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S.B. No. 2125

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the selection of party officers, convention delegates,
3 convention alternates, and convention officials by political
4 parties.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 163.002, Election Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 163.002. REQUIRED RULES. (a) A political party that
9 makes nominations in this state shall adopt rules that:

10 (1) prescribe the parliamentary procedure governing
11 the conduct of party meetings and conventions from the precinct
12 level to the state level, including:

- 13 (A) quorums;
- 14 (B) casting and counting votes;
- 15 (C) operation of executive committees;
- 16 (D) appointment and duties of convention
17 committees; and
- 18 (E) presentation of matters before a convention;

19 (2) prescribe the method of selecting the party's
20 presidential elector candidates;

21 (3) prescribe the manner of selecting party officers,
22 convention delegates, convention alternates, and convention
23 officials;

24 (4) provide for representative apportionment of party

1 officers, convention delegates, convention alternates, and
2 convention officials throughout the state on the basis of
3 population, party strength, or both, within the appropriate
4 territorial unit;

5 (5) provide for periodic publication and publicizing
6 of party rules; and

7 (6) prescribe the manner of adopting party rules and
8 amendments to the rules.

9 (b) A political party adopting rules under this section
10 shall review rules adopted under subsection (a)(3) no less than
11 once every two years at the state convention.

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