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H.B. No. 2320

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain procedures for running as a write-in candidate.

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

SECTION 1. Section 146.0301(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A write-in candidate may not withdraw from the election after the 57th [~~46th~~] day before election day.

SECTION 2. Section 146.083, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 146.083. FILING DEADLINE. A declaration of write-in candidacy must be filed not later than 5 p.m. on [~~of the fifth day after~~] the date an application for a place on the ballot is required to be filed.

SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply to a write-in candidate for an election ordered on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.