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H.B. No. 630

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the filling of vacancies on a political party's county executive committee.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 171.024(b), (c), and (d), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) A [~~Except as provided by Subsection (c), a~~] majority of the committee's membership must participate in filling a vacancy in the office of county chair. To be elected, a person must receive a favorable vote of a majority of the members voting.

(c) Each party shall adopt rules to provide for the filling of a [A] vacancy in the office of precinct chair [~~may be filled without participation of the majority of the committee membership if only one person is a candidate to fill the vacancy and the person:~~

~~(1) was elected as a precinct chair in the most recent primary election in the county, and~~

~~(2) is eligible to serve in the vacant office].~~

(d) A vacancy in the office of county chair may not be filled before the beginning of the term of office in which the vacancy occurs.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this

2 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.