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AN ACT

relating to the timely filing of an application for a place on the ballot for an office of a home-rule city.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 143.005(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A city charter may prescribe requirements in connection with a candidate's application for a place on the ballot for an office of a home-rule city. This section does not authorize a city charter requirement in connection with the timely filing of an application, and any charter requirement related to an application's timely filing is superseded by Section 143.007 and other applicable filing provisions prescribed by this code.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

David Newkum

President of the Senate

Jim Grallik

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2684 was passed by the House on April 25, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 146, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2684 was passed by the Senate on May 28, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 20 JUN '03

Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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