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2	relating to the requirements for a candidate's application or
3	petition for a place on the ballot.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. Section 141.031(a), Election Code, is amended to
6	read as follows:
7	(a) A candidate's application for a place on the ballot that
8	is required by this code must:
9	(1) be in writing;
10	(2) be signed and sworn to before a person authorized
11	to administer oaths in this state by the candidate and indicate the
12	date that the candidate swears to the application;
13	(3) be timely filed with the appropriate authority;
14	and .
15	(4) include:
16	(A) the candidate's name;
17	(B) the candidate's occupation;
18	(C) the office sought, including any place number
19	or other distinguishing number;
20	(D) an indication of whether the office sought is
21	to be filled for a full or unexpired term if the office sought and
22	another office to be voted on have the same title but do not have
23	place numbers or other distinguishing numbers;
24	(E) a statement that the candidate is a United

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1	States citizen;
2	(F) a statement that the candidate has not been
3	determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate
4	jurisdiction to be:
5	(i) totally mentally incapacitated; or
6	(ii) partially mentally incapacitated
7	without the right to vote;
8	(G) a statement that the candidate has not been
9	finally convicted of a felony from which the candidate has not been
10	pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities;
11	(H) the candidate's date of birth;
12	(I) the candidate's residence address or, if the
13	residence has no address, the address at which the candidate
14	receives mail and a concise description of the location of the
15	candidate's residence;
16	(J) the candidate's length of continuous
17	residence in the state and in the territory from which the office
18	sought is elected as of the date the candidate swears to the
19	application;
20	(K) the statement: "I,, of
21	County, Texas, being a candidate for the office of
22	, swear that I will support and defend the constitution
23	and laws of the United States and of the State of Texas";
24	(L) a statement that the candidate is aware of
25	the nepotism law, Chapter 573, Government Code; and
26	(M) a public mailing address and any available
27	electronic mail address at which the candidate receives

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- 1 correspondence relating to the candidate's campaign.
- 2 SECTION 2. Section 141.065, Election Code, is amended by
- 3 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
- 4 follows:
- 5 (a) Each part of a petition must include an affidavit of the
- 6 person who circulated it, executed before a person authorized to
- 7 administer oaths in this state, stating that the person:
- 8 (1) pointed out and read to each signer, before the
- 9 petition was signed, each statement pertaining to the signer that
- 10 appears on the petition;
- 11 (2) witnessed each signature;
- 12 (3) verified each signer's registration status; and
- 13 (4) believes each signature to be genuine and the
- 14 corresponding information to be correct.
- (c) A single notarized affidavit by any person who obtained
- 16 signatures is valid for all signatures gathered by the person if the
- 17 date of notarization is on or after the date of the last signature
- 18 obtained by the person.
- SECTION 3. The changes in law made by this Act to Sections
- 20 141.031(a) and 141.065(a), Election Code, apply to an application
- 21 for a place on the ballot made or a petition circulated on or after
- 22 the effective date of this Act. An application for a place on the
- 23 ballot made or a petition circulated before the effective date of
- 24 this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the
- 25 application is made or the petition is circulated, and the former
- 26 law is continued in effect for that purpose.
- 27 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2157 was passed by the House on May 9, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 136, Nays 9, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2157 was passed by the Senate on May 23, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Naya 0.

Secretar of the Senate

APPROVED:

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Governor

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Secretary of State

# LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

### FISCAL NOTE, 85TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

### May 16, 2017

TO: Honorable Joan Huffman, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2157 by Miller (Relating to the requirements for a candidate's application or petition

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No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

#### **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 

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