

AN ACT

relating to eligibility requirements to hold a political party office.

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

SECTION 1. Section 161.005, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) To be eligible to be a candidate for or to serve as an officer [~~a county or precinct chair~~] of a political party, a person must:

(1) [~~be a qualified voter of the county; and~~
~~(2)~~] except as provided by Subsection (c), not be a candidate for nomination or election to, or be the holder of, an elective office of the federal, state, or county government; and

(2) if the office is a county or precinct chair of a political party, be a qualified voter of the county.

(a-1) For purposes of this section, the following are officers of a political party:

- (1) a precinct chair;
- (2) a county chair; and
- (3) a member, a chair, or a vice chair of a state executive committee of a political party.

(c) A candidate for nomination or election to, or the holder of, an elective office of the federal, state, or county government

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1 is eligible to serve as an officer [~~a county or precinct chair~~] of a
2 political party to which Chapter 181 applies.

3 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1987 was passed by the House on May 11, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 103, Nays 42, 1 present, not voting; that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1987 on May 30, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 99, Nays 18, 13 present, not voting; and that the House adopted H.C.R. No. 119 authorizing certain corrections in H.B. No. 1987 on May 31, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 132, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1987 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 25, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate adopted H.C.R. No. 119 authorizing certain corrections in H.B. No. 1987 on May 31, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor