

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 567 was passed by the House on April 30, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 567 was passed by the Senate on May 15, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor