

1-1 By: Denny (Senate Sponsor - Staples) H.B. No. 2684
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 28, 2003;
1-3 May 1, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Intergovernmental Relations; May 21, 2003, reported favorably by
1-5 the following vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 21, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the timely filing of an application for a place on the
1-9 ballot for an office of a home-rule city.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. Section 143.005(a), Election Code, is amended to
1-12 read as follows:

1-13 (a) A city charter may prescribe requirements in connection
1-14 with a candidate's application for a place on the ballot for an
1-15 office of a home-rule city. This section does not authorize a city
1-16 charter requirement in connection with the timely filing of an
1-17 application, and any charter requirement related to an
1-18 application's timely filing is superseded by Section 143.007 and
1-19 other applicable filing provisions prescribed by this code.

1-20 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-22 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-23 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-24 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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