

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Last session the legislature passed H.B. 2504 which, among other things, attempted to standardize filing fee requirements for all parties and candidates to have their name placed on the ballot. Unfortunately, that bill put the requirement in the wrong section. S.B. 2093 puts the standardized fee requirement in the correct section of the Election Code.

As proposed, S.B. 2093 amends current law relating to requiring candidates for nomination by convention to pay a filing fee or submit a petition in lieu of a filing fee.

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 181.031, Election Code, by adding Subsections (d), (e), and (f), as follows:

(d) Requires that the application for nomination, in addition to the requirements prescribed by Section 141.031 (General Requirements for Application), be accompanied by a filing fee or a petition in lieu of the filing fee that satisfies the requirements imposed by Section 141.062 (Validity of Petition).

(e) Provides that the amount of the filing fee imposed under Subsection (d) is the amount prescribed by Section 172.024 (Filing Fee) for a candidate for nomination for the same office in a general primary election.

(f) Provides that a filing fee under Section 181.031 (Application Required) is to be delivered to the appropriate party official under Section 181.032(a) (relating to filing an application for nomination by a convention) for party use.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.