

1-1 By: King of Uvalde, Morales of Maverick H.B. No. 2645
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2021;
 1-4 May 12, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Higher
 1-5 Education; May 21, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8			X	
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1-10	X			
1-11			X	
1-12	X			
1-13			X	
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16			X	
1-17	X			

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the election of certain junior college district
 1-21 trustees by plurality vote.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 130.082, Education Code, is amended by
 1-24 amending Subsection (g) and adding Subsections (g-1) and (g-2) to
 1-25 read as follows:

1-26 (g) The board shall ~~designate a~~ number ~~for~~ the positions
 1-27 on [position held by each member of] the board[, from one upward] in
 1-28 the [consecutive numerical] order in which the [such manner that
 1-29 the lowest numbers shall be assigned to the members whose] terms of
 1-30 office of the members expire [in the shortest length of time],
 1-31 provided that any [such] position number designations on existing
 1-32 boards under existing law on [at] the effective date of this act or
 1-33 on the effective date of an amendment to this subsection shall
 1-34 remain in effect. At each election candidates must [shall] be voted
 1-35 upon and be elected separately for each position on the board, and
 1-36 the name of each candidate must [shall] be placed on the official
 1-37 ballot according to the number of the position for which the
 1-38 candidate [he or she] is running. Except as provided by Subsection
 1-39 (g-1), the [A] candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast [for
 1-40 all candidates] for each respective [a] position to be filled at the
 1-41 election is [shall be declared] elected. If no candidate receives
 1-42 [such] a majority, then the two candidates receiving the highest
 1-43 number of votes shall run against each other for the position. The
 1-44 run-off election for all positions shall be held on a date that
 1-45 complies with law in the same manner [and shall be ordered, notice
 1-46 thereof given, and held,] as provided [herein] for regular
 1-47 elections. The board shall place a candidate's name [Any resident,
 1-48 qualified elector of the district may have his or her name placed as
 1-49 a candidate] on the official ballot for any position to be filled at
 1-50 each regular election if the candidate is a resident of the
 1-51 district, is a qualified elector of the district, and files [by
 1-52 filing] with the secretary of the board a written application
 1-53 [therefor] signed by the applicant that complies with Section
 1-54 144.005, Election Code. The [, not later than 5 p.m. of the 45th day
 1-55 before the date of the election. An application may not be filed
 1-56 earlier than the 30th day before the date of the filing deadline.
 1-57 Such] application must state the number of the position [for which
 1-58 he or she is a candidate,] or the name of the incumbent member of the
 1-59 board holding the position for which the candidate [he or she]
 1-60 desires to run. The order [location] on the ballot of the names of
 1-61 candidates for each position shall be chosen by lot by the board. A

2-1 candidate shall be eligible to run for only one position at each
2-2 election.

2-3 (g-1) The board of trustees of the following junior college
2-4 districts may by resolution provide, not later than the 180th day
2-5 before the date of an election, that a candidate receiving the
2-6 highest number of votes cast for each respective position to be
2-7 filled at the election is elected:

2-8 (1) Laredo Community College District; and

2-9 (2) Southwest Texas Junior College District.

2-10 (g-2) A resolution adopted under Subsection (g-1) is
2-11 effective for subsequent elections until rescinded by a subsequent
2-12 resolution adopted not later than the 180th day before the date of
2-13 the first election to which the rescission applies.

2-14 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
2-15 to an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.

2-16 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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