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H.B. No. 2670

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the participation of certain large counties in the
3 countywide polling place program.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 43.007, Election Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsections (b) and (i) and adding Subsection (d-1) to
7 read as follows:

8 (b) The commissioners court of a county that desires to
9 participate in the program authorized by this section or a county
10 with a population of 3.3 million or more shall hold a public hearing
11 on the county's participation in the program. The commissioners
12 court shall submit a transcript or electronic recording of the
13 public comments made at the hearing to the secretary of state. A
14 county that has previously participated in a similar program and
15 held a public hearing on the county's participation in that program
16 is not required to hold a hearing under this subsection.

17 (d-1) The secretary of state shall select to participate in
18 the program each county that has a population of 3.3 million or
19 more.

20 (i) The secretary of state may only select to participate in
21 the program six counties with a population of 100,000 or more, not
22 including a county selected under Subsection (d-1), and four
23 counties with a population of less than 100,000.

24 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives

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1 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
3 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
4 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.