

AN ACT

relating to the combination of certain election precincts.

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

SECTION 1. Section 42.006(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as ~~[otherwise]~~ provided by this section and Section 42.0051, a county election precinct must contain at least 100 but not more than 5,000 registered voters.

SECTION 2. Section 42.0051, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) This section applies only to a county with a population of less than 1.2 million that does not participate in the countywide polling place program described by Section 43.007.

(a-1) In a general or special election for which use of county election precincts is required, the commissioner's court [If changes in county election precinct boundaries to give effect to a redistricting plan result in county election precincts with a number of registered voters less than 500, a commissioners court for a general or special election, or for a primary election the county executive committee of a political party conducting a primary election,] may, on the recommendation of the county election board, combine county election precincts notwithstanding Section 42.005 if:

1           (1) the commissioners court cannot secure a suitable  
2 polling place location under Section 43.031; and

3           (2) the location of the combined polling place  
4 adequately serves the voters of the combined precinct ~~[to avoid~~  
5 ~~unreasonable expenditures for election equipment, supplies, and~~  
6 ~~personnel]~~.

7           (c) A combined precinct under this section may not contain  
8 more than 10,000 registered voters ~~[is subject to the maximum~~  
9 ~~population prescribed for a precinct under Section 42.006]~~.

10          SECTION 3. Section 42.0051(b), Election Code, is repealed.

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

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 924 passed the Senate on April 20, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 17, Nays 12; and that the Senate concurred in House amendment on May 25, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 19, Nays 12.

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Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 924 passed the House, with amendment, on May 23, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 87, Nays 55, two present not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

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Date

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Governor