

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 2759
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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

C.S.H.B. 2759 provides a maximum population per precinct of 5000 registered voters in all counties that have adopted a voting system.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 42.001, Election Code, to require the commissioners court, in a county with a population of more than 175,000, in establishing a county election precinct, to consider the availability of buildings to use as polling places so that a voter of precinct will not have travel more than 25 miles from the voter's residence to reach the polling place for the precinct.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 42.006(d), Election Code, to provide that in a county in which a voting system has been adopted for use in the general election for state and county officers, the maximum number of registered voters a precinct may contain is 5,000, rather than the previous guidelines based on the county's population.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 43.002, Election Code, by adding Subsection (c), as follows:

(c) Prohibits a commissions court of a county with a population of more than 175,000, in making a designation under this section, from designating a location as a polling place that would require a voter in the precinct to travel more than 25 miles from the voter's residence to the polling place.

SECTION 4. Effective date: September 1, 2005.