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S.B. No. 466

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of persons finally convicted of a felony to run for certain public offices.

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

SECTION 1. Section 141.001, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a)(4), a person is not eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, a public elective office of this state if the person has previously been convicted of an offense under Title 5, Penal Code.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to the eligibility requirements for a candidate or officer whose term of office will begin on or after the effective date of this Act. The eligibility requirements for a candidate or officer whose term of office will begin before the effective date of this Act are governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

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