SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Ashby H.B. No. 1067

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT
2	relating to the omission of a deceased candidate from the ballot in
3	certain elections.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Section 145.096(a), Election Code, is amended to
6	read as follows:
7	(a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) or Section
8	145.098(b), a candidate's name shall be placed on the ballot if the
9	candidate:
10	(1) dies on or after the second day before the deadline
11	for filing the candidate's application for a place on the ballot;
12	(2) is declared ineligible after 5 p.m. of the fifth
13	day after the deadline for filing the candidate's application for a
14	place on the ballot, in an election subject to Section 145.092(a);
15	(3) is declared ineligible after 5 p.m. of the 57th day
16	before election day, in an election subject to Section 145.092(b);
17	or
18	(4) is declared ineligible after 5 p.m. of the 71st day
19	before election day, in an election subject to Section 145.092(f).
20	SECTION 2. Section 145.098, Election Code, is amended to
21	read as follows:
22	Sec. 145.098. WITHDRAWAL OR DEATH OF CANDIDATE BEFORE
23	BALLOTS ARE PREPARED. (a) If a candidate files a withdrawal

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- 1 candidate complies with each requirement under Section 145.001
- 2 except that the candidate's filing to withdraw is untimely, the
- 3 authority responsible for preparing the ballots may choose to omit
- 4 the candidate from the ballot if the ballots have not been prepared
- 5 at the time the candidate files the withdrawal request.
- 6 (b) If a candidate dies on or after the second day before the
- 7 deadline for filing an application for a place on the ballot and
- 8 before the ballots are prepared, the authority responsible for
- 9 preparing the ballots may choose to omit the candidate from the
- 10 ballot.
- 11 SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
- 12 an election for which an application for a place on the ballot is
- 13 due on or after the effective date of this Act.
- 14 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 15 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 16 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 17 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 18 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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By: Schwertner

Substitute the following for __.B. No. ___:

By: Sullwell

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- 7 <u>an application for a place on the ballot:</u>
- 8 (1) the authority responsible for preparing the
- 9 ballots may choose to omit the candidate from the ballot; and
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- 11 Subdivision (1), the filing deadline for an application for a place
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FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 8, 2019

TO: Honorable Dennis Bonnen, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1067 by Ashby (Relating to the omission of a deceased candidate from the ballot in certain elections.), As Passed 2nd House

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Based on the analysis of the Secretary of State, it is assumed that the provisions of the bill relating to the omission of deceased candidates on certain ballots could be absorbed using existing resources.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Association of Counties, no significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State **LBB Staff:** WP, SD, CMa, SLE, NV, JMO, AF

FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 30, 2019

TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director

Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1067 by Ashby (relating to the omission of a deceased candidate from the ballot in certain elections.), Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted

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FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 28, 2019

TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director

Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1067 by Ashby (Relating to the omission of a deceased candidate from the ballot in certain elections.), As Engrossed

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FISCAL NOTE, 86TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 1, 2019

TO: Honorable Stephanie Klick, Chair, House Committee on Elections

FROM: John McGeady, Assistant Director Sarah Keyton, Assistant Director

Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1067 by Ashby (Relating to the omission of a deceased candidate from the ballot in

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