

By: Thompson of Brazoria

H.B. No. 1164

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the territory that may be included in a single county  
3 election precinct.

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

5 SECTION 1. The heading to Section 42.005, Election Code, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Sec. 42.005. RELATIONSHIP TO [~~WARDS,~~] DISTRICTS[~~7~~] AND  
8 JUSTICE AND COMMISSIONERS PRECINCTS.

9 SECTION 2. Section 42.005(a), Election Code, is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 (a) A county election precinct, including a consolidated  
12 precinct, may not contain territory from more than one of each of  
13 the following types of territorial units:

- 14 (1) a commissioners precinct;
- 15 (2) a justice precinct;
- 16 (3) a congressional district;
- 17 (4) a state representative district;
- 18 (5) a state senatorial district; or
- 19 (6) [~~a ward in a city with a population of 10,000 or~~  
20 ~~more, or~~  
21 [~~7~~] a State Board of Education district.

22 SECTION 3. Section 42.010(c), Election Code, is amended to  
23 read as follows:

24 (c) After each redistricting of a territorial unit

1 described by Section 42.005(a)(3), (4), (5), or (6) [~~(7)~~], the  
2 commissioners court may submit recommendations to the secretary of  
3 state on changes to the territorial units to allow the county to  
4 eliminate county election precincts with no population or a  
5 substantially small population.

6 SECTION 4. Sections 42.005(c) and (d) and 42.010(a),  
7 Election Code, are repealed.

8 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
9 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
10 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
11 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
12 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.