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H.B. No. 1812

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to filing fees for certain candidates for office in primary elections.

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

SECTION 1. Section 141.041, Election Code, is transferred to Subchapter B, Chapter 181, Election Code, redesignated as Section 181.0311, Election Code, and amended to read as follows:

Sec. 181.0311 [~~141.041~~]. FILING FEE OR PETITION REQUIRED [~~TO APPEAR ON BALLOT FOR GENERAL ELECTION FOR STATE AND COUNTY OFFICERS~~]. (a) In addition to any other requirements, [~~to be eligible~~] to be considered for nomination by convention [~~placed on the ballot for the general election for state and county officers~~], a candidate [~~who is nominated by convention under Chapter 181 or 182~~] must:

(1) pay a filing fee to the secretary of state for a statewide or district office or the county judge for a county or precinct office; or

(2) submit to the secretary of state for a statewide or district office or the county judge for a county or precinct office a petition in lieu of a filing fee that satisfies the requirements prescribed by Subsection (e) and Section 141.062.

(b) The amount of the filing fee is the amount prescribed by Section 172.024 for a candidate for nomination for the same office in a general primary election.

1           (c) A filing fee received by the secretary of state shall be  
2 deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue  
3 fund.

4           (d) A filing fee received by the county judge shall be  
5 deposited in the county treasury to the credit of the county general  
6 fund.

7           (e) The minimum number of signatures that must appear on the  
8 petition authorized by Subsection (a) is the number prescribed by  
9 Section 172.025 to appear on a petition of a candidate for  
10 nomination for the same office in a general primary election.

11           (f) The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to  
12 implement this section.

13           SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.