

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the Election Code uses mostly masculine pronouns and other language that is gender specific. Some Texas codes, including the Banking Code and Credit Code, have been rewritten to conform to the mandates of gender neutral language. This bill makes no substantive changes to the Election Code; however, the bill changes gender specific language to language that is gender neutral.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1603 changes gender specific language in the Election Code to language that is gender neutral.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1.007(b), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 1.009(a), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language and to make a conforming change.

SECTION 3. Amends Sections 1.011(b) and (d), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.

SECTION 4. Amends Sections 1.015(a), (c), and (d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 5. Amends Section 11.005, Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.

SECTION 6. Amends Section 13.006(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 7. Amends Section 13.038, Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.

SECTION 8. Amends Sections 13.046(a) and (c), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.

SECTION 9. Amends Section 15.027(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 10. Amends Section 16.062, Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 11. Amends Section 18.007, Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.

SECTION 12. Amends Section 18.009(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

- SECTION 13. Amends Section 18.067(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 14. Amends Section 31.001(b), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.
- SECTION 15. Amends Section 31.032(a), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.
- SECTION 16. Amends Section 31.033(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 17. Amends Section 31.035(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 18. Amends Section 31.044(a), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.
- SECTION 19. Amends Section 31.049, Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 20. Amends Section 31.097(c), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.
- SECTION 21. Amends Sections 31.123(a), (c), and (f), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language. Makes conforming changes.
- SECTION 22. Amends Section 32.006, Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.
- SECTION 23. Amends Section 32.010(a), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.
- SECTION 24. Amends Sections 32.034(b) and (d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 25. Amends Section 32.054(a), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 26. Amends Section 32.071, Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 27. Amends Section 32.072(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 28. Amends Section 32.073(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 29. Amends Section 32.075(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 30. Amends Section 32.094(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 31. Amends Sections 32.114(c) and (d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 32. Amends Section 33.002(c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 33. Amends Section 33.003, Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 34. Amends Section 33.006(c), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.
- SECTION 35. Amends Sections 33.051(b) and (d), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.
- SECTION 36. Amends Section 33.052(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

- SECTION 37. Amends Section 33.053, Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 38. Amends Section 33.054(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 39. Amends Section 33.055(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 40. Amends Section 33.057(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 41. Amends Sections 34.001(b) and (d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 42. Amends Sections 42.036(b) and (e), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 43. Amends Section 43.003, Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 44. Amends Sections 51.002(b) and (c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 45. Amends Section 51.003, Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 46. Amends Section 51.010(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 47. Amends Section 51.035(a), to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 48. Amends Section 52.002, Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 49. Amends Section 52.003(b), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.
- SECTION 50. Amends Section 52.004(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 51. Amends Section 52.007(d), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 52. Amends Section 52.094(c), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 53. Amends Section 61.006(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 54. Amends Sections 63.001(b), (e), and (f), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 55. Amends Sections 63.002(b) and (c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 56. Amends Section 63.005(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 57. Amends Section 63.006(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 58. Amends Section 63.007(a), Election Code to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 59. Amends Section 63.008, Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 60. Amends Sections 63.011(a)-(c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 61. Amends Section 64.002(b), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.
- SECTION 62. Amends Section 64.009(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

- SECTION 63. Amends Section 64.012(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 64. Amends Section 64.033, Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 65. Amends Section 66.057(b), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.
- SECTION 66. Amends Section 66.060(c), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 67. Amends Section 68.051(d) and (e), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 68. Amends Section 68.052, Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 69. Amends Section 82.002(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 70. Amends Section 82.004(b), to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 71. Amends Section 84.008(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 72. Amends Section 84.011(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 73. Amends Section 84.012, Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 74. Amends Section 85.032(d), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 75. Amends Section 86.008(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 76. Amends Section 86.009(c), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 77. Amends Section 86.011(d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 78. Amends Section 87.0221(c), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 79. Amends Section 87.023(c), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 80. Amends Section 87.024(c), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 81. Amends Section 87.025, Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 82. Amends Sections 87.027(b), (c), and (i), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 83. Amends Section 87.121(f), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 84. Amends Section 104.004(e), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 85. Amends Section 124.065, Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 86. Amends Section 125.031(d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 87. Amends Section 125.033(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 88. Amends Section 126.035(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 89. Amends Section 127.037(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 90. Amends Sections 127.038(a)-(c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

