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TO: Honorable David Dewhurst, Lieutenant Governor, Senate

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB578 by Duncan (Relating to use of countywide polling places for certain elections.),
As Passed 2nd House

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Election Code to allow the governing body of a political subdivision to designate polling places located in the territory, or in and near the territory, of the political subdivision as the only polling places for any required runoff election if the political subdivision holds an election jointly with another election, and is required to use countywide polling places under Section 43.007.

The bill would allow each commissioners court to establish countywide polling places for each primary election and runoff primary election if the county chair or county executive committee of each political party participating in a joint primary election agrees to use countywide polling places or if each political party required to nominate candidates by primary election agrees to use the same countywide polling places.

The bill would also require the commissioners court to appoint election judges for countywide polling places unless the number of presiding election judges affiliated or aligned with a political party as compared to the number of total countywide polling places shall be in proportion to the percentage of votes that party's nominee for governor received in the county in the most recent gubernatorial general election.

The Secretary of State indicates the provisions of the bill could be implemented within existing resources.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

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