

1-1 By: Herrero (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 1927  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2019;  
 1-3 May 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
 1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the filling of a vacancy in the office of county  
 1-20 commissioner in certain counties.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
 1-22 SECTION 1. Section 87.042, Local Government Code, is  
 1-23 amended to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 87.042. COUNTY COMMISSIONER VACANCY. (a) Except as  
 1-25 provided by Subsection (b), if ~~if~~ a vacancy occurs in the office  
 1-26 of county commissioner, the county judge shall appoint a suitable  
 1-27 resident of the precinct in which the vacancy exists to fill the  
 1-28 vacancy until the next general election.

1-29 (b) This subsection applies only to a county with a  
 1-30 population of more than 300,000. Not later than the 60th day after  
 1-31 the date a vacancy occurs in the office of county commissioner, the  
 1-32 county judge shall appoint a suitable resident of the precinct in  
 1-33 which the vacancy exists to fill the vacancy until the next general  
 1-34 election. If the county judge does not make an appointment to fill  
 1-35 the vacancy before the 61st day after the date the vacancy occurred,  
 1-36 the commissioners court by majority vote shall appoint a suitable  
 1-37 resident of the precinct in which the vacancy exists to fill the  
 1-38 vacancy until the next general election.

1-39 SECTION 2. (a) Section 87.042, Local Government Code, as  
 1-40 amended by this Act, applies only to a vacancy in the office of  
 1-41 county commissioner that occurs on or after the effective date of  
 1-42 this Act.

1-43 (b) For a vacancy in the office of county commissioner that  
 1-44 occurred and has not been filled before the effective date of this  
 1-45 Act and to which Section 87.042(b), Local Government Code, as added  
 1-46 by this Act, applies:

1-47 (1) the county judge shall appoint, not later than the  
 1-48 60th day after the effective date of this Act, a suitable resident  
 1-49 of the precinct in which the vacancy exists to fill the vacancy  
 1-50 until the next general election; and

1-51 (2) if the county judge does not make an appointment to  
 1-52 fill the vacancy before the 61st day after the effective date of  
 1-53 this Act, the commissioners court by majority vote shall appoint a  
 1-54 suitable resident of the precinct in which the vacancy exists to  
 1-55 fill the vacancy until the next general election.

1-56 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-57 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-58 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-59 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-60 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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