

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**TO:** Honorable Robert Duncan, Chair, Senate Committee on State Affairs

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2759** by Taylor (Relating to the maximum number of registered voters that may be contained in a county election precinct.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Election Code to establish that in a county in which a voting system has been adopted for use in the general election for state and county officers, the maximum number of registered voters that may be assigned to a precinct would be 5,000. All other maximums listed would be deleted from statute. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Current statute provides a maximum of between 3,000 and 5,000 registered voters per precinct, depending on the population of the county.

**Local Government Impact**

The provisions of the bill would provide flexibility for a county in determining how many precincts to establish. According to a sampling of county election administrators, raising the limit on the number of registered voters per precinct would allow the county to establish fewer precincts, which would result in a savings in the cost of precinct officials and equipment required.

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

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