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S.B. No. 1073

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the provision of a candidate's campaign mailing address  
3 and electronic mail address in the candidate's application for a  
4 place on the ballot.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 141.031(a), Election Code, is amended to  
7 read as follows:

8 (a) A candidate's application for a place on the ballot that  
9 is required by this code must:

- 10 (1) be in writing;  
11 (2) be signed and sworn to by the candidate and  
12 indicate the date that the candidate swears to the application;  
13 (3) be timely filed with the appropriate authority;  
14 and

- 15 (4) include:  
16 (A) the candidate's name;  
17 (B) the candidate's occupation;  
18 (C) the office sought, including any place number  
19 or other distinguishing number;

- 20 (D) an indication of whether the office sought is  
21 to be filled for a full or unexpired term if the office sought and  
22 another office to be voted on have the same title but do not have  
23 place numbers or other distinguishing numbers;

- 24 (E) a statement that the candidate is a United

1 States citizen;

2 (F) a statement that the candidate has not been  
3 determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate  
4 jurisdiction to be:

5 (i) totally mentally incapacitated; or

6 (ii) partially mentally incapacitated  
7 without the right to vote;

8 (G) a statement that the candidate has not been  
9 finally convicted of a felony from which the candidate has not been  
10 pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;

11 (H) the candidate's date of birth;

12 (I) the candidate's residence address or, if the  
13 residence has no address, the address at which the candidate  
14 receives mail and a concise description of the location of the  
15 candidate's residence;

16 (J) the candidate's length of continuous  
17 residence in the state and in the territory from which the office  
18 sought is elected as of the date the candidate swears to the  
19 application;

20 (K) the statement: "I, \_\_\_\_\_, of  
21 \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of  
22 \_\_\_\_\_, swear that I will support and defend the constitution  
23 and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas"; ~~and~~

24 (L) a statement that the candidate is aware of  
25 the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code;

26 (M) a mailing address and any available  
27 electronic mail address at which the candidate receives

1 correspondence relating to the candidate's campaign; and  
2 (N) if the candidate maintains a  
3 campaign-related website, the website address.

4 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 172, Election Code, is  
5 amended by adding Section 172.0221 to read as follows:

6 Sec. 172.0221. NOTICE TO CANDIDATE REGARDING POSTING OF  
7 CERTAIN INFORMATION. The authority with whom an application is  
8 filed must inform the candidate that the candidate's mailing  
9 address and, if provided on the application, the candidate's  
10 electronic mail address and campaign-related website address will  
11 be posted by the secretary of state on the secretary's publicly  
12 viewable website.

13 SECTION 3. Section 172.028(a), Election Code, is amended to  
14 read as follows:

15 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the state chair  
16 shall certify to the secretary of state for placement on the general  
17 primary election ballot the name of each candidate who files with  
18 the chair an application that complies with Section 172.021(b).  
19 The secretary of state shall post on the secretary's Internet  
20 website that is viewable by the public:

21 (1) the certified list; and

22 (2) for each certified candidate:

23 (A) the mailing address and, if provided by the  
24 candidate, the electronic mail address at which the candidate  
25 receives correspondence relating to the candidate's campaign; and

26 (B) if provided by the candidate, the website  
27 address of any campaign-related website maintained by the

1 candidate.

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