- SECTION 91. Amends Sections 127.068(a) and (b), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 92. Amends Section 127.124(c), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 93. Amends Section 141.038(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 94. Amends Section 141.066(c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 95. Amends Sections 141.067(b) and (f), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 96. Amends Section 141.070(c), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.
- SECTION 97. Amends Section 142.003, Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 98. Amends Section 145.001(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 99. Amends Section 145.005(d), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 100. Amends Section 145.034, Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 101. Amends Section 145.036(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 102. Amends Sections 145.037(a), (b), and (d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 103. Amends Section 145.038(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 104. Amends Section 145.064(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 105. Amends Section 161.005(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 106. Amends Section 161.007(a), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.
- SECTION 107. Amends Section 162.004(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 108. Amends Sections 162.007(b) and (c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 109. Amends Section 162.008(c), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 110. Amends Sections 163.005(a), (c), and (d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 111. Amends Section 163.006(d), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 112. Amends Sections 171.002(b) and (c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 113. Amends Section 171.003(a), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 114. Amends Section 171.022(a), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 115. Amends Sections 171.023(a)-(c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.
- SECTION 116. Amends Section 171.024(d), Election Code, to make a conforming change.
- SECTION 117. Amends Section 171.025, Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive

language and make conforming changes.

SECTION 118. Amends Sections 171.027(b) and (c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 119. Amends Section 171.052, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 120. Amends Section 171.053, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 121. Amends Section 171.054, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 122. Amends Section 171.072, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 123. Amends Section 171.073, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 124. Amends Section 172.002(c), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 125. Amends Sections 172.021(b) and (f), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 126. Amends Section 172.022, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 127. Amends Section 172.023(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 128. Amends Section 172.027, Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.

SECTION 129. Amends Section 172.028, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 130. Amends Sections 172.029(a) and (c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 131. Amends Sections 172.054(a) and (b), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 132. Amends Sections 172.055(c) and (d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 133. Amends Section 172.056(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 134. Amends Section 172.058(c), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 135. Amends Section 172.059(b), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 136. Amends Section 172.061, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 137. Amends Section 172.081, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 138. Amends Section 172.082(e), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 139. Amends Section 172.083, Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 140. Amends Sections 172.084(c) and (d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 141. Amends Section 172.088(d), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 142. Amends Section 172.089, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

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SECTION 144. Amends Section 172.1112(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 145. Amends Section 172.112, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 146. Amends Sections 172.113(a)-(e), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 147. Amends Sections 172.116(b) and (e), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 148. Amends Section 172.117, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 149. Amends Sections 172.118(a), (b), and (d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 150. Amends Section 172.119, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 151. Amends Sections 172.120(b) and (f), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 152. Amends Section 172.121, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 153. Amends Section 172.122, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 154. Amends Section 172.124(a) and (b), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 155. Amends Section 173.004, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 156. Amends Section 173.008(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 157. Amends Section 173.010, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 158. Amends Section 173.031(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 159. Amends Section 173.032(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 160. Amends Sections 173.033(a) and (b), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 161. Amends Sections 173.036(a) and (b), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 162. Amends Section 173.061, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 163. Amends Section 173.062, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 164. Amends Section 173.063, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 165. Amends Section 173.064, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 166. Amends Sections 173.081(a), (c), and (f), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 167. Amends Section 173.082(e), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 168. Amends Sections 173.083(c)-(e), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 169. Amends Section 173.0831, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 170. Amends Sections 173.084(a), (b), and (d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 171. Amends Section 173.085(b), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 172. Amends Section 173.0851(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 173. Amends Section 173.087, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 174. Amends Section 173.088, Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 175. Amends Section 174.003, Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 176. Amends Section 174.022(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 177. Amends Section 174.023, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 178. Amends Section 174.025, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 179. Amends Sections 174.027(a)-(e), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 180. Amends Section 174.063(c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 181. Amends Sections 174.064(c) and (d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 182. Amends Section 174.065, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 183. Amends Section 174.069, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 184. Amends Section 174.092(b), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 185. Amends Section 174.093, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

