

1-1 By: Duncan S.B. No. 578
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 14, 2013; February 20, 2013,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 March 20, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; March 20, 2013,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

| | Yea | Nay | Absent | PNV |
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| 1-8 Duncan | X | | | |
| 1-9 Deuell | X | | | |
| 1-10 Ellis | X | | | |
| 1-11 Fraser | X | | | |
| 1-12 Huffman | X | | | |
| 1-13 Lucio | X | | | |
| 1-14 Nichols | X | | | |
| 1-15 Van de Putte | | | X | |
| 1-16 Williams | X | | | |

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 578 By: Duncan

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to use of countywide polling places for certain elections.
 1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-23 SECTION 1. Section 43.004, Election Code, is amended by
 1-24 adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:
 1-25 (c) If a political subdivision holds an election jointly
 1-26 with an election described by Section 43.007(a)(1), (2), (3), or
 1-27 (4) and is required to use countywide polling places under Section
 1-28 43.007, the governing body of the political subdivision may
 1-29 designate as the polling places for any required runoff election
 1-30 only the polling places located in the territory or in and near the
 1-31 territory of the political subdivision where eligible voters
 1-32 reside.
 1-33 SECTION 2. Subsection (a), Section 43.007, Election Code,
 1-34 is amended to read as follows:
 1-35 (a) The secretary of state shall implement a program to
 1-36 allow each commissioners court participating in the program to
 1-37 eliminate county election precinct polling places and establish
 1-38 countywide polling places for:
 1-39 (1) each general election for state and county
 1-40 officers;
 1-41 (2) each election held on the uniform election date in
 1-42 May;
 1-43 (3) each election on a proposed constitutional
 1-44 amendment; ~~and~~
 1-45 (4) each primary election and runoff primary election
 1-46 if:
 1-47 (A) the county chair or county executive
 1-48 committee of each political party participating in a joint primary
 1-49 election under Section 172.126 agrees to the use of countywide
 1-50 polling places; or
 1-51 (B) the county chair or county executive
 1-52 committee of each political party required to nominate candidates
 1-53 by primary election agrees to use the same countywide polling
 1-54 places; and
 1-55 (5) each election of a political subdivision located
 1-56 in the county that is held jointly with an election described by
 1-57 Subdivision (1), (2), (3), or (4) [~~3~~].
 1-58 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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