

CHAPTER 310

H.B. No. 2261

An Act relating to the time for the canvass of the general election returns by the state canvassing board.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 120, Texas Election Code (Article 8.38, Vernon's Texas Election Code), is amended to read as follows:

120. **SUCH RETURNS COUNTED.** Not earlier than the 15th day or later than the 30th [21st] day after election day, at the time set by the Secretary of State, the Secretary of State in the presence of the Governor and one (1) citizen of the state, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall serve for a term of two (2) years, or in case of vacancy or of inability or failure of either to act, then in the presence of either one (1) of them, shall open and count the returns of the elections.

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 25, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 17, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved: June 7, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985