By:  Middleton S.B. No. 932

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the declaration of a candidate's ineligibility and to the prohibition of the candidate's placement on the ballot.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 145.003, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (f) and adding Subsection (f-1) to read as follows:

(f)  A candidate may be declared ineligible only if:

(1)  the information on the candidate's application for a place on the ballot indicates that the candidate is ineligible for the office; [~~or~~]

(2)  facts indicating that the candidate is ineligible are conclusively established by another public record; or

(3)  the candidate fails to pay the filing fee or submit a petition in lieu of a filing fee that satisfies the requirements prescribed by Section 141.062.

(f-1)  The authority responsible for preparing the ballots shall omit a candidate from the ballot if the candidate is declared ineligible under Subsection (f).

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.