

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.

(Original Author's / Sponsor's Statement of Intent)

C.S.S.B. 2093 amends current law relating to filing fees for certain candidates for office in primary elections.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the secretary of state in SECTION 1 (Section 181.0311, Election Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Transfers Section 141.041, Election Code, to Subchapter B, Chapter 181, Election Code, redesignates it as Section 181.0311, Election Code, and amends it as follows:

Sec. 181.0311. New heading: **FILING FEE OR PETITION REQUIRED.** (a) Requires a candidate to be considered for nomination by convention to pay a certain fee or submit a certain petition, in addition to any other requirements, rather than requiring a candidate who is nominated by convention under Chapter 181 (Party with State Organization) or 182 (Party Without State Organization), in addition to any other requirements, to be eligible to be placed on the ballot for the general election for state and county officers to pay a certain fee and submit a certain petition.

(b)-(f) Makes no changes to these subsections.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2021.