

1-1 By: Swanson, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Zaffirini) H.B. No. 4129  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 13, 2019;  
 1-3 May 14, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
 1-4 Affairs; May 19, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote:  
 1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 19, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	X			
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			

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

1-19 relating to the omission from the ballot of a withdrawing  
 1-20 candidate.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 145.098, Election Code, is amended to  
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 145.098. WITHDRAWAL OF CANDIDATE BEFORE CERTAIN EVENTS  
 1-25 OCCUR [~~BALLOTS ARE PREPARED~~]. If a candidate files a withdrawal  
 1-26 request after the deadline prescribed by Section 145.092, and the  
 1-27 candidate complies with each requirement under Section 145.001  
 1-28 except that the candidate's filing to withdraw is untimely, the  
 1-29 authority responsible for preparing the ballots may choose to omit  
 1-30 the candidate from the ballot if [~~the ballots have not been~~  
 1-31 ~~prepared~~] at the time the candidate files the withdrawal request:

- 1-32 (1) the ballots have not been prepared; and
- 1-33 (2) if using a voting system to which Chapter 129  
 1-34 applies, public notice of the test of logic and accuracy has not  
 1-35 been published.

1-36 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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