

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S/SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, Section 42.006 (Population Requirements), Election Code, requires county election precincts to contain at least 100, but no more than 2,000 registered voters. As proposed, S.B. 1272 increases the maximum number of registered voters allowed per precinct to 4,000. This change will result in a positive fiscal note for election administration because it would decrease the number of election precincts necessary in each county, as each precinct will accommodate more voters. S.B. 1272 will also help to lighten the burden on election administrators since they will have fewer precincts to organize and monitor.

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 42.006(a), Election Code, to require a county election precinct to contain at least 100 but not more than 4,000, rather than 2,000, registered voters.

SECTION 2. Repealer: Section 42.006(d) (relating to the maximum number of registered voters a precinct is authorized to contain), Election Code.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2005.