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 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 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are repealed: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 September 1, 2021.