PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 1274 as passed by the Seventy-Eighth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

> House Bill No. 1274 would repeal the requirement that persons gathering signatures on petitions to place candidates on the ballot inform the signer of provisions which affect the signer. However, there are some very specific consequences to signing a candidate's petition, and it therefore is in the public interest to make sure that the public understands what they are signing. For example, a voter who signs a petition for a one party's candidate for public office becomes ineligible to vote in any other party's primary. This is a serious ramification which restricts the voter's right to choose the primary in which he or she wishes to participate, and it is important that the voter have that information when deciding whether to sign the petition.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 20th day of June, 2003.

Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
7:30 PM O'CLOCK

JUN 20 2003

ATTESTED BY:

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Secretary of State