

1-1 By: Taylor, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Jackson) H.B. No. 2759
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 10, 2005;
1-3 May 12, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 20, 2005, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0;
1-6 May 20, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2759 By: Jackson

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to requirements for county election precincts.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 42.001, Election Code, is amended to
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 42.001. PRECINCTS ESTABLISHED BY COMMISSIONERS COURT.

1-15 (a) Each commissioners court by order shall divide all the
1-16 territory of the county into county election precincts in
1-17 accordance with this subchapter. The precincts must be compact and
1-18 contiguous.

1-19 (b) In a county with a population of more than 175,000, in
1-20 establishing a county election precinct, the commissioners court
1-21 shall consider the availability of buildings to use as polling
1-22 places so that a voter of the precinct will not have to travel more
1-23 than 25 miles from the voter's residence to reach the polling place
1-24 for the precinct.

1-25 SECTION 2. Section 42.006(d), Election Code, is amended to
1-26 read as follows:

1-27 (d) In a county in which a voting system has been adopted for
1-28 use in the general election for state and county officers, the
1-29 maximum number of registered voters a precinct may contain is
1-30 5,000 [+]

1-31 [~~(1) 3,000, in a county with a population of 250,000 or~~
1-32 ~~more,~~

1-33 [~~(2) 4,000, in a county with a population of 175,000 or~~
1-34 ~~more but less than 250,000, and~~

1-35 [~~(3) 5,000, in a county with a population of less than~~
1-36 ~~175,000]~~.

1-37 SECTION 3. Section 43.002, Election Code, is amended by
1-38 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

1-39 (c) In making a designation under this section, the
1-40 commissioners court of a county with a population of more than
1-41 175,000 may not designate a location as a polling place that would
1-42 require a voter in the precinct to travel more than 25 miles from
1-43 the voter's residence to the polling place.

1-44 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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