

By: Miller of Erath

H.B. No. 567

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of candidates for certain offices to
serve as election judges.

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

SECTION 1. Section 32.053, Election Code, is amended to
read as follows:

Sec. 32.053. INELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATE FOR ~~[PUBLIC]~~
OFFICE. (a) A person who is a candidate in an election for a
contested public or party office is ineligible to serve, in an
election to be held on the same day as that election, as an election
judge or clerk in any precinct in which the office sought is to be
voted on [~~in an election if the person is a candidate for a public
office in an election to be held on the same day~~].

(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) a county clerk; or

(2) a precinct chair declared elected under Section
171.0221.

(c) [~~(b)~~] In this section, "candidate" means a person who
has taken affirmative action, as described by the law regulating
political funds and campaigns, for the purpose of gaining
nomination or election.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.