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H.B. No. 37

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the authority of the secretary of state to modify the
3 filing period and related dates for the March 2004 primary
4 elections for congress.

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

6 SECTION 1. To allow for the primary elections for the
7 congressional districts enacted in H.B. No. 1, Acts of the 78th
8 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, 2003, including any changes made
9 to those districts as a result of court action or subsequent
10 legislation, to be held on the first Tuesday in March 2004, the
11 secretary of state may modify the deadline for filing an
12 application by a candidate for the United States House of
13 Representatives for a place on the general primary election ballot
14 and any other deadlines or procedures relating to the holding of
15 congressional primary elections on that date.

16 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
17 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
18 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
19 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
20 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
21 legislative session.