

AN ACT

relating to the location of early voting polling places for elections held on the November uniform election date by a political subdivision.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 85, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 85.010 to read as follows:

Sec. 85.010. EARLY VOTING POLLING PLACE FOR CERTAIN ELECTIONS HELD BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS. (a) This section applies to an election held by a political subdivision, other than a county, on the November uniform election date in which the political subdivision:

(1) is not holding a joint election with a county in accordance with Chapter 271; and

(2) has not executed a contract with a county elections officer under which the political subdivision and the county share early voting polling places for the election.

(b) A political subdivision that holds an election described by Subsection (a) shall designate as an early voting polling place for the election any early voting polling place, other than a polling place established under Section 85.062(e), established by the county and located in the political subdivision.

(c) A shared polling place established under Subsection (b) that is designated as a main early voting polling place by any

1 political subdivision must be open for voting for all political
2 subdivisions the polling place serves for at least the days and
3 hours required of a main early voting polling place under Section
4 85.002 for the political subdivision making the designation.

5 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 506 was passed by the House on May 8, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 506 on May 23, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 4, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 506 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor