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H.B. No. 3564

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to certain requirements for political parties holding conventions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 163.002, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 163.002. REQUIRED RULES. A political party that makes nominations in this state shall adopt rules that:

(1) prescribe the parliamentary procedure governing the conduct of party meetings and conventions from the precinct level to the state level, including:

- (A) quorums;
- (B) casting and counting votes;
- (C) operation of executive committees;
- (D) appointment and duties of convention committees; and
- (E) presentation of matters before a convention;

(2) prescribe the method of selecting the party's presidential elector candidates;

(3) prescribe the manner of selecting party officers, convention delegates, any convention alternates, and convention officials;

(4) provide for representative apportionment of party officers, convention delegates, any convention alternates, and

1 convention officials throughout the state on the basis of
2 population, party strength, or both, within the appropriate
3 territorial unit;

4 (5) provide for periodic publication and publicizing
5 of party rules; and

6 (6) prescribe the manner of adopting party rules and
7 amendments to the rules.

8 SECTION 2. Section 181.061(a), Election Code, is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (a) A political party nominating by convention must make its
11 nominations for statewide offices at a state convention held on the
12 first [~~second~~] Saturday after the fourth Tuesday in April [~~June~~] of
13 the election year. The state convention consists of delegates
14 selected at the county conventions held under Subsection (c).

15 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.