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S.B. No. 1209

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to election dates.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2.025(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (d) or as otherwise provided by this code, a runoff election shall be held on a Tuesday [~~Saturday~~] designated by the secretary of state.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 41.001, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 41.001. UNIFORM ELECTION DATE [~~DATES~~].

SECTION 3. Section 41.001, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(a) Except as otherwise provided by this subchapter, each general or special election in this state shall be held on ~~[one of the following dates:]~~

~~[(1) the first Saturday in May in an odd-numbered year,~~

~~[(2) the first Saturday in May in an even-numbered year, for an election held by a political subdivision other than a county, or ordered by the governor, or~~

~~[(3)]~~ the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

1 (c) Except for an election under Subsection (a) or Section
2 41.0011 ~~[or a runoff election following an election held under~~
3 ~~Subsection (a)(2)]~~, an election may not be held within 30 days
4 before or after the date of the general election for state and
5 county officers, general primary election, or runoff primary
6 election.

7 (e) Except for an election under Section 41.0011 or as
8 provided by Section 203.004(b), every election held in this state
9 shall be held on a Tuesday.

10 SECTION 4. Section 41.004(a), Election Code, is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 (a) If a law outside this code other than the constitution
13 requires a special election subject to Section 41.001(a) to be held
14 within a particular period after the occurrence of a certain event,
15 the election shall be held on the ~~[an]~~ authorized uniform election
16 date occurring within the period unless no uniform election date
17 within the period affords enough time to hold the election in the
18 manner required by law. In that case, Section 41.001(a) does not
19 apply ~~[the election shall be held on the first authorized uniform~~
20 ~~election date occurring after the expiration of the period]~~.

21 SECTION 5. Section 41.0052(a), Election Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (a) The governing body of a political subdivision~~[, other~~
24 ~~than a county or municipal utility district,~~] that holds its
25 general election for officers on a date other than the November
26 uniform election date shall ~~[may]~~, not later than December 31, 2025
27 ~~[2016]~~, change the date on which it holds its general election for

officers to the November uniform election date.

SECTION 6. Section 41.007(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The runoff primary election date is the second ~~[fourth]~~ Tuesday in May following the general primary election.

SECTION 7. Sections 203.013(c) and (e), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(c) The election must be held on a Tuesday ~~[or Saturday]~~ occurring not earlier than the 21st day or later than the 45th day after the date the election is ordered.

(e) If a runoff election is necessary, it must be held on a Tuesday ~~[or Saturday]~~ occurring not earlier than the 12th day or later than the 25th day after the date the election is ordered.

SECTION 8. The following provisions of the Election Code are repealed:

(1) Section 41.001(d);

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

(3) Section 41.0052(a-1), as added by Chapter 985 (S.B. 2620), Acts of the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, 2023; and

(4) Section 85.001(e).

SECTION 9. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.