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By:  Eckhardt, et al. S.B. No. 54

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility to sign certain petitions in connection with certain applications for placement on a general election ballot.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 142.009, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 142.009.  PETITION TO BE CIRCULATED AFTER PRIMARY. A signature on a candidate's petition is invalid if the signer[~~:~~

[~~(1)~~]  signed the petition on or before general primary election day or, if a runoff primary is held for the office sought by the candidate, on or before runoff primary election day[~~; or~~

[~~(2)  voted in the general or runoff primary election of a political party that made a nomination, at either primary, for the office sought by the candidate~~].

SECTION 2.  Section 181.006(f), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f)  The following statement must appear at the top of each page of the petition: "I know that the purpose of this petition is to entitle the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Party to have its nominees placed on the ballot in the general election for state and county officers. [~~I have not voted in a primary election or participated in a convention of another party during this voting year, and I understand that I become ineligible to do so by signing this petition. I understand that signing more than one petition to entitle a party to have its nominees placed on the general election ballot in the same election is prohibited.~~]"

SECTION 3.  Section 182.004(f), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(f)  Sections 181.006(f) and (j) [~~181.006(f)-(j)~~] apply to a petition circulated under this section.

SECTION 4.  The following provisions of the Election Code are repealed:

(1)  Section 142.008; and

(2)  Sections 181.006(g), (h), and (i).

SECTION 5.  This Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.