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S.B. No. 1660

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the qualifications necessary for a political party to have the names of its nominees placed on the ballot.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 181.005(b) and (c), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) A political party is entitled to have the names of its nominees placed on the ballot, without qualifying under Subsection (a), in each subsequent general election following a general election in which the party had a nominee for a statewide office who received a number of votes equal to at least 10 [~~five~~] percent of the total number of votes received by all candidates for that office.

(c) A political party is entitled to have the names of its nominees placed on the general election ballot, without qualifying under Subsection (a) or (b), if the party had a nominee for a statewide office who received a number of votes equal to at least 10 [~~two~~] percent of the total number of votes received by all candidates for that office at least once in the five previous general elections.

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