

## CHAPTER 941

H.B. No. 2331

An Act relating to the office hours of voter registrars on uniform election dates.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 41c, Texas Election Code (Article 5.09c, Vernon's Texas Election Code), is amended to read as follows:

**41c. OFFICE HOURS OF COUNTY CLERK AND TAX ASSESSOR ON ELECTION DAY.** (a) Notwithstanding the designation of an election day as a legal holiday on which public offices may be closed, during the hours the polls are open on the day of any general election, primary election, or runoff primary election in which a statewide office appears on the ballot:

(1) the office of the county clerk shall remain open for the purpose of performing the clerk's duties in connection with administration of the election in counties where no county elections administrator has been appointed and where the clerk's duties have not been transferred to the county tax assessor-collector under Section 56c of this code (*Article 5.24c, Vernon's Texas Election Code*); and

(2) the office of tax assessor-collector shall remain open for voter registration purposes in counties where the tax assessor-collector serves as registrar of voters and shall remain open for the performance of duties in connection with administration of the election in counties where a transfer of duties has occurred under Section 56c of this code (*Article 5.24c, Vernon's Texas Election Code*).

*(b) In addition to the requirements of Subsection (a) of this section, a county tax assessor-collector or county clerk who is a voter registrar shall keep the registrar's office open for voter registration activities during the hours the polls are required to be open on election day in any election held in the county on a uniform election date prescribed by Section 9b of this code (Article 2.01b, Vernon's Texas Election Code).*

**SECTION 2.** Subdivision 10, Section 56a, Texas Election Code (Article 5.24a, Vernon's Texas Election Code), is amended to read as follows:

**Subdiv. 10. OFFICE HOURS ON ELECTION DAY.** The office of the county elections administrator shall remain open during the hours the polls are open on the day of any general election, primary election, or runoff primary election in which a statewide office appears on the ballot, *or any other election held in the county on a uniform election date prescribed by Section 9b of this code (Article 2.01b, Vernon's Texas Election Code).*

**SECTION 3.** 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 24, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 15, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved: June 15, 1985

Effective: August 26, 1985