By: Israel   H.B. No. 2411

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1   AN ACT

2   relating to the secretary of state posting on the secretary of

3   state's Internet website a database containing information about

4   each holder of and candidate for all elected offices in the state.

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

6   SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 31, Election Code, is

7   amended by adding Section 31.013 to read as follows:

8   Sec. 31.013. INTERNET   DATABASE   FOR   INCUMBENTS   AND

9   CANDIDATES. (a) The secretary of state shall post on the secretary

10   of state's Internet website a database containing information about

11   each holder of and candidate for any elected office in this state.

12   (b) The database must include the following information

13   about a holder of an elected office:

14   (1) name;

15   (2) office title, including any district, place, or

16   position;

17   (3) if the office is elected at large or by district;

18   (4) date of the previous and next election for the

19   office;

20   (5) public mailing address;

21   (6) public telephone number, if available; and

22   (7) public e-mail address, if available.

23   (c) The database must include the following information

24   about a candidate for an elected office:

1   (1) name;

2   (2) office sought, including any district, place, or

3 position;

4   (3) if the office is elected at large or by district;

5   (4) date of the election;

6   (5) public mailing address;

7   (6) public telephone number, if available;

8   (7) public e-mail address, if available;

9   (8) name of the incumbent; and

10   (9) if the candidate has filed as a write-in

11 candidate.

12   (d) The authority with whom a declaration of candidacy is

13 filed, a state chair of a political party, or the presiding officer

14 of a political party's convention shall provide information about a

15 candidate or officeholder to the secretary of state.

16   (e) The secretary of state may prescribe any procedures

17 necessary to implement this section.

18   SECTION 2. Section 52.003, Election Code, is amended by

19 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

20   (d) A candidate's name may not be printed on the ballot

21 until the candidate's name appears on the secretary of state's

22 Internet website as a candidate for elected office under Section

23 31.013.

24   SECTION 3. Section 141.032, Election Code, is amended by

25 adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

26   (h) The authority with whom the application is filed shall

27 provide the secretary of state with the candidate's information

1 required for the secretary of state's Internet website under

2 Section 31.013.

3   SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.