

CHAPTER 364

H.B. No. 2002

AN ACT

relating to deadlines for filing certain financial statements and to forms provided by the secretary of state.

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

SECTION 1. Sections 3(d) and (e), Chapter 421, Acts of the 63rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1973 (Article 6252-9b, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes), are amended to read as follows:

(d) Within ~~40~~ [30] days after the date of the regular filing deadline for an application for a place on the ballot in the general primary election [~~first Monday in February~~], every person who is a candidate for an office as an elected officer, whether partisan or independent, shall file the financial statement. [~~The secretary of state shall grant an extension for good cause shown of not more than 15 days, provided a request for the extension is received prior to the filing deadline for the financial statement.~~] When the deadline under which a candidate files an application for a place on the ballot, other than the regular filing deadline for an independent candidate, or files a declaration of write-in candidacy falls after the date of the regular filing deadline for candidates in the general primary election [~~first Monday in February~~], such candidate shall file the statement within 30 days after that later deadline, except that when the deadline falls within 35 days of the election in which the candidate is running, the candidate shall file the statement by the fifth day before that election. A person who is a candidate in a special election for an office as an elected officer shall file the financial statement five days prior to the special election. [~~No extensions shall be granted to candidates filing in a primary or general election under a deadline which falls after the first Monday in February or to candidates involved in a special election.~~]

(e) Except as otherwise provided in this Act, at least 30 days before the deadline date for the filing of a financial statement by each individual required to file, the secretary of state shall mail to the individual two copies of the financial statement form. In the case of candidates other than those covered by Subsection (f) of this section, the forms shall be mailed within 15 [10] days after the filing deadline date. In the case of appointments of salaried appointed officers, appointments to fill vacancies in elective offices, and appointed officers of major state agencies, the forms shall be mailed within seven days after the date of the appointment, or if the legislature is in session, sooner if possible.

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, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed by the House on April 30, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting. Passed by the Senate on May 28, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 11, 1987.

Effective June 11, 1987.