

1-1 By: Hall S.B. No. 1613  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2019; March 14, 2019, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Property Tax; May 6, 2019,  
 1-4 reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute by the  
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 4, Nays 1; May 6, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Bettencourt	X			
1-8 Paxton	X			
1-9 Creighton	X			
1-10 Hancock	X			
1-11 Hinojosa		X		
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1-13 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1613 By: Paxton

1-14 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-15 AN ACT

1-16 relating to turnout requirements for certain elections authorizing  
 1-17 the issuance of bonds or an increase in taxes by a political  
 1-18 subdivision.

1-19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-20 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 2, Election Code, is  
 1-21 amended to read as follows:

1-22 CHAPTER 2. VOTE REQUIRED FOR ELECTION [~~TO OFFICE~~]

1-23 SECTION 2. Chapter 2, Election Code, is amended by adding  
 1-24 Subchapter E to read as follows:

1-25 SUBCHAPTER E. TURNOUT REQUIREMENTS

1-26 Sec. 2.101. APPLICABILITY. This subchapter does not apply  
 1-27 to an election held on the November uniform election date of an  
 1-28 even-numbered year.

1-29 Sec. 2.102. POLITICAL SUBDIVISION BOND OR TAX ELECTION. An  
 1-30 election held by a political subdivision to authorize the issuance  
 1-31 of bonds or a tax increase has no effect regarding the issuance of  
 1-32 the bonds or the tax increase unless more than 15 percent of the  
 1-33 registered voters of the political subdivision in which the  
 1-34 election is held whose registrations are effective on the date of  
 1-35 the election vote in the election in which the bond or tax  
 1-36 proposition is on the ballot.

1-37 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to  
 1-38 bonds authorized to be issued or a tax increase authorized on or  
 1-39 after the effective date of this Act. Bonds or a tax increase  
 1-40 authorized before the effective date of this Act are governed by the  
 1-41 law in effect when the bonds were authorized, and the former law is  
 1-42 continued in effect for that purpose.

1-43 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
 1-44 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
 1-45 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
 1-46 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
 1-47 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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