

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 3619 as passed by the Eightieth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

In 1993, the legislature enacted a statute requiring local political subdivisions to set a fixed date for their elections and stick to it, so voters would know each cycle when elections will be held. House Bill No. 3619 attempts, for the fifth time, to extend the deadline for political subdivisions, other than counties, to change the date on which the subdivision holds its general election for officers.

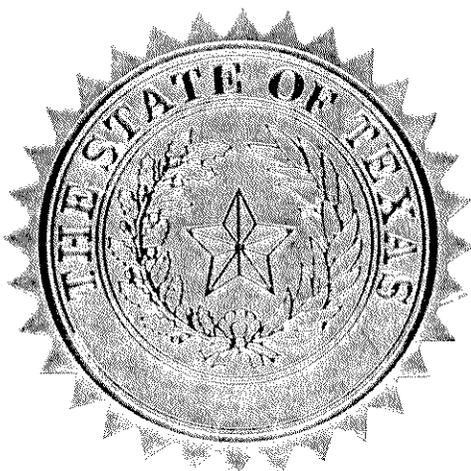
In 1993, the legislature established a deadline of December 31, 1993, for setting election dates. The date was then pushed back to December 31, 1997 (by the 75th Legislature), December 31, 1999 (by the 76th Legislature), December 31, 2004 (by the 78th Legislature), and December 31, 2005 (by the 79th Legislature).

House Bill No. 3619 would move the deadline again, to December 31, 2008.

While some of the deadline extensions were necessary in sessions in which the legislature cut back the number of uniform election dates, we have now reached the point where the cities and other local subdivisions need to stop moving their election dates. Voters need to know when a political subdivision holds its elections.

If Texas is serious about increasing turnout, the state must stop changing the time and place of elections, and set them permanently so voters will know when they can vote.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2007.

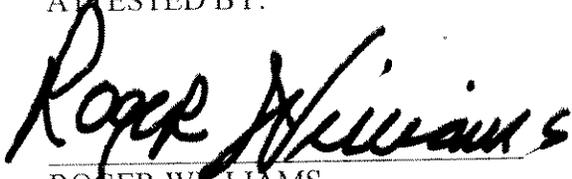
Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

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ATTESTED BY:



ROGER WILLIAMS
Secretary of State

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