

By: Miller of Fort Bend

H.B. No. 2795

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to state compensation of certain political party officers.

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

4 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 173.004, Election Code,
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 Sec. 173.004. STATE COMPENSATION OF COUNTY CHAIR [~~AND~~
7 ~~SECRETARY OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE~~].

8 SECTION 2. Section 173.004(a), Election Code, is amended to
9 read as follows:

10 (a) ~~The~~ A county chair shall designate one of the following
11 as the maximum [total] amount payable [paid] with state funds in a
12 particular primary election year for the [combined] compensation of
13 a the county chair at the time the statement of estimated primary
14 expenses is submitted under Section 173.081 by the county chair
15 [and the secretary, if any, of the county executive committee
16 presided over by the chair may not be]:

17 (1) [~~less than~~] \$300; [~~or~~]

18 (2) if the county executive committee conducts a joint
19 primary under Section 172.126 or contracts with a county election
20 officer under Subchapter D, Chapter 31, \$300 plus the amount
21 obtained from multiplying the number of precincts in the county by
22 \$20 [more than the lesser of

23 [~~(A) \$8,000~~]; or

24 (3) an amount equal to [~~(B)~~] five percent of the

1 total expenses incurred by the political party in holding primary
2 elections in the county that year, exclusive of the [~~combined~~]
3 annual compensation of the county chair and any payments to other
4 personnel, money spent for rental payments, including polling place
5 rental, and money spent for expenses related to furniture or
6 utilities. The resulting compensation under subsection (2) and (3)
7 shall not exceed:

8 (A) \$3,500 in a county with a population greater
9 than one million;

10 (B) \$2,000 in a county with a population of one
11 million or less and greater than 250,000;

12 (C) \$1,000 in a county with a population of
13 250,000 or less and greater than 25,000; or

14 (D) \$500 in a county with a population of 25,000
15 or less [~~and secretary~~].

16 SECTION 3. Section [173.004](#)(b), Election Code, is repealed.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.