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H.B. No. 3128

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 3128:

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C.S.H.B. No. 3128

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to write-in voting for the offices of county chair and precinct chair.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 171.0231, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 171.0231. WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CHAIR OR PRECINCT CHAIR.

SECTION 2. Sections 171.0231(a), (d), and (e), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A ~~[Except as provided by Subsection (f), a]~~ write-in vote for the office of county chair or precinct chair may not be counted unless the name written in appears on the list of write-in candidates.

(d) A declaration of write-in candidacy must be filed not later than 5 p.m. of the 62nd day before general primary election day. However, if a candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot for the office of county chair or precinct chair dies or is declared ineligible after the third day before the date of the regular filing deadline prescribed by this subsection, a declaration of write-in candidacy for the office sought by the deceased or ineligible candidate may be filed not later than 5 p.m. of the 59th day before election day.

(e) With the appropriate modifications and to the extent

1 practicable, Subchapter B, Chapter 146, applies to write-in voting
2 for the office of county chair or precinct chair.

3 SECTION 3. Section 171.0231(f), Election Code, is repealed.

4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.