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**GUILLEN BILL EXPANDS PUBLIC SERVICE OPTIONS**  
*HB 3055 Updates Outdated Government Code*

**AUSTIN** – Texas State Representative Ryan Guillen's (D-Rural South Texas) bill, HB 3055, will allow county election administrators to run for a non-partisan office in a separate county, increasing their ability to serve the public. HB 3055 was referred to the Texas Senate State Affairs committee on **Monday, May 8**.

**“Texas should promote, not penalize, the outstanding civic servants in our communities,” said Guillen. “If qualified non-partisan officials want to help out another county as an election administrator, we should not let bureaucracy get in the way.”**

Under current law, a county elections administrator cannot hold a nonpartisan office while simultaneously acting as a county elections administrator. Specifically, a county elections administrator is barred from being considered a candidate for public office, hold public office or hold an office or a position for a political party. If an individual accepts any of the aforementioned positions, or is found to be currently holding such a position, then they are required to resign as county elections administrator. Additionally, county elections administrators are forbidden from making any political contributions, or from publicly supporting or opposing a candidate running for public office.

The outdated law has caused unnecessary resignations of qualified county elections administrators, further diminishing voting practices in Texas. HB 3055 would add a provision which would enable county elections administrators to hold nonpartisan office in a county other than that which they are an elections administrator.

**"I can see no conflict of interest for a non-partisan elected official in one county to act as a county elections administrator in another county," said Guillen. "Our communities deserve to have the most qualified county elections administrators Texas can provide, and HB 3055 will help ensure that."**

Representative Ryan Guillen serves ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, including Atascosa, Brooks, Duval, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, La Salle, Live Oak, McMullen, Starr, and Willacy.

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