

AN ACT

relating to establishing precincts for elections held on a uniform election date by certain political subdivisions.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.002, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(a) The county election precincts are the election precincts for the following elections:

(1) the general election for state and county officers;

(2) a special election ordered by the governor;

(3) a primary election;

(4) a countywide election ordered by the commissioners court, county judge, or other county authority, except an election subject to Section 42.062(2); and

(5) as provided by Section 42.0621, any other election held by on a uniform election date ~~[on the November uniform election date of]~~ a political subdivision on a uniform election date ~~[, other than a district that is created under Section 52, Article III, or Section 59, Article XVI, Texas Constitution, and is located in a county with a population of more than 3.3 million or a county adjacent to a county with a population of more than 3.3 million].~~

(c) Subsection (a)(5) does not apply to an election held on

1 the May uniform election date by a political subdivision that:

2 (1) conducts early voting by personal appearance:

3 (A) at 75 percent or more of its permanent or
4 temporary branch polling places on the same days and during the same
5 hours as voting is conducted at the main early voting polling place;
6 and

7 (B) at each remaining polling place for at least
8 two consecutive days of voting during the early voting period, and
9 for at least eight hours on each of the two consecutive days; or

10 (2) has not established a permanent or temporary
11 branch early voting polling place.

12 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 42.0621, Election Code,
13 is amended to read as follows:

14 Sec. 42.0621. PRECINCTS FOR ELECTIONS HELD ON A UNIFORM
15 ELECTION DATE [~~NOVEMBER ELECTION~~].

16 SECTION 3. Section 42.0621(a), Election Code, is amended to
17 read as follows:

18 (a) In an election held on a a [~~the November~~] uniform election
19 date, the political subdivisions to which Section 42.002(a)(5)
20 applies shall use the regular county election precincts.

21 SECTION 4. Section 43.004(b), Election Code, is amended to
22 read as follows:

23 (b) If a political subdivision holds an election on a [~~the~~
24 ~~November~~] uniform election date and is required to use the regular
25 county election precincts, the political subdivision shall
26 designate as the polling places for the election the regular county
27 polling places in the county election precincts that contain

1 territory from the political subdivision.

2 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2027 was passed by the House on April 23, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 0, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 2027 on May 22, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 129, Nays 2, 3 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2027 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 21, 2015, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor