Nueces	X			
1-14	Middleton	X			
1-15	Parker	X			
1-16	Perry			X	
1-17	Schwertner			X	
1-18	Zaffirini	X			

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the authority of an independent school district to
1-22 change the date of the general election for officers.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 11.059(e), Education Code, is amended to
1-25 read as follows:

1-26 (e) Not later than December 31, 2030 [2023], the board of
1-27 trustees may adopt a resolution changing the length of the terms of
1-28 its trustees until the date the November election is canvassed. The
1-29 resolution must provide for staggered terms of either three or four
1-30 years and specify the manner in which the transition from the length
1-31 of the former term to the modified term is made. The transition
1-32 must begin with the first regular election for trustees that occurs
1-33 after the board adopts the resolution, and a trustee who serves on
1-34 the date the resolution is adopted shall serve the remainder of that
1-35 term. This subsection expires January 1, 2036.

1-36 SECTION 2. Section 41.0052, Election Code, is amended by
1-37 amending Subsection (a-1), as added by Chapter 985 (S.B. 2620),
1-38 Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023, and adding
1-39 Subsection (f) to read as follows:

1-40 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a municipality[
1-41 ~~independent school district,~~] or hospital district wholly or partly
1-42 located in a county with a population of more than 19,900 and less
1-43 than 20,000 that holds its general election for officers on a date
1-44 other than the November uniform election date may change the date on
1-45 which it holds its general election for officers to the November
1-46 uniform election date.

1-47 (f) The governing body of an independent school district
1-48 that holds its general election for officers on a date other than
1-49 the November uniform election date may change the date on which it
1-50 holds its general election for officers to the November uniform
1-51 election date.

1-52 SECTION 3. The following provisions are repealed:

1-53 (1) Sections 11.059(f) and (g), Education Code; and

1-54 (2) Section 41.0052(a-1), Election Code, as added by
1-55 Chapter 1160 (S.B. 1131), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular
1-56 Session, 2023.

1-57 SECTION 4. To the extent of any conflict, this Act prevails
1-58 over another Act of the 89th Legislature, Regular Session, 2025,
1-59 relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted
1-60 codes.

1-61 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

2-1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-4 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

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