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S.B. No. 54

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the eligibility to sign certain petitions in connection  
3 with certain applications for placement on a general election  
4 ballot.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 142.009, Election Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 142.009. PETITION TO BE CIRCULATED AFTER PRIMARY. A  
9 signature on a candidate's petition is invalid if the signer[+  
10 [~~(1)~~] signed the petition on or before general primary  
11 election day or, if a runoff primary is held for the office sought  
12 by the candidate, on or before runoff primary election day[~~+ or~~  
13 [~~(2) voted in the general or runoff primary election~~  
14 ~~of a political party that made a nomination, at either primary, for~~  
15 ~~the office sought by the candidate]~~.

16 SECTION 2. Section 181.006(f), Election Code, is amended to  
17 read as follows:

18 (f) The following statement must appear at the top of each  
19 page of the petition: "I know that the purpose of this petition is  
20 to entitle the \_\_\_\_\_ Party to have its nominees placed on the  
21 ballot in the general election for state and county officers. [~~I~~  
22 ~~have not voted in a primary election or participated in a convention~~  
23 ~~of another party during this voting year, and I understand that I~~  
24 ~~become ineligible to do so by signing this petition. I understand~~

1 ~~that signing more than one petition to entitle a party to have its~~  
2 ~~nominees placed on the general election ballot in the same election~~  
3 ~~is prohibited.]"~~

4 SECTION 3. Section 182.004(f), Election Code, is amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (f) Sections 181.006(f) and (j) [~~181.006(f)-(j)~~] apply to a  
7 petition circulated under this section.

8 SECTION 4. The following provisions of the Election Code  
9 are repealed:

10 (1) Section 142.008; and

11 (2) Sections 181.006(g), (h), and (i).

12 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the  
13 last day of the legislative session.