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H.B. No. 4418

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the manner of state financing of primary elections.

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

SECTION 1. Section 173.083, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) The secretary of state shall pay in full with state funds the costs for election workers, including election judges and clerks, in a primary election described by this subsection. Excluding the payment of the costs of election workers, the [The] amount of estimated primary election expenses for a general primary election payable with state funds under this section is equal to:

(1) except as provided by Subdivision (2) [~~for a general primary election~~], the difference obtained by subtracting the sum of the filing fees and contributions reported in the statement of estimated primary election expenses from the total amount of estimated general primary expenses approved by the secretary of state under Section 173.082; and

(2) for a county party for which the state chair acts as the fiscal agent under Section 173.0341, the difference obtained by subtracting the amount of the contributions reported in the statement of estimated primary election expenses from the total amount of estimated general primary expenses approved by the secretary of state under Section 173.082.

1 (a-1) The amount of estimated primary election expenses
2 payable with state funds under this section for a runoff primary
3 election is equal to the~~[7]~~ the total amount of estimated runoff
4 primary expenses approved by the secretary.

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