

1-1 By: Middleton, et al. S.B. No. 1993
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 8, 2023; March 21, 2023, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 6, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 2; April 6, 2023,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1993 By: Hughes

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the authority of the secretary of state to order a new
 1-24 election in certain counties.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Title 14, Election Code, is amended by adding
 1-27 Subtitle E to read as follows:

1-28 SUBTITLE E. ORDER FOR NEW ELECTION BY SECRETARY OF STATE

1-29 CHAPTER 249. SHORTAGE OF BALLOTS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES

1-30 Sec. 249.001. STANDARD FOR NEW ELECTION. Notwithstanding
 1-31 any other law, in a county with a population of 2.7 million or more,
 1-32 the secretary of state shall order a new election if the secretary
 1-33 has good cause to believe that at least two percent of the total
 1-34 number of polling places in the county:

1-35 (1) ran out of usable ballots during voting hours; and

1-36 (2) did not receive supplemental ballots under Section
 1-37 51.008 for one or more hours after making a request for supplemental
 1-38 ballots to the authority responsible for distributing election
 1-39 supplies.

1-40 Sec. 249.002. PROCEDURES FOR NEW ELECTION. In establishing
 1-41 the procedures for a new election ordered under this chapter, the
 1-42 secretary of state shall have the same authority granted to a
 1-43 district court under Section 231.007.

1-44 Sec. 249.003. EXPENSES OF NEW ELECTION. The expenses of a
 1-45 new election ordered by the secretary of state under this chapter
 1-46 are paid from the same fund and by the same authority that paid the
 1-47 expenses of the previous election.

1-48 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-49 an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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