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S.B. No. 1608

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to rules adopted by a political party concerning affiliation with the political party.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 162, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 162.0081 to read as follows:

Sec. 162.0081. AFFILIATION PROCEDURE AND DURATION: PARTY RULE. (a) A political party may adopt a rule to control how a person affiliates with that party and the duration of the affiliation.

(b) Sections 162.003, 162.004, 162.005, 162.006, 162.007, 162.008, 162.010, and 162.017(e) do not apply to a political party that has adopted a rule authorized by this section.

(c) If a party adopts a rule requiring a person to affiliate with the party by notifying the secretary of state, the notice must be delivered on a form promulgated by the secretary of state.

(d) The secretary of state may adopt rules as necessary to administer this section.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.