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SECTION 187. Amends Section 174.097, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 188. Amends Section 181.004, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 189. Amends Sections 181.006(b), (e), and (h), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 190. Amends Section 181.032(a), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 191. Amends Section 181.034(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 192. Amends Section 181.066, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 193. Amends Section 181.067, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 194. Amends Section 182.002, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 195. Amends Sections 182.004(b) and (e), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 196. Amends Section 182.007, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 197. Amends Section 191.002(c), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 198. Amends Section 191.003, Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 199. Amends Section 191.031(c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 200. Amends Sections 192.004(a) and (d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 201. Amends Section 192.006(b), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 202. Amends Section 192.007(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 203. Amends Section 192.031, Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 204. Amends Section 192.037(b), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 205. Amends Sections 192.062(a) and (b), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 206. Amends Sections 211.007(b)-(d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 207. Amends Section 212.022, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 208. Amends Section 212.027(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 209. Amends Section 212.031(e), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 210. Amends Sections 212.137(b) and (c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 211. Amends Sections 213.002(b) and (c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 212. Amends Section 213.003(c), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 213. Amends Section 213.005(b), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 214. Amends Sections 213.006(a) and (b), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 215. Amends Sections 213.007(a) and (c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 216. Amends Section 213.0111(a), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 217. Amends Sections 213.012(a) and (b), Election Code to make conforming changes.

SECTION 218. Amends Sections 213.013(e), (g), and (i), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 219. Amends Section 213.015(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 220. Amends Section 214.003, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 221. Amends Section 214.022(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 222. Amends Section 214.026, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 223. Amends Section 214.045(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 224. Amends Sections 214.046(b) and (f), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 225. Amends Section 214.049(d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 226. Amends Section 214.051, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 227. Amends Section 215.010(c), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 228. Amends Section 221.009(a), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 229. Amends Section 231.008(c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 230. Amends Section 232.013(d), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 231. Amends Section 241.0061(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 232. Amends Section 241.008, Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 233. Amends Section 241.0091(a), Election Code, to conform to the mandates of conclusive language.

SECTION 234. Amends Section 241.015(c), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 235. Amends Section 241.017(a), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 236. Amends Section 251.006(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 237. Amends Section 251.032, Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 238. Amends Section 252.004, Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 239. Amends Section 252.013(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 240. Amends Sections 253.035(f), (h) and (i), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 241. Amends Section 253.0351(a), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 242. Amends Section 253.042(a), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 243. Amends Section 253.061, Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 244. Amends Section 253.062(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 245. Amends Section 254.064(d), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 246. Amends Section 254.128(c), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 247. Amends Section 254.129(d), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 248. Amends Section 254.204(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 249. Amends Section 255.005(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 250. Amends Sections 255.006(a) and (b), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 251. Amends Section 257.003(c), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 252. Amends Section 257.005, Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 253. Amends Section 272.010(b), Election Code, to make conforming changes.

SECTION 254. Amends Section 273.003(d), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 255. Amends Section 273.021(b), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 256. Amends Section 276.001(a), Election Code, to make a conforming change.

SECTION 257. Provides that this Act is intended only to change terminology involving gender in the Election Code to appropriate gender-neutral terminology.

SECTION 258. Effective date: September 1, 1997.

SECTION 259. Emergency clause.