

CHAPTER 490

H.B. No. 1853

AN ACT

relating to the filing deadline for an independent candidate's application for a place on the ballot in the general election for state and county officers.

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

SECTION 1. Section 142.006, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 142.006. REGULAR FILING DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION. (a) An application for a place on the ballot must be filed not later than 5 p.m. of the 30th day after runoff primary election day, except as provided by Section 202.007.

(b) *An application filed by mail is considered to be filed at the time of its receipt by the appropriate authority.*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 3. 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 22, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 29, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.