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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the secretary of state posting on the secretary of state's Internet website a database containing information about each holder of and candidate for all elected offices in the state.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter A, Chapter 31, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 31.015 to read as follows:

Sec. 31.015.  INTERNET DATABASE FOR INCUMBENTS AND CANDIDATES. (a) The secretary of state shall post on the secretary of state's Internet website a database containing information about each holder of and candidate for any elected office in this state.

(b)  The database must include the following information about a holder of an elected office:

(1)  name;

(2)  office title, including any district, place, or position;

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

(4)  date of the previous and next election for the office;

(5)  public mailing address;

(6)  public telephone number, if available; and

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

(c)  The database must include the following information about a candidate for an elected office:

(1)  name;

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

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

(4)  date of the election;

(5)  public mailing address;

(6)  public telephone number, if available;

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

(8)  name of the incumbent; and

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

(d)  The authority with whom a declaration of candidacy is filed, a state chair of a political party, or the presiding officer of a political party's convention shall provide information about a candidate or officeholder to the secretary of state.

(e)  The secretary of state may prescribe any procedures necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2.  Section 52.003, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d)  A candidate's name may not be printed on the ballot until the candidate's name appears on the secretary of state's Internet website as a candidate for elected office under Section 31.015.

SECTION 3.  Section 141.032, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(h)  The authority with whom the application is filed shall provide the secretary of state with the candidate's information required for the secretary of state's Internet website under Section 31.015.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.