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## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the deadline for submitting certain recount petitions. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: 1-21 1-22

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 212.028, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as 1-24 1-25 follows:

1-26 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), a petition for an initial recount must be submitted by 5 p.m. of the third business [second] day after the date the canvassing authority to whose 1-27 1-28 presiding officer the petition must be submitted completes its canvass of the original election returns. 1-29 1-30

(c) If the deadline for submitting a petition for an initial recount falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state holiday, the deadline is extended to 10 a.m. of the next regular business day. SECTION 2. Section 212.083, Election Code, is amended to 1-31 1-32 1-33

1-34 1-35 read as follows:

Sec. 212.083. DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING PETITION. 1-36 The deadline for submitting a recount petition under this subchapter is 1-37 2 p.m. of the second [first] day after the date of the local 1-38 1-39 canvass.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023. 1 - 40

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