

Amend HB 3103 on third reading as follows:

(1) Add the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 101.007, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d) The secretary of state shall make a checklist or similar guidelines available for optional use by early voting clerks in processing an application and providing balloting materials under this chapter.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 101.107(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A voter who receives a ballot under this subchapter must return the ballot in the same manner as required under Section 101.057 except that a voter who completes a signature sheet is not required to complete a carrier envelope. Except ~~[and, except]~~ as provided by Chapter 105, the voter may not return the ballot by electronic transmission.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Sections 172.054(a) and (b), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) The deadline for filing an application for a place on the general primary election ballot is extended as provided by this section if a candidate who has made an application that complies with the applicable requirements:

(1) dies on or after the fifth day before the date of the regular filing deadline and on or before the first [79th] day after the date of the regular filing deadline ~~[before general primary election day]~~;

(2) holds the office for which the application was made and withdraws or is declared ineligible on ~~[or after]~~ the date of the regular filing deadline ~~[and on]~~ or ~~[before]~~ the first [79th] day after the date of the regular filing deadline ~~[before general primary election day]~~; or

(3) withdraws or is declared ineligible during the period prescribed by Subdivision (2), and at the time of the withdrawal or declaration of ineligibility no other candidate has made an application that complies with the applicable requirements for the office sought by the withdrawn or ineligible candidate.

(b) An application for an office sought by a withdrawn, deceased, or ineligible candidate must be filed not later than 6 p.m. of the fifth day after the date of the regular filing deadline [~~81st day before general primary election day~~]. An application filed by mail with the state chair is not timely if received later than 5 p.m. of the fifth day after the date of the regular filing deadline [~~81st day before general primary election day~~].

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 172.057, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 172.057. WITHDRAWN, DECEASED, OR INELIGIBLE CANDIDATE'S NAME OMITTED FROM GENERAL PRIMARY BALLOT. A candidate's name shall be omitted from the general primary election ballot if the candidate withdraws, dies, or is declared ineligible on or before the first [~~79th~~] day after the date of the regular filing deadline [~~before general primary election day~~].

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Section 172.058(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) If a candidate who has made an application for a place on the general primary election ballot that complies with the applicable requirements dies or is declared ineligible after the first [~~79th~~] day after the date of the regular filing deadline [~~before general primary election day~~], the candidate's name shall be placed on the ballot and the votes cast for the candidate shall be counted and entered on the official election returns in the same manner as for the other candidates.

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Sections 202.004(a) and (c), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(a) A political party's nominee for an unexpired term must be nominated by primary election if:

(1) the political party is making nominations by primary election for the general election in which the vacancy is to be filled; and

(2) the vacancy occurs on or before the fifth [~~62nd~~] day before the date of the regular deadline for candidates to file applications for a place on the general primary ballot [~~general primary election day~~].

(c) If the vacancy occurs after the 10th day before the date

of the regular filing deadline, an application for the unexpired term must be filed not later than 6 [~~5~~] p.m. of the fifth day after the date of the regular filing deadline [~~15th day after the date the vacancy occurs or 5 p.m. of the 60th day before general primary election day, whichever is earlier~~].

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. (a) Section 50, Chapter 1318 (SB 100), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, is repealed.

(b) The secretary of state may not adjust or modify affected election dates, deadlines, or procedures to implement the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act under Section 50, Chapter 1318 (SB 100), Acts of the 82nd Legislature, Regular Session, 2011.

(c) This section takes effect December 31, 2016.

(2) In the SECTION of the bill providing the effective date of the bill, strike "This Act takes effect" and substitute "Except as otherwise provided by this Act, this Act takes effect".