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H.B. No. 2919

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a requirement that candidates for municipal elective office declare a party affiliation.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 143, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 143.0011 to read as follows:

Sec. 143.0011. PARTISAN CANDIDACY REQUIRED. (a) A candidate must declare a party affiliation to run for a city office.

(b) A candidate's party affiliation must appear on the ballot next to the candidate's name.

SECTION 2. The heading to Section 143.003, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 143.003. PARTISAN NOMINATION [~~CANDIDACY~~] FOR HOME-RULE CITY OFFICE AUTHORIZED.

SECTION 3. Section 143.004, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 143.004. APPLICATION REQUIRED. (a) Subject to Section 143.005, to be entitled to a place on the ballot, a candidate must make an application for a place on the ballot.

(b) An application must state the political party with which the candidate is aligned or, if the candidate is not aligned with a party, state that fact.

SECTION 4. Section 143.002, Election Code, is repealed.

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.