

CHAPTER 919

H.B. No. 663

AN ACT

relating to the filling of vacancies on the governing bodies of certain municipalities.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 26, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 26.045 to read as follows:

*Sec. 26.045. FILLING VACANCY ON GOVERNING BODY OF MUNICIPALITY WITH POPULATION OF 1.5 MILLION OR MORE. If a vacancy occurs on the governing body of a municipality with a population of 1.5 million or more and more than 270 days remain before the date of the next general election of members of the governing body, the governing body shall order a special election in the district in which the vacancy occurred, or in the entire municipality if the vacancy occurred in an at-large position, to fill the vacancy. The special election shall be held on an authorized uniform election date prescribed by the Election Code that occurs before the general election and that allows enough time to hold the election in the manner required by law and shall be conducted in the same manner as the municipality's general election except as provided by provisions of the Election Code applicable to special elections to fill vacancies.*

SECTION 2. Section 26.044(j), Local Government Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to a vacancy occurring on or after the effective date of this Act. A vacancy occurring before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect when the vacancy occurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 4. 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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on May 11, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 29, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1993.

Effective Aug. 30, 1993, 90 days after date of adjournment.