

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Concerns have been raised about the large financial burden placed on certain public school districts located in multiple counties in complying with current elections procedures. It has been suggested that this burden could be alleviated if these districts were made responsible only for a certain proportion of election expenses. H.B. 2778 seeks to address this issue by revising criteria relating to the allocation of joint election expenses in certain school districts.

H.B. 2778 amends current law relating to the allocation of expenses of a joint election to certain school districts.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 11.0581(e), Education Code, as follows:

(e) Requires the joint election agreement allocating expenses as provided by Section 271.004, Election Code, to provide that a school district is responsible only for the proportion of election expenses that corresponds to the proportion that the number of registered voters in the school district bears to the total number of registered voters in all political subdivisions participating in the joint election. Provides that this subsection applies only to a school district:

- (1) that has territory located in at least four counties, each of which has a population of less than 55,000, rather than less than 46,100; and
- (2) makes no changes to this subdivision.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2019.