

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

In 1997, the 75th Texas Legislature removed the provision requiring a proposed charter amendment brought by citizen initiative to be placed on the ballot on the first authorized uniform election date and added the option of postponing the election for the approval of amendments until the earlier of the next municipal general election or the next presidential general election. The added options for election dates allowed some municipalities to delay approval of the charter amendments, in some cases, for several years. H.B. 2183 removes the option of postponing the election for the approval of amendments until the earlier of the next municipal general election or the next presidential general election and requires municipalities to hold such elections on the first authorized uniform election date.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 9.004(b), Local Government Code, to delete text regarding a charter amendment election being held “on the earlier of the date of the next municipal general election or presidential general election.”

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.