

1-1 By: Zaffirini S.B. No. 1073  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 9, 2015; March 16, 2015, read  
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
 1-4 April 14, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 14, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Huffman	X			
1-8 Ellis	X			
1-9 Birdwell	X			
1-10 Creighton	X			
1-11 Estes	X			
1-12 Fraser	X			
1-13 Nelson	X			
1-14 Schwertner	X			
1-15 Zaffirini	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the provision of a candidate's campaign mailing address  
 1-20 and electronic mail address in the candidate's application for a  
 1-21 place on the ballot.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 141.031(a), Election Code, is amended to  
 1-24 read as follows:

1-25 (a) A candidate's application for a place on the ballot that  
 1-26 is required by this code must:

1-27 (1) be in writing;

1-28 (2) be signed and sworn to by the candidate and  
 1-29 indicate the date that the candidate swears to the application;

1-30 (3) be timely filed with the appropriate authority;

1-31 and

1-32 (4) include:

1-33 (A) the candidate's name;

1-34 (B) the candidate's occupation;

1-35 (C) the office sought, including any place number  
 1-36 or other distinguishing number;

1-37 (D) an indication of whether the office sought is  
 1-38 to be filled for a full or unexpired term if the office sought and  
 1-39 another office to be voted on have the same title but do not have  
 1-40 place numbers or other distinguishing numbers;

1-41 (E) a statement that the candidate is a United  
 1-42 States citizen;

1-43 (F) a statement that the candidate has not been  
 1-44 determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate  
 1-45 jurisdiction to be:

1-46 (i) totally mentally incapacitated; or

1-47 (ii) partially mentally incapacitated  
 1-48 without the right to vote;

1-49 (G) a statement that the candidate has not been  
 1-50 finally convicted of a felony from which the candidate has not been  
 1-51 pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;

1-52 (H) the candidate's date of birth;

1-53 (I) the candidate's residence address or, if the  
 1-54 residence has no address, the address at which the candidate  
 1-55 receives mail and a concise description of the location of the  
 1-56 candidate's residence;

1-57 (J) the candidate's length of continuous  
 1-58 residence in the state and in the territory from which the office  
 1-59 sought is elected as of the date the candidate swears to the  
 1-60 application;

1-61 (K) the statement: "I, \_\_\_\_\_, of

2-1 \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of  
2-2 \_\_\_\_\_, swear that I will support and defend the constitution  
2-3 and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas"; ~~and~~

2-4 (L) a statement that the candidate is aware of  
2-5 the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code;

2-6 (M) a mailing address and any available  
2-7 electronic mail address at which the candidate receives  
2-8 correspondence relating to the candidate's campaign; and

2-9 (N) if the candidate maintains a  
2-10 campaign-related website, the website address.

2-11 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 172, Election Code, is  
2-12 amended by adding Section 172.0221 to read as follows:

2-13 Sec. 172.0221. NOTICE TO CANDIDATE REGARDING POSTING OF  
2-14 CERTAIN INFORMATION. The authority with whom an application is  
2-15 filed must inform the candidate that the candidate's mailing  
2-16 address and, if provided on the application, the candidate's  
2-17 electronic mail address and campaign-related website address will  
2-18 be posted by the secretary of state on the secretary's publicly  
2-19 viewable website.

2-20 SECTION 3. Section 172.028(a), Election Code, is amended to  
2-21 read as follows:

2-22 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (c), the state chair  
2-23 shall certify to the secretary of state for placement on the general  
2-24 primary election ballot the name of each candidate who files with  
2-25 the chair an application that complies with Section 172.021(b).  
2-26 The secretary of state shall post on the secretary's Internet  
2-27 website that is viewable by the public:

2-28 (1) the certified list; and

2-29 (2) for each certified candidate:

2-30 (A) the mailing address and, if provided by the  
2-31 candidate, the electronic mail address at which the candidate  
2-32 receives correspondence relating to the candidate's campaign; and

2-33 (B) if provided by the candidate, the website  
2-34 address of any campaign-related website maintained by the  
2-35 candidate.

2-36 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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