

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Current law does not require a candidate for the Texas Supreme Court or Texas Court of Criminal Appeals to file signatures with the filing fee for a place on the general primary election ballot for either court. H.B. 1117 requires that candidates submit 100 signatures of registered voters from each senatorial district with the filing fee. If candidates for these offices submit 100 signatures each from five state senatorial districts, it would indicate a measure of statewide and regional support for their candidacy.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

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

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 172.021, Election Code, by adding Subsection (g) to require a candidate for the office of chief justice or justice, supreme court or presiding judge or judge, court of criminal appeals who chooses to pay the filing fee to also accompany the application with a petition that complies with the requirements prescribed for the petition authorized by Subsection (b), except that the minimum number of signatures that is required to appear on the petition required by this subsection is 100 each from five state senatorial districts.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.