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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 void the application.

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

(d) A candidate whose application is voided 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; or

(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.

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

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