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H.B. No. 529

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certification for placement on the ballot of candidates for president or vice-president of the United States.

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

SECTION 1. Section 192.033, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (c) or (d), the secretary of state shall certify in writing for placement on the general election ballot the names of the candidates for president and vice-president who are entitled to have their names placed on the ballot.

(d) The secretary of state may not certify the name of a candidate for president or vice-president unless the candidate has presented:

(1) the candidate's original birth certificate indicating the name of the hospital and the physician of record; or

(2) for a candidate whose birth was not documented in the manner required by Subdivision (1), a document certifying the candidate's birth in the United States.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.