

CHAPTER 979

H.B. No. 2509

An Act relating to requirements for filing fees and signature petitions in the general primary election for certain judicial offices.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Section 186, Texas Election Code (Article 13.08, Vernon's Texas Election Code), is amended by amending Subsections (b) and (c) and by adding Subsection (c-1) to read as follows:

(b) *Except as provided by Subsection (c-1) of this section, in [in] order for a candidate to have his name placed on the ballot for the general primary election, his application for a place on the ballot must be accompanied by a filing fee or a nominating petition in compliance with Subsection (c) or (d) of this section.*

(c) The schedule of filing fees for either a full term or an unexpired term for the various offices is as follows:

(1) United States Senator	\$2,000
(2) All other statewide offices	1,500
(3) United States representative	1,500
(4) State senator	750
(5) State representative	400
(6) Member, state board of education	250
(7) Chief justice or associate justice, court of appeals <i>other than a justice covered by Subdivision (8) of this subsection</i>	750
(8) <i>Chief justice or associate justice of a court of appeals that serves a supreme judicial district in which a county with a population of more than 2,400,000 is wholly or partly situated</i>	2,000
(9) (8) District judge or judge of any court having status of a district court as classified in Section 61c of this code, as added and amended (Article 605c, Vernon's Texas Election Code) <i>other than a judge covered by Subdivision (10) of this subsection</i>	700
(10) <i>District or criminal district judge of a court in a judicial district wholly contained in a county with a population of more than 2,400,000</i>	2,000
(11) (9) Judge of a statutory county court or judge of any court having status of a county court as classified in Section 61c of this code, as added and amended (Article 605c, Vernon's Texas Election Code), other than a the constitutional county judge or a judge covered by Subdivision (12) of this subsection court	700
(12) <i>Judge of a statutory county court in a county with a population of more than 2,400,000</i>	2,000
(13) (10) District attorney or criminal district attorney or a county attorney that performs the same functions as either of the above	600
(14) (11) A county office as classified in Section 61c of this code, as added and amended (Article 605c, Vernon's Texas Election Code), for which a specific fee is not set by this subsection	300
(15) (12) County surveyor or inspector of hides and animals	50
(16) (13) Judge of the constitutional county court and county commissioner, County of 200,000 or more inhabitants	600
County under 200,000 inhabitants	300
(17) (14) Justice of the peace or constable, County of 200,000 or more inhabitants	500
County under 200,000 inhabitants	200
(18) (15) Public weigher	50

No fee shall be charged for any office of a political party

(c-1) *A candidate for an office specified by Subsection (c)(8), (10), or (12) of this section must accompany his application for a place on the ballot with the prescribed filing fee and with a petition containing the signatures of at least 250 voters eligible to vote for the office sought or must comply with Subsection (d) of this section. Any petition filed by the candidate must identify the office sought, including any place number or other distinguishing number. No signatures on a petition may be collected on the grounds of a county courthouse or courthouse annex. A petition is otherwise subject to the requirements prescribed by Subsection (d) of this section.*

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on May 17, 1985, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 25, 1985, by a viva-voce vote.

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