

By: Bohac

H.B. No. 2503

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the territory that may be included in a single county election precinct.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 3. Section 42.0051(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) County election precincts in a county with a population

1 of 250,000 or more may also be combined under Subsection (a) if the  
2 changes result in county election precincts with [~~500 or more but~~]  
3 fewer than 2,500 [~~750~~] registered voters.

4 SECTION 4. Sections 42.010(b) and (c), Election Code, are  
5 amended to read as follows:

6 (b) After each redistricting of a territorial unit  
7 described by Section 42.005(a)(1) [~~or (2)~~], the commissioners court  
8 shall consider changes to the territorial units to allow the county  
9 to eliminate county election precincts with no population or a  
10 substantially small population.

11 (c) After each redistricting of a territorial unit  
12 described by Section 42.005(a)(2), (3), or [~~42.005(a)(3),~~]  
13 [~~(5), or (7),~~] the commissioners court may submit recommendations  
14 to the secretary of state on changes to the territorial units to  
15 allow the county to eliminate county election precincts with no  
16 population or a substantially small population.

17 SECTION 5. Sections 42.005(c) and (d) and 42.010(a),  
18 Election Code, are repealed.

19 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.