H.B. No. 1048

AN ACT

relating to the use of a county early voting polling place by a political subdivision.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 85.010, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (a-1) and amending Subsection (b) to read as follows:

(a-1)  In this section, "eligible county polling place" means an early voting polling place, other than a polling place established under Section 85.062(e), established by a county.

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

(1)  shall designate as an early voting polling place for the election an eligible county [~~any early voting~~] polling place[~~, other than a polling place established under Section 85.062(e), established by the county and~~] located in the political subdivision; and

(2)  may not designate as an early voting polling place a location other than an eligible county polling place unless each eligible county polling place located in the political subdivision is designated as an early voting polling place by the political subdivision.

SECTION 2.  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, 2019.

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    President of the Senate Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1048 was passed by the House on April 9, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 148, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1048 on May 23, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 142, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1048 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2019, by the following vote:  Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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