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H.B. No. 4521

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the filing fee for certain candidates.

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

SECTION 1. Section 142.004(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An application must, in addition to complying with Section 141.031, be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee or a petition in lieu of the filing fee that satisfies the requirements prescribed by Section 141.062.

SECTION 2. Chapter 142, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 142.0041 to read as follows:

Sec. 142.0041. FILING FEE. (a) The filing fee for an independent candidate is the amount prescribed by Section 172.024 for a candidate for nomination for the same office in a general primary election.

(b) A filing fee received by the secretary of state shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

(c) A filing fee received by the county judge shall be deposited in the county treasury to the credit of the county general fund.

SECTION 3. Section 181.031, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f) to read as follows:

(d) In addition to the requirements prescribed by Section

1 141.031, the application must be accompanied by a filing fee or a
2 petition in lieu of the filing fee that satisfies the requirements
3 imposed by Section 141.062.

4 (e) The amount of the filing fee imposed under Subsection
5 (d) is the amount prescribed by Section 172.024 for a candidate for
6 nomination for the same office in a general primary election.

7 (f) A filing fee under this section is to be delivered to the
8 appropriate party official under Section 181.032(a) for party use.

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