

1-1 By: Schwertner S.B. No. 994
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 16, 2023; March 3, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 March 13, 2023, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
 1-5 Nays 0; March 13, 2023, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the declaration of a candidate's ineligibility on the
 1-22 basis of failure to pay a filing fee or submit a petition in lieu of
 1-23 a filing fee.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Sections 145.003(b) and (f), Election Code, are
 1-26 amended to read as follows:

1-27 (b) A candidate in the general election for state and county
 1-28 officers may be declared ineligible before the 30th day preceding
 1-29 election day by:

1-30 (1) the party officer responsible for certifying the
 1-31 candidate's name for placement on the general election ballot, in
 1-32 the case of a candidate who is a political party's nominee; ~~or~~

1-33 (2) the authority with whom the candidate's
 1-34 application for a place on the ballot is required to be filed, in
 1-35 the case of an independent candidate; or

1-36 (3) the secretary of state, if the candidate is
 1-37 ineligible under Subsection (f)(3).

1-38 (f) A candidate may be declared ineligible only if:

1-39 (1) the information on the candidate's application for
 1-40 a place on the ballot indicates that the candidate is ineligible for
 1-41 the office; ~~or~~

1-42 (2) facts indicating that the candidate is ineligible
 1-43 are conclusively established by another public record; or

1-44 (3) the candidate fails to pay the filing fee or submit
 1-45 a petition in lieu of a filing fee.

1-46 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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