

AN ACT

relating to filing fees for certain candidates considered for nomination by convention.

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.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2093 passed the Senate on April 29, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 13, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2093 passed the House, with amendment, on May 7, 2021, by the following vote: Yeas 91, Nays 45, one present not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor