

By: Bucy

H.B. No. 665

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the secretary of state posting on the secretary of
3 state's Internet website databases containing certain information
4 about elections.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 4.003, Election Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsection (e-1) to read as
8 follows:

9 (e) The authority responsible for giving notice of the
10 election shall deliver:

11 (1) to the secretary of state a copy of the notice of a
12 consolidated precinct required by Subsection (b) not later than the
13 date of the election; and

14 (2) in January of each year information on an election
15 for a partisan office, the office of mayor, or a position on the
16 governing body of a city or board of trustees of an independent
17 school district for the secretary of state's database of election
18 information under Section 31.023 in an electronic format as
19 follows:

20 (A) if the authority is a county or political
21 party, as required by the secretary of state; or

22 (B) if the authority is a city or school
23 district, to the county in which the authority is located.

24 (e-1) A county receiving information under Subsection

1 (e)(2)(B) shall forward the information to the secretary of state.

2 SECTION 2. Subchapter A, Chapter 31, Election Code, is
3 amended by adding Sections 31.023 and 31.024 to read as follows:

4 Sec. 31.023. INTERNET DATABASE OF ELECTION INFORMATION.

5 (a) The secretary of state shall post on the secretary of state's
6 public Internet website a database containing information on each
7 election for a partisan office, the office of mayor, or a position
8 on the governing body of a city or board of trustees of an
9 independent school district provided under Sections 4.003(e) and
10 (e-1). The database must include the following information:

11 (1) the name of the authority;

12 (2) each office to be filled at the election;

13 (3) whether the office is elected at large or by
14 district;

15 (4) the duration of the term of office; and

16 (5) the dates of the preceding and next election for
17 the office.

18 (b) The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to
19 implement this section.

20 Sec. 31.024. INTERNET DATABASE FOR INCUMBENTS AND
21 CANDIDATES. (a) The secretary of state shall post on the secretary
22 of state's public Internet website a database containing
23 information about each holder of and candidate for any partisan
24 elected office, office of mayor, or position on the governing body
25 of a city or a board of trustees of an independent school district
26 in this state.

27 (b) The database must include the following information

1 about a holder of a partisan elected office, the office of mayor, or
2 a position on the governing body of a city or board of trustees of an
3 independent school district:

4 (1) name;

5 (2) office title, including any district, place, or
6 position and a notation that the person is an incumbent;

7 (3) if the office is elected at large or by district;

8 (4) date of the previous and next election for the
9 office;

10 (5) public mailing address;

11 (6) public telephone number, if available; and

12 (7) public e-mail address, if available.

13 (c) The database must include the following information
14 about a candidate for a partisan elected office, the office of
15 mayor, or a position on the governing body of a city or board of
16 trustees of an independent school district:

17 (1) name;

18 (2) office sought, including any district, place, or
19 position;

20 (3) if the office is elected at large or by district;

21 (4) date of the election;

22 (5) public mailing address;

23 (6) public telephone number, if available;

24 (7) public e-mail address, if available; and

25 (8) if the candidate has filed as a write-in
26 candidate.

27 (d) The county with whom a declaration of candidacy is

1 filed, a state or county chair of a political party, or the
2 presiding officer of a political party's convention shall provide
3 information about a candidate or officeholder to the secretary of
4 state. A political subdivision shall provide information about a
5 candidate or officeholder to the county in which the political
6 subdivision is located and the county shall forward that
7 information to the secretary of state.

8 (e) The secretary of state shall make the name, office, and
9 party affiliation of the holder of a partisan elected office, the
10 office of mayor, or a position on the governing body of a city or
11 board of trustees of an independent school district available on
12 the secretary of state's public Internet website for as long as the
13 person holds that office.

14 (f) The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to
15 implement this section.

16 SECTION 3. Section [141.032](#), Election Code, is amended by
17 adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

18 (h) A county or political party with whom an application is
19 filed shall provide the secretary of state with the candidate's
20 information required for the secretary of state's public Internet
21 website under Section 31.024. A political subdivision with whom an
22 application is filed shall provide the candidate's information to
23 the county in which the political subdivision is located, and the
24 county shall forward the candidate's information to the secretary
25 of state.

26 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.