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H.B. No. 3250

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to an agreement under which a state party chair serves as a fiscal agent for a county party.

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

SECTION 1. Section 173.032(c), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The state chair may, with the consent of the secretary of state and the county chair or county executive committee, if one exists for the county, accept money into the state primary fund on behalf of a county party. The state chair must keep records to track the money that is attributable to a county.

SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 173, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 173.0341 to read as follows:

Sec. 173.0341. STATE CHAIR AS FISCAL AGENT FOR COUNTY PARTY. (a) A state chair, or the designee of a state chair, may enter into an agreement with a county chair under which the state chair will act as a fiscal agent for the county party.

(b) The secretary of state shall prescribe the form of an agreement under this section.

(c) If the state chair acts as the fiscal agent for a county party in accordance with an agreement under this section:

(1) the state chair shall deliver the completed agreement to the secretary of state;

(2) any filing fee received by the county party under

1 Subchapter C must be made payable to the state party for deposit in
2 the state primary fund;

3 (3) the county chair or county executive committee
4 shall make a request in accordance with Section 31.093 to enter into
5 a contract with the county elections administrator to conduct
6 primary elections in the county; and

7 (4) Section 173.031 does not apply to the county
8 party.

9 SECTION 3. Section 173.061, Election Code, is amended to
10 read as follows:

11 Sec. 173.061. FEE PAID TO COUNTY CHAIR. Except as provided
12 by Section 173.0341(c)(2), the [The] county chair shall deposit in
13 the county primary fund each filing fee accompanying an application
14 for a place on the ballot filed with the county chair.

15 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
16 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
17 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
18 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
19 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.