

By: Swanson

H.B. No. 1707

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1707:

By: Anderson of Dallas

C.S.H.B. No. 1707

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to political party signs for a primary election.

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

SECTION 1. Section 172.127, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(b) The presiding judge or alternate presiding judge for the precinct may post signs at ~~[A sign used to indicate the location of]~~ a polling place for a primary election or a primary runoff election that ~~[must either]~~:

(1) identify ~~[not contain]~~ the names ~~[name]~~ of, or symbols ~~[symbol]~~ representing, any political parties ~~[party that is]~~ holding an election at the polling place; and ~~[or]~~

(2) do not refer to a candidate or measure on the ballot ~~[contain each name of, or each symbol representing, a political party that is holding an election at the polling place].~~

(c) The secretary of state shall adopt rules to provide that signs posted as authorized by Subsection (b) in the same county have a similar size and format.

SECTION 2. Section 172.127(a), Election Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.