

1-1 By: Hinojosa S.B. No. 1780  
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 11, 2009; March 20, 2009, read  
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
1-4 May 21, 2009, reported adversely, with favorable Committee  
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 1; May 21, 2009,  
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1780 By: Lucio

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to political party precinct conventions.  
1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:  
1-12 SECTION 1. Section 18.007, Election Code, is amended to  
1-13 read as follows:  
1-14 Sec. 18.007. LISTS FURNISHED FOR PRECINCT CONVENTIONS. In  
1-15 a voting year in which a political party holds precinct conventions  
1-16 in the county under Title 10, the registrar, on request of the  
1-17 party's county chair, shall furnish to the chair for use in  
1-18 qualifying individuals for participation in the conventions one of  
1-19 each of the original, supplemental, and correction lists prescribed  
1-20 by this subchapter. The registrar may not merge lists of registered  
1-21 voters for consolidated or combined precincts.  
1-22 SECTION 2. Section 172.1141, Election Code, is amended to  
1-23 read as follows:  
1-24 Sec. 172.1141. LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS FOR CONVENTION.  
1-25 (a) At the same time the acceptance of each voter for voting in the  
1-26 general primary election is indicated on the precinct list of  
1-27 registered voters furnished for use in the election, the acceptance  
1-28 of the voter shall also be indicated on the list furnished for use  
1-29 in the party's conventions.  
1-30 (b) Each precinct must have a separate list of registered  
1-31 voters. In consolidated or combined precincts, the precinct lists  
1-32 of registered voters may not be merged.  
1-33 SECTION 3. Section 174.023, Election Code, is amended by  
1-34 amending Subsections (a) and (b) and adding Subsections (d), (e),  
1-35 and (f) to read as follows:  
1-36 (a) The county chair shall post a notice of the time, date,  
1-37 [hour and] place, and purpose for convening each precinct  
1-38 convention on the bulletin board used for posting notice of  
1-39 meetings of the commissioners court. The notice must remain posted  
1-40 continuously for the 17 [10] days immediately preceding the date of  
1-41 the convention.  
1-42 (b) Not later than the 17th [10th] day before the date of the  
1-43 precinct conventions, the county chair shall deliver to the county  
1-44 clerk and any county elections administrator written notice of the  
1-45 time, date, [hour and] place, and purpose for convening each  
1-46 precinct convention.  
1-47 (d) The early voting clerk of a county shall post notice of  
1-48 the precinct convention of each precinct in the county in a  
1-49 prominent visible place at each early voting polling place in the  
1-50 county. The notice must state, in a font large enough to be read  
1-51 easily by the majority of the voters, the time, date, place, and  
1-52 purpose of the precinct convention. The notice must remain posted  
1-53 continuously during the period for early voting by personal  
1-54 appearance. The early voting clerk is not required to use an  
1-55 officially prescribed notice.  
1-56 (e) If a county has an Internet website, the county clerk or  
1-57 county elections administrator shall post on the clerk's or  
1-58 administrator's section of the county's website notice of the  
1-59 precinct convention of each precinct in the county stating the  
1-60 time, date, place, and purpose of the precinct convention. The  
1-61 notice must remain posted continuously during the period for early  
1-62 voting by personal appearance until the polls close on election  
1-63 day.

2-1 (f) If a county executive committee has an Internet website,  
2-2 the committee shall post on that website notice of the precinct  
2-3 convention of each precinct in the county stating the time, date,  
2-4 place, and purpose of the precinct convention. The notice must  
2-5 remain posted continuously during the period for early voting by  
2-6 personal appearance.

2-7 SECTION 4. Subsections (a), (c), (d), and (e), Section  
2-8 174.025, Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

2-9 (a) The precinct chair is the [~~temporary~~] chair of the  
2-10 precinct convention held under this subchapter.

2-11 (c) Before conducting business, the precinct chair or  
2-12 temporary chair shall prepare a list containing the name, the [~~and~~]  
2-13 residence address, and, when available, an electronic mail address  
2-14 and telephone number of each person who is admitted to participate  
2-15 in the convention.

2-16 (d) The precinct chair or temporary chair shall call the  
2-17 convention to order.

2-18 (e) The convention shall select a convention chair if the  
2-19 precinct chair is absent. The convention shall select [~~and~~] a  
2-20 convention secretary and [~~The convention~~] may select any other  
2-21 officers considered necessary to conduct the convention's  
2-22 business.

2-23 SECTION 5. Section 174.027, Election Code, is amended by  
2-24 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as  
2-25 follows:

2-26 (a) The convention chair shall prepare, sign, and make a  
2-27 copy of a list of:

2-28 (1) the names, [~~and~~] residence addresses, and, when  
2-29 available, electronic mail addresses and telephone numbers of the  
2-30 delegates and any alternates selected by the convention; and

2-31 (2) the contact information, including the names,  
2-32 electronic mail addresses, telephone numbers, and residence  
2-33 addresses of the convention chair, convention secretary, and any  
2-34 delegation chair.

2-35 (a-1) Each delegation chair, delegate, and alternate shall  
2-36 be given a notice of selection by the convention.

2-37 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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