

1-1 By: Huberty (Senate Sponsor - Huffman) H.B. No. 831
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 9, 2019;
 1-3 May 13, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the residency requirement to be eligible for public
 1-20 office.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 141.001, Election Code, is amended by
 1-23 adding Subsections (a-1), (a-2), and (a-3) to read as follows:

1-24 (a-1) For purposes of satisfying the continuous residency
 1-25 requirement of Subsection (a)(5), a person who claims an intent to
 1-26 return to a residence after a temporary absence may establish that
 1-27 intent only if the person:

1-28 (1) has made a reasonable and substantive attempt to
 1-29 effectuate that intent; and

1-30 (2) has a legal right and the practical ability to
 1-31 return to the residence.

1-32 (a-2) Subsection (a-1) does not apply to a person displaced
 1-33 from the person's residence due to a declared local, state, or
 1-34 national disaster.

1-35 (a-3) The authority with whom an application for a place on
 1-36 a general primary election ballot is filed under Section 172.022
 1-37 shall, to the extent permitted by law, use Subsections (a) and (a-1)
 1-38 in determining whether a candidate meets the residency requirements
 1-39 for a public elective office.

1-40 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a candidate in an
 1-41 election held on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-42 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.

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