

1-1 By: Middleton S.B. No. 1705
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 7, 2023; March 16, 2023, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 5, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 3; April 5, 2023,
1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7	COMMITTEE VOTE				
1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Hughes	X			
1-10	Paxton	X			
1-11	Bettencourt	X			
1-12	Birdwell	X			
1-13	LaMantia		X		
1-14	Menéndez		X		
1-15	Middleton	X			
1-16	Parker	X			
1-17	Perry	X			
1-18	Schwertner	X			
1-19	Zaffirini		X		

1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1705 By: Hughes

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to nominations by primary election by certain political
1-24 parties.

1-25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-26 SECTION 1. Section 172.001, Election Code, is amended to
1-27 read as follows:

1-28 Sec. 172.001. NOMINATING BY PRIMARY ELECTION REQUIRED.
1-29 Except as otherwise provided by this code, a political party's
1-30 nominees in the general election for offices of state and county
1-31 government and the United States Congress must be nominated by
1-32 primary election, held as provided by this code, if the party's
1-33 nominee for a statewide office ~~[governor]~~ in any of the five
1-34 preceding ~~[the most recent gubernatorial]~~ general elections for
1-35 that office ~~[election]~~ received two ~~[20]~~ percent or more of the
1-36 total number of votes received by all candidates for that office
1-37 ~~[governor]~~ in the election.

1-38 SECTION 2. Section 181.003, Election Code, is amended to
1-39 read as follows:

1-40 Sec. 181.003. NOMINATING BY CONVENTION REQUIRED. A
1-41 political party must make nominations for the general election for
1-42 state and county officers by convention, as provided by this
1-43 chapter, if the party is not required ~~[or authorized]~~ to nominate by
1-44 primary election.

1-45 SECTION 3. Sections 172.002 and 181.002, Election Code, are
1-46 repealed.

1-47 SECTION 4. The changes in law made by this Act apply
1-48 beginning with nominations made for an election held on or after
1-49 January 1, 2024.

1-50 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-51 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-52 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-53 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-54 Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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