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H.B. No. 1071

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the duties of a county chair on a change of leadership.

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

SECTION 1. Section 171.022(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) Each committee member serves for a term of two years beginning August 1 of a [~~the 20th day after runoff~~] primary election year [~~day~~].

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 171, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 171.028 to read as follows:

Sec. 171.028. COUNTY CHAIR TRANSITION. (a) Not later than the 30th day after the date the term of office of a new county chair begins, the person formerly serving as the county chair shall transfer to the new county chair:

(1) local party bank accounts over which the former county chair has authority; and

(2) the following original records that are in the possession of the former county chair:

(A) precinct chair and county chair canvass results;

(B) candidate applications;

(C) paperwork related to the primary election;

and

(D) other documents concerning party affairs.

1 (b) Before transferring records to a new county chair under
2 Subsection (a), the person formerly serving as the county chair
3 shall make copies of those records and retain the copies for two
4 years after the date the person's term as county chair ends.

5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.