

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Certain Texas school districts are located in multiple counties, and interested parties note that current election procedures place a large financial burden on these districts. The parties assert that the burden could be alleviated if a school district were responsible only for a certain proportion of election expenses. H.B. 1871 addresses this issue by making changes to the election procedures for certain school districts.

H.B. 1871 amends current law relating to the allocation of the expenses of a joint election to certain school districts.

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 11.0581, Education Code, by adding Subsection (e), as follows:

(e) Requires that the joint election agreement allocating expenses as provided by Section 271.004 (Allocation of Election Expenses), Election Code, provide that a school district is responsible only for the proportion of election expenses that corresponds to the proportion that the number of registered voