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H.B. No. 4962

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the disclosure of citizenship of a candidate for public office.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter (B), Section 141.0031, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsections (N) and (O) to read as follows:

(4) include:

(A) the candidate's name;

(B) the candidate's occupation;

(C) the office sought, including any place number or other distinguishing number;

(D) an indication of whether the office sought is to be filled for a full or unexpired term if the office sought and another office to be voted on have the same title but do not have place numbers or other distinguishing numbers;

(E) a statement that the candidate is a United States citizen;

(F) a statement that the candidate has not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:

(i) totally mentally incapacitated; or

(ii) partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;

(G) an indication that the candidate has either not

1 been finally convicted of a felony or if so convicted has been  
2 pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;

3 (H) the candidate's date of birth;

4 (I) the candidate's residence address or, if the  
5 residence has no address, the address at which the candidate  
6 receives mail and a concise description of the location of the  
7 candidate's residence;

8 (J) the candidate's length of continuous residence in  
9 the state and in the territory from which the office sought is  
10 elected as of the date the candidate swears to the application;

11 (K) the statement: "I, \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_  
12 County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of \_\_\_\_\_,  
13 swear that I will support and defend the constitution and laws of  
14 the United States and of the State of Texas";

15 (L) a statement that the candidate is aware of the  
16 nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code; and

17 (M) a public mailing address at which the candidate  
18 receives correspondence relating to the candidate's campaign, if  
19 available, and an electronic mail address at which the candidate  
20 receives correspondence relating to the candidate's campaign, if  
21 available.

22 (N) whether the candidate has any citizenship of any  
23 nation except the United States or a federally recognized Indian  
24 tribe. The question must also require the candidate to list their  
25 other nation or nations of citizenship, as applicable.

26 (O) The information required in subsection (4)(N) must  
27 be posted online in a publicly available place by the secretary of

1 state.

2           SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a candidate in an  
3 election held on or after the effective date of this Act.

4           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.