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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to combining incorporated and unincorporated territory into a county election precinct.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 42.007, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42.007.  COMBINING INCORPORATED AND UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY. A commissioners court may not establish a county election precinct containing territory inside a city with a population of 10,000 or more and unincorporated territory outside that city unless:

(1)  the commissioners court determines that either of the two areas:

(A) [~~(1)~~]  cannot constitute a separate election precinct of suitable size or shape that contains the permissible number of voters; or

(B) [~~(2)~~]  cannot be combined with other territory on the same side of the city boundary to form an election precinct of a suitable size or shape that contains the permissible number of voters without causing another election precinct to fail to meet those requirements; or

(2)  the two areas are located in a county participating in the countywide polling place program under Section 43.007.

SECTION 2.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.