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H.B. No. 2027

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to establishing precincts for elections held on a uniform election date by certain political subdivisions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.002, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) The county election precincts are the election precincts for the following elections:

(1) the general election for state and county officers;

(2) a special election ordered by the governor;

(3) a primary election;

(4) a countywide election ordered by the commissioners court, county judge, or other county authority, except an election subject to Section 42.062(2); and

(5) as provided by Section 42.0621, any other election held by [on the November uniform election date of] a political subdivision on a uniform election date~~[, other than a district that is created under Section 52, Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and is located in a county with a population of more than 3.3 million or a county adjacent to a county with a population of more than 3.3 million].~~

(c) Subsection (a)(5) does not apply to an election held on

1 the May uniform election date by a political subdivision that:

2 (1) conducts early voting by personal appearance at
3 each permanent or temporary branch polling place on the same days
4 and during the same hours as voting is conducted at the main early
5 voting polling place; or

6 (2) has not established a permanent or temporary
7 branch early voting polling place.

8 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 42.0621, Election Code,
9 is amended to read as follows:

10 Sec. 42.0621. PRECINCTS FOR ELECTIONS HELD ON A UNIFORM
11 ELECTION DATE [~~NOVEMBER ELECTION~~].

12 SECTION 3. Section 42.0621(a), Election Code, is amended to
13 read as follows:

14 (a) In an election held on a a [~~the November~~] uniform election
15 date, the political subdivisions to which Section 42.002(a)(5)
16 applies shall use the regular county election precincts.

17 SECTION 4. Section 43.004(b), Election Code, is amended to
18 read as follows:

19 (b) If a political subdivision holds an election on a a [~~the~~
20 ~~November~~] uniform election date and is required to use the regular
21 county election precincts, the political subdivision shall
22 designate as the polling places for the election the regular county
23 polling places in the county election precincts that contain
24 territory from the political subdivision.

25 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.