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S.B. No. 1448

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to holding a primary election for a political party in a  
3 county without party leadership.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section [172.128](#), Election Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 172.128. ALTERNATIVE PRIMARY PROCEDURE FOR COUNTIES  
8 WITHOUT COUNTY PARTY LEADERSHIP. (a) Notwithstanding a  
9 conflicting provision of this code, [~~This section applies only to~~]  
10 a primary election that is required for the nomination of a  
11 political party to a statewide office or a presidential primary  
12 election shall be held in accordance with this section in a county  
13 in which:

14 (1) the office of county chair is vacant and there is  
15 an insufficient number of members serving on the county executive  
16 committee to fill a vacancy on the committee; and

17 (2) the party is unable to establish a temporary  
18 executive committee under Section [171.027](#).

19 (b) On request of the [~~The~~] state chair of a political  
20 party, [~~may contract with~~] a county clerk, county tax  
21 assessor-collector, or county elections administrator, as  
22 appropriate, shall contract with the state chair to hold a primary  
23 election under this section [~~in a county in which:~~

24 [~~(1) the office of county chair is vacant and there is~~

1 ~~an insufficient number of members serving on the county executive~~  
2 ~~committee to fill a vacancy on the committee, and~~

3 ~~[(2) the party is unable to establish a temporary~~  
4 ~~executive committee under Section 171.027].~~

5 (c) A contract for election services entered into under this  
6 section shall provide that the county shall be eligible to be  
7 reimbursed for primary election expenses in the same manner a  
8 county chair would be reimbursed under Subchapter D, Chapter 173.

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