

1-1 By: Geren, Denny (Senate Sponsor - Nelson) H.B. No. 1274  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2003;  
1-3 April 15, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 20, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 20, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to the procedure for collecting signatures on a petition  
1-9 filed in connection with a candidate's application for a place on  
1-10 the ballot.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 141.064, Election Code, is amended to  
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 141.064. METHOD OF ACQUIRING SIGNATURE. A person  
1-15 circulating a petition must:

1-16 (1) ~~before permitting a person to sign, point out and~~  
1-17 ~~read to the person each statement pertaining to the signer that~~  
1-18 ~~appears on the petition,~~

1-19 (2) witness each signature;

1-20 (2) ~~(3)~~ ascertain that each date of signing is  
1-21 correct; and

1-22 (3) ~~(4)~~ before the petition is filed, verify each  
1-23 signer's registration status and ascertain that each registration  
1-24 number entered on the petition is correct.

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 141.065(a), Election Code, is amended to  
1-26 read as follows:

1-27 (a) Each part of a petition must include an affidavit of the  
1-28 person who circulated it stating that the person:

1-29 (1) ~~pointed out and read to each signer, before the~~  
1-30 ~~petition was signed, each statement pertaining to the signer that~~  
1-31 ~~appears on the petition,~~

1-32 (2) witnessed each signature;

1-33 (2) ~~(3)~~ verified each signer's registration status;  
1-34 and

1-35 (3) ~~(4)~~ believes each signature to be genuine and  
1-36 the corresponding information to be correct.

1-37 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003, and  
1-38 applies only to a petition filed on or after that date.

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