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H.B. No. 1238

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 31.015 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 31.015. 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 31.015.

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 31.015.

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