# LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD Austin, Texas

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

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

**IN RE: HB2759** by Taylor (Relating to providing a uniform limit on the population of a county election precinct.), **As Introduced** 

### No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would establish that a county election precinct may contain at least 100 but not more than 5,000 registered voters. The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Current statute provides a limit between 100 and 2,000 registered voters per precinct, with certain caps based on county population in certain circumstances.

#### **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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