

1-1 By: Fallon S.B. No. 466
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed January 25, 2019; February 14, 2019,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 8, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-5 Nays 1; April 8, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Huffman	X			
1-8 Hughes		X		
1-9 Birdwell	X			
1-10 Creighton	X			
1-11 Fallon	X			
1-12 Hall	X			
1-13 Lucio	X			
1-14 Nelson	X			
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the eligibility of persons finally convicted of a
 1-20 felony to run for certain public offices.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 141.001(a), Election Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (a) To be eligible to be a candidate for, or elected or
 1-25 appointed to, a public elective office in this state, a person must:

1-26 (1) be a United States citizen;

1-27 (2) be 18 years of age or older on the first day of the
 1-28 term to be filled at the election or on the date of appointment, as
 1-29 applicable;

1-30 (3) have not been determined by a final judgment of a
 1-31 court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:

1-32 (A) totally mentally incapacitated; or

1-33 (B) partially mentally incapacitated without the
 1-34 right to vote;

1-35 (4) have not been finally convicted of a felony from
 1-36 which the person has not been pardoned [~~or otherwise released from~~
 1-37 ~~the resulting disabilities~~];

1-38 (5) have resided continuously in the state for 12
 1-39 months and in the territory from which the office is elected for six
 1-40 months immediately preceding the following date:

1-41 (A) for a candidate whose name is to appear on a
 1-42 general primary election ballot, the date of the regular filing
 1-43 deadline for a candidate's application for a place on the ballot;

1-44 (B) for an independent candidate, the date of the
 1-45 regular filing deadline for a candidate's application for a place
 1-46 on the ballot;

1-47 (C) for a write-in candidate, the date of the
 1-48 election at which the candidate's name is written in;

1-49 (D) for a party nominee who is nominated by any
 1-50 method other than by primary election, the date the nomination is
 1-51 made; and

1-52 (E) for an appointee to an office, the date the
 1-53 appointment is made;

1-54 (6) on the date described by Subdivision (5), be
 1-55 registered to vote in the territory from which the office is
 1-56 elected; and

1-57 (7) satisfy any other eligibility requirements
 1-58 prescribed by law for the office.

1-59 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
 1-60 the eligibility requirements for a candidate or officer whose term
 1-61 of office will begin on or after the effective date of this Act. The

2-1 eligibility requirements for a candidate or officer whose term of
2-2 office will begin before the effective date of this Act are governed
2-3 by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this
2-4 Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.
2-5 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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