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TO: Honorable Mary Denny, Chair, House Committee on Elections

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IN RE: HB2759 by Taylor (Relating to the maximum number of registered voters that may be contained in a county election precinct.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

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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