



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Government Performance and Financial Management  
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**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All  
**DEPARTMENT:** City Secretary's Office  
**EXECUTIVE:** Bilierae Johnson

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### **SUBJECT**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to appoint an Ad Hoc City Council Canvassing Committee to review the returns of the May 1, 2021 general election and special election, and submit a canvass report to the full City Council on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

### **BACKGROUND**

Chapter IV, Section 9, of the City Charter provides the City Council shall canvass and certify the results of a city election in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code. Section 67.003 (b) of the Texas Election Code provides, in part, "For an election held on the uniform election date in May, the local canvass must occur not later than the 11th day after election day and not earlier than the later of: (1) the third day after election day .... " For the Saturday, May 1, 2021 general election, the canvass could be made any time between Tuesday, May 4, 2021, and Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

This action authorizes the Mayor to appoint an ad hoc canvassing committee to meet and review the returns of the May 1, 2021 general election and special election; and submit a canvass report to the full City Council at the regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2021. The canvass must be held no later than Wednesday, May 12, 2021 in order to meet the deadlines required to swear in the full City Council on Monday, June 14, 2021 (Inauguration Day).

In the event a runoff election is necessary, a canvassing committee will be addressed at that time.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

This item has no prior action.

### **FISCAL INFORMATION**

No cost consideration to the City.