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H.B. No. 3537

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a candidate's application for a place on the ballot for
a party's primary election.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 172, Election Code, is
amended by adding Section 172.0211 to read as follows:

Sec. 172.0211. CANDIDACY PROHIBITED. (a) A candidate
shall be prohibited from making an application for a place on the
general primary election ballot with more than one political party
in the same voting year.

(b) If a candidate violates this section, any authority
receiving an application from the candidate shall reject the
application.

(c) A candidate whose application is rejected under this
section is not entitled to receive a refund of the filing fees for
the rejected application.

(d) A candidate whose application is rejected under this
section is ineligible for a place on the ballot for the succeeding
general election for state and county officers as:

(1) an independent candidate for an office for which a
candidate filed for a place on the ballot for the primary;

(2) the nominee of a political party other than the
party holding the primary in which the candidate filed an
application for a place on the ballot; or

1 (3) a write-in candidate for an office for which the
2 candidate filed for a place on the ballot for the primary.

3 (e) The secretary of state shall prescribe any procedures
4 necessary to implement this section.

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