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H.B. No. 3103

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the time for affiliation with a political party.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 162, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 162.0095 to read as follows:

Sec. 162.0095. AFFILIATION PROCEDURE: PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION. (a) This section applies only to a person desiring to affiliate with a political party between:

(1) the first day on which an application for a place on the election ballot for the general primary election held in the same year in which the presidential primary election is held may be filed; and

(2) the date of the presidential primary election.

(b) A person may affiliate with a political party by registering with the party as provided by party rule. The rules must allow a person to submit the registration electronically, by mail, or in person at locations provided by the rules.

(c) The form of the registration must include:

(1) a space for the person's name, address, county of registration, and voter registration number; and

(2) the following statement to be signed by the voter: "I swear that I have not voted in a primary election or participated in the convention of another party during the voting year."

(d) The form of the registration may include a space for:

1           (1) the person's e-mail address or phone number; and  
2           (2) an affirmation of support for a candidate listed  
3 on the ballot in the presidential primary election.

4           (e) Notwithstanding Section 162.010, an affiliation made  
5 under this section is effective from the date of the registration  
6 until the end of the voting year in which the presidential primary  
7 election is held.

8           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.