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By:  Middleton, Bettencourt S.B. No. 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to election precinct boundaries and the establishment of polling places.

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

SECTION 1.  Section 42.0051(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  County election precincts in a county with a population of 250,000 or more may also be combined under Subsection (a) if the changes result in county election precincts with 500 or more but fewer than 5,000 [~~750~~] registered voters.

SECTION 2.  Section 43.007, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (q) to read as follows:

(a)  The secretary of state shall implement a program to allow each commissioners court participating in the program to [~~eliminate county election precinct polling places and~~] establish countywide polling places at each county election precinct for:

(1)  any election required to be conducted by the county;

(2)  any election held as part of a joint election agreement with a county under Chapter 271;

(3)  any election held under contract for election services with a county under Subchapter D, Chapter 31;

(4)  each primary election and runoff primary election if:

(A)  the county chair or county executive committee of each political party participating in a joint primary election under Section 172.126 agrees to the use of countywide polling places; or

(B)  the county chair or county executive committee of each political party required to nominate candidates by primary election agrees to use the same countywide polling places; and

(5)  each election of a political subdivision located in the county that is held jointly with an election described by Subdivision (3) or (4).

(q)  Each countywide polling place must be provided with a poll list for the entire county.

SECTION 3.  Sections 43.007(f), (g), (h), (m), and (n), Election Code, are repealed.

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.