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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: SB1272** by Jackson, Mike (Relating to providing a uniform limit on the population of a county election precinct.), **As Introduced**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would establish that a county election precinct may contain at least 100 but not more than 4,000 registered voters. While the bill indicates an effective date of September 1, 2003, this fiscal note is written assuming an effective date of 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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