

Amend CSHB 1606 by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS of the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill appropriately:

SECTION _____. Subsection (c), Section 171.002, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The chair is elected at the general primary election by majority vote of the qualified voters of the state who vote in the election and shall serve for a term of two years beginning the 20th day after runoff primary election day. The~~[7]~~ vice chair~~[7]~~ and members representing the senatorial districts are elected at the party's biennial state convention. ~~[However, the chair, vice chair, and members may be elected for four-year terms at the state convention held in gubernatorial election years.]~~ Each holds office until a successor is elected and assumes office.

SECTION _____. Subsection (b), Section 172.021, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) An application must, in addition to complying with Section 141.031, be accompanied by the appropriate filing fee or, instead of the filing fee, a petition that satisfies the requirements prescribed by Section 141.062. A political party may not require payment of a fee as a condition to applying for a place on the ballot as a candidate for state chair, county chair, or precinct chair.

SECTION _____. Section 172.061, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 172.061. CANDIDATE FOR PARTY OFFICE. (a) Except for Sections 172.058(b), 172.059(c), and 172.060(b), this subchapter applies to a candidate for state chair, county chair, or precinct chair.

(b) If a runoff candidate for state chair, county chair, or precinct chair withdraws, the remaining candidate is considered to be elected and the runoff election for that office is not held.

SECTION _____. Subsection (b), Section 181.004, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The party shall provide by rule for the selection of a chair of ~~[the state executive committee and]~~ each county executive committee.