

By: Miller of Fort Bend

H.B. No. 2046

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an election services contract between a county elections administrator and a political party.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 31.092(b), (d), and (e), Election Code, are transferred to Section 31.093, Election Code, redesignated as Sections 31.093(c), (d), and (e), Election Code, respectively, and amended to read as follows:

(c) ~~[(b)]~~ The county election officer shall ~~[may]~~ contract with the county executive committee of a political party holding a primary election in the county to perform election services, as provided by this subchapter, in the party's general primary election and [or] runoff primary election in accordance with a cost schedule agreed on by the contracting parties ~~[, or both]~~.

(d) In a contract required ~~[authorized]~~ by Subsection (c) ~~[(b)]~~, the county election officer may not prevent the county chair or the chair's designee from supervising the conduct of the primary election, including the tabulation of results, as required by Chapter 172.

(e) A ~~[If a]~~ county election officer ~~[enters into a contract with a county executive committee under Subsection (b) to perform election services, the officer]~~ must offer to contract on the same terms with the county executive committee of each political party holding a primary election in the county.

1 SECTION 2. Section 31.093(a), Election Code, is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 (a) If requested to do so by a political subdivision [~~or~~
4 ~~political party~~], the county elections administrator shall enter
5 into a contract to furnish the election services requested, in
6 accordance with a cost schedule agreed on by the contracting
7 parties.

8 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.