

BILL ANALYSIS

H.B. 2778
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Public Education
Committee Report (Unamended)

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Concerns have been raised about the large financial burden placed on certain public school districts located in multiple counties in complying with current election 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.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution.

ANALYSIS

H.B. 2778 amends the Education Code to raise from 46,100 to 55,000 the cap on the population of a county in which an applicable public school district has territory, for purposes of the district's proportional responsibility for joint election expenses.

EFFECTIVE DATE

On passage, or, if the bill does not receive the necessary vote, September 1, 2019.