

SENATE AMENDMENTS

2nd Printing

By: Vasut, et al.

H.B. No. 1987

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to eligibility requirements to hold a political party office.

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

SECTION 1. Section 161.005, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) To be eligible to be a candidate for or to serve as an officer [~~a county or precinct chair~~] of a political party, a person must:

(1) [~~be a qualified voter of the county; and~~
[~~(2)~~] except as provided by Subsection (c), not be a candidate for nomination or election to, or be the holder of, an elective office of the federal, state, or county government; and

(2) if the office is a county or precinct chair of a political party, be a qualified voter of the county.

(a-1) For purposes of this section, the following are officers of a political party: precinct chair, county chair, and a member, vice chair, and chair of a state executive committee of a political party.

(c) A candidate for nomination or election to, or the holder of, an elective office of the federal, state, or county government is eligible to serve as an officer [~~a county or precinct chair~~] of a political party to which Chapter 181 applies.

1 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a candidate for
2 nomination or election to an office the term of which begins on or
3 after the effective date of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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Secretary of the Senate

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY:

Larry Taylor

1 Amend H.B. No. 1987 (senate committee printing) as follows:

2 (1) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike added Section 161.005(a-
3 1), Election Code (page 1, lines 34-37), and substitute the
4 following:

5 (a-1) For purposes of this section, the following are officers
6 of a political party:

7 (1) a precinct chair;

8 (2) a county chair; and

9 (3) a member, other than a chair or vice chair, of a
10 state executive committee of a political party.

11 (2) Strike SECTION 2 of the bill, adding transition language
12 (page 1, lines 42-44), and renumber subsequent SECTIONS of the
13 bill accordingly.

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FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 27, 2021

TO: Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1987 by Vasut (Relating to eligibility requirements to hold a political party office.), **As Passed
2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Section 161.005 of the Election Code to change certain eligibility requirements for political party officers.

According to the Secretary of State, no significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Association of Counties, no fiscal impact to counties is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 307 Secretary of State

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FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 22, 2021

TO: Honorable Bryan Hughes, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

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FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 31, 2021

TO: Honorable Briscoe Cain, Chair, House Committee on Elections

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1987 by Vasut (Relating to eligibility requirements to hold a political party office.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Election Code to modify the eligibility requirement that a political party officer be a qualified voter of a county. Under the bill, that eligibility requirement would only apply to county or precinct chairs of political parties.

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