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S.B. No. 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to election precinct boundaries and the establishment of polling places.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 42.0051(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) County election precincts in a county with a population of 250,000 or more may also be combined under Subsection (a) if the changes result in county election precincts with 500 or more but fewer than 5,000 ~~[750]~~ registered voters.

SECTION 2. Section 43.007, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (q) to read as follows:

(a) The secretary of state shall implement a program to allow each commissioners court participating in the program to ~~[eliminate county election precinct polling places and]~~ establish countywide polling places at each county election precinct for:

(1) any election required to be conducted by the county;

(2) any election held as part of a joint election agreement with a county under Chapter 271;

(3) any election held under contract for election services with a county under Subchapter D, Chapter 31;

(4) each primary election and runoff primary election

1 if:

2 (A) the county chair or county executive
3 committee of each political party participating in a joint primary
4 election under Section 172.126 agrees to the use of countywide
5 polling places; or

6 (B) the county chair or county executive
7 committee of each political party required to nominate candidates
8 by primary election agrees to use the same countywide polling
9 places; and

10 (5) each election of a political subdivision located
11 in the county that is held jointly with an election described by
12 Subdivision (3) or (4).

13 (q) Each countywide polling place must be provided with a
14 poll list for the entire county.

15 SECTION 3. Sections 43.007(f), (g), (h), (m), and (n),
16 Election Code, are repealed.

17 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.