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Hi Ken,

Myrna forwarded the media team your request. Below is the information we have.

A potential candidate's ballot application has been rejected (Bertha Rendon Delgado). They indicated on their application form that they have been convicted of a felony but have been pardoned or released from their resulting disabilities.

Section 141.031(a-1) of the Election Code states, "A person who has been convicted of a felony shall include in the application proof that the person is eligible for public office." This is a new requirement that was added by HB 4555 during the 2021 Legislative Session. This requirement became effective for any application filed on or after September 1, 2021.

Based on the mandatory "shall" language of the statute, if the applicant has not provided the proof required by section 141.031(a-1), the application should be rejected.

Proof required by Section 141.031(a-1) are

- Judicial Clemency under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 42A.701
- Executive Pardon under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.01
- Restoration of Rights under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure 48.05

The potential candidate has been notified by email and voice message and communication and made aware they may refile their ballot application with the required proof. The last day to file an application for the November 2022 General Election is August 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Thanks,
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