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H.B. No. 1594

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the territory that may be included in a single county election precinct.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.0051(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) A ~~[If changes in county election precinct boundaries to give effect to a redistricting plan result in county election precincts with a number of registered voters less than 500, a]~~ commissioners court for a general or special election~~[r]~~ or l for a primary election~~l~~, the county executive committee of a political party conducting a primary election, may combine county election precincts notwithstanding Section 42.005 to avoid unreasonable expenditures for election equipment, supplies, and personnel in:

(1) a county with a population of less than 250,000 if the precinct has less than 500 registered voters; or

(2) a county with a population of 250,000 or more regardless of the number of registered voters in the precinct.

SECTION 2. Section 42.0051(b), Election Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.