

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 921  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 14, 2023; March 3, 2023,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
 1-4 March 21, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,  
 1-5 Nays 3; March 21, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the determination of a majority vote in certain  
 1-22 elections.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 2, Election Code, is  
 1-25 amended by adding Section 2.0215 to read as follows:

1-26 Sec. 2.0215. DETERMINATION OF MAJORITY VOTE. (a) In this  
 1-27 section, "preferential voting system" means a voting system which  
 1-28 permits a voter to rank each candidate through a numerical  
 1-29 designation from the candidate the voter favors most to the  
 1-30 candidate the voter favors least.

1-31 (b) In an election requiring a majority vote to be elected  
 1-32 to a public office, a candidate must receive more than half of the  
 1-33 votes as originally cast. A majority may not be determined by using  
 1-34 a preferential voting system to reassign votes.

1-35 SECTION 2. Section 2.022(b), Election Code, is amended to  
 1-36 read as follows:

1-37 (b) Sections 2.0215, 2.023, 2.025, and 2.028 supersede a law  
 1-38 outside this subchapter to the extent of any conflict.

1-39 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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