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H.B. No. 816

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating a criminal offense for a candidate for public office who misrepresents the candidate's residency.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 141, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 141.005 to read as follows:

Sec. 141.005. UNLAWFUL MISREPRESENTATION OF RESIDENCY STATUS. (a) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly or intentionally misrepresents the person's residency to appear eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, a public elective office in this state.

(b) An offense under this section is a felony of the third degree.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.