

1-1 By: Truitt (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 3128
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 2, 2003;
1-3 May 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 19, 2003, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to write-in voting for the offices of county chair and
1-9 precinct chair.

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

1-11 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 171.0231, Election Code,
1-12 is amended to read as follows:

1-13 Sec. 171.0231. WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY CHAIR OR
1-14 PRECINCT CHAIR.

1-15 SECTION 2. Sections 171.0231(a), (d), and (e), Election
1-16 Code, are amended to read as follows:

1-17 (a) ~~A [Except as provided by Subsection (f), a]~~ write-in
1-18 vote for the office of county chair or precinct chair may not be
1-19 counted unless the name written in appears on the list of write-in
1-20 candidates.

1-21 (d) A declaration of write-in candidacy must be filed not
1-22 later than 5 p.m. of the 62nd day before general primary election
1-23 day. However, if a candidate whose name is to appear on the ballot
1-24 for the office of county chair or precinct chair dies or is declared
1-25 ineligible after the third day before the date of the regular filing
1-26 deadline prescribed by this subsection, a declaration of write-in
1-27 candidacy for the office sought by the deceased or ineligible
1-28 candidate may be filed not later than 5 p.m. of the 59th day before
1-29 election day.

1-30 (e) With the appropriate modifications and to the extent
1-31 practicable, Subchapter B, Chapter 146, applies to write-in voting
1-32 for the office of county chair or precinct chair.

1-33 SECTION 3. Section 171.0231(f), Election Code, is repealed.

1-34 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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