

House Bill 506
Senate Amendments
Section-by-Section Analysis

HOUSE VERSION

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(1) is not holding a joint election with a county in accordance with Chapter 271; and

(2) has not executed a contract with a county elections officer under which the political subdivision and the county share early voting polling places for the election.

(b) A political subdivision that holds an election described by Subsection (a) shall:

(1) designate as the early voting polling places for the election any early voting polling place, other than a polling place established under Section 85.062(e), established by the county and located in a county election precinct that contains territory from the political subdivision; or

(2) notwithstanding Section 85.002, designate another early voting polling place, other than a polling place established under Section 85.062(e), established by the county as an early voting polling place if the county does not establish an early voting polling place within the territory of the political subdivision.

(c) A political subdivision that holds an election described by Subsection (a) may establish an early voting polling place located in the territory of the political subdivision if one is not otherwise located in that area under this section.

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SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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