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By:  Vo H.B. No. 3004

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to modification of an application for a place on the ballot.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 141.032, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (g) and adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

(g)  Except as provided by Subsection (h), an application filed under Section 141.031 may not be supplemented, modified, or amended on or after the date it is received by the authority with whom it is required to be filed [~~After the filing deadline:~~

[~~(1)  a candidate may not amend an application filed under Section 141.031; and~~

[~~(2)  the authority with whom the application is filed may not accept an amendment to an application filed under Section 141.031~~].

(h)  A candidate may withdraw the candidate's application filed under Section 141.031 and any submitted petition and refile an amended application before the filing deadline.

SECTION 2.  Section 141.062, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(c)  Except as provided by Subsection (d), a petition may not be supplemented, modified, or amended on or after the date it is received by the authority with whom it is required to be filed [~~After the filing deadline:~~

[~~(1)  a candidate may not amend a petition in lieu of a filing fee submitted with the candidate's application; and~~

[~~(2)  the authority with whom the application is filed may not accept an amendment to a petition in lieu of a filing fee submitted with the candidate's application~~].

(d)  A candidate may withdraw the candidate's petition and application filed under Section 141.031 and refile an amended petition before the filing deadline.

SECTION 3.  The change in law made by this Act applies to an application for a place on the ballot filed on or after the effective date of this Act. An application for a place on the ballot filed before the effective date of this Act is covered by the law in effect on the date the application was filed, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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