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H.B. No. 1639

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to providing a voter in a party primary notice of party conventions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 162.004(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) If a voter is accepted to vote without presenting a registration certificate, the presiding judge shall issue the voter an affiliation certificate. The certificate is not required to be issued to a voter in a runoff primary unless the voter requests it. The affiliation certificate may be combined with the notice provided under Section 172.1114. If the combined form is used, an election officer is not required to comply with Subsection (b).

SECTION 2. Subchapter E, Chapter 172, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 172.1114 to read as follows:

Sec. 172.1114. DISTRIBUTION OF NOTICE OF CONVENTIONS. A political party may prepare a letter-sized notice for distribution to each voter participating in the party's primary election at the time the voter is accepted for voting. The notice must contain information detailing the time and place of the party's conventions and may include contact information for the county and state political parties and website links for information and registration for party conventions.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2017.