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H.B. No. 4060

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

2 relating to the awarding of attorney's fees in election contest 3 lawsuits.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 231.002, Election Code, is amended to 6 read as follows:

7 (a) Sec. 231.002. APPLICABILITY OF RULES GOVERNING CIVIL 8 SUITS. Except as otherwise provided by this subtitle, the rules 9 governing civil suits in the district court apply to an election 10 contest in the district court, <u>specifically the awarding of</u> 11 <u>attorney's fees and costs of suit as per the governing rules of</u> 12 <u>civil suits in district court.</u>

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 17 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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