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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility requirements for public office and to the form of an application for a place on the ballot.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 141.031, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (e) to read as follows:

(e)  In support of the statement required by Subsection (a)(4)(G), a candidate shall provide a certified copy of the candidate's pardon or other documentation evincing removal of disability.

SECTION 2.  Section 141.039, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 141.039.  OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM. In addition to the other statements and spaces for entering information that appear on an officially prescribed form for an application for a place on the ballot, each official form for an application that a candidate is required to file under this code must include:

(1)  a space for indicating the form in which the candidate's name is to appear on the ballot;

(2)  a space for the candidate's public mailing address;

(3)  spaces for the candidate's home and office telephone numbers and e-mail address at which the candidate receives correspondence relating to the candidate's campaign; [~~and~~]

(4)  a statement informing candidates that the furnishing of the telephone numbers is optional; and

(5)  a notice adjacent to the statement required by Section 141.031(a)(4)(G), printed in boldfaced type and capital letters, that reads: "RESTORATION OF VOTING RIGHTS IS NOT THE SAME AS REMOVAL OF DISABILITY FOR PURPOSES OF SATISFYING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC OFFICE.".

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.