Amend **CSHB 2688** (senate committee printing) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION ____.   Section 1024.053, Special District Local Laws Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 1024.053.   BALLOT PETITION.   A person who wants to have the person's name printed on the ballot as a candidate for director must file with the board secretary a petition requesting that action. The petition must:

(1)   be signed by at least 50 registered voters of the district as determined by the most recent official list of registered voters;

(2)   be filed not later than 5 p.m. on the [62nd] same day that an application for a place on the ballot must be filed under Section 144.005, Election Code [before the date of the election]; and

(3)   specify the single-member district [commissioners precinct] the candidate wants to represent [or specify that the candidate wants to represent the district at large].