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H.B. No. 3101

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to filing deadlines to become a write-in candidate in elections.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 146, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 146.003 to read as follows:

Sec. 146.003. FILING DEADLINES FOR CANDIDATES. In this code, a filing deadline by which an application for a place on a ballot must be filed applies to a declaration of write-in candidacy for that election.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 146.025, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 146.025. TIME OF FILING [~~PERIOD~~].

SECTION 3. Section 11.056(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A declaration of write-in candidacy must be filed not later than the deadline prescribed by Section 146.003 [~~146.054~~], Election Code, for a write-in candidate [~~in a city election~~].

SECTION 4. Section 130.0825(b), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) A declaration of write-in candidacy must be filed not later than the deadline prescribed by Section 146.003 [~~146.054~~], Election Code, for a write-in candidate [~~in a city election~~].

SECTION 5. Section 285.131(d), Health and Safety Code, is

1 amended to read as follows:

2 (d) A declaration of write-in candidacy must be filed not
3 later than the deadline prescribed by Section 146.003 [~~146.054~~],
4 Election Code, for a write-in candidate [~~in a city election~~].

5 SECTION 6. Section 63.0945(d), Water Code, is amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (d) A declaration of write-in candidacy must be filed not
8 later than the deadline prescribed by Section 146.003 [~~146.054~~],
9 Election Code, for a write-in candidate [~~in a city election~~].

10 SECTION 7. Sections 144.006, 146.025(a) and (b), 146.054,
11 146.083, and 171.0231(d), Election Code, are repealed.

12 SECTION 8. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
16 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.