By:  King of Uvalde (Senate Sponsor - Flores) H.B. No. 2778

(In the Senate - Received from the House April 15, 2019; April 17, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 17, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 11, Nays 0; May 17, 2019, sent to printer.)

COMMITTEE VOTE

                    Yea Nay Absent  PNV

Taylor            X

Lucio                X

Bettencourt          X

Campbell             X

Fallon               X

Hall                 X

Hughes               X

Paxton               X

Powell               X

Watson               X

West                 X

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the allocation of expenses of a joint election to certain school districts.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 11.0581(e), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(e)  The joint election agreement allocating expenses as provided by Section 271.004, Election Code, must 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. 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 [~~46,100~~]; and

(2)  no part of which is located in a municipality.

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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