By:  Bucy                                                  H.B. No. 2859

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 2859:

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1                                AN ACT

2 relating to the secretary of state posting on the secretary of

3 state's Internet website databases containing certain information

4 about elections.

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

6        SECTION 1.  Section 4.003(e), Election Code, is amended to

7 read as follows:

8        (e)  The authority responsible for giving notice of the

9 election shall deliver to the secretary of state:

10             (1)  a copy of the notice of a consolidated precinct

11 required by Subsection (b) not later than the date of the election;

12 and

13             (2)  information for the secretary of state's database

14 of election information under Section 31.017 in an electronic

15 format required by the secretary of state.

16        SECTION 2.  Subchapter A, Chapter 31, Election Code, is

17 amended by adding Sections 31.017 and 31.018 to read as follows:

18        Sec. 31.017.  INTERNET DATABASE OF ELECTION INFORMATION.

19 (a)  The secretary of state shall post on the secretary of state's

20 public Internet website a database containing information provided

21 by each authority responsible for giving notice of an election in

22 this state.  The database must include the following information:

23             (1)  the name of the authority;

24             (2)  each office to be filled at the election;


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1         (3)   whether  the  office  is  elected  at  large  or  by

2 district; and

3         (4)   the dates of the preceding and next election for

4 the office.

5     (b)   The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to

6 implement this section.

7     Sec. 31.018.  INTERNET   DATABASE   FOR   INCUMBENTS   AND

8 CANDIDATES.  (a)  The secretary of state shall post on the secretary

9 of state's Internet website a database containing information about

10 each holder of and candidate for any elected office in this state.

11     (b)   The  database  must  include  the  following  information

12 about a holder of an elected office:

13         (1)   name;

14         (2)   office title, including any district, place, or

15 position;

16         (3)   if the office is elected at large or by district;

17         (4)   date  of  the  previous  and  next  election  for  the

18 office;

19         (5)   public mailing address;

20         (6)   public telephone number, if available; and

21         (7)   public e-mail address, if available.

22     (c)   The  database  must  include  the  following  information

23 about a candidate for an elected office:

24         (1)   name;

25         (2)   office sought, including any district, place, or

26 position;

27         (3)   if the office is elected at large or by district;

1          (4)   date of the election;

2          (5)   public mailing address;

3          (6)   public telephone number, if available;

4          (7)   public e-mail address, if available;

5          (8)   name of the incumbent; and

6          (9)   if the candidate has filed as a write-in

7    candidate.

8          (d)   The authority with whom a declaration of candidacy is

9    filed, a state chair of a political party, or the presiding officer

10   of a political party's convention shall provide information about a

11   candidate or officeholder to the secretary of state.

12         (e)   The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to

13   implement this section.

14         SECTION 3.   Section 141.032, Election Code, is amended by

15   adding Subsection (h) to read as follows:

16         (h)   The authority with whom the application is filed shall

17   provide the secretary of state with the candidate's information

18   required for the secretary of state's Internet website under

19   Section 31.018.

20         SECTION 4.   This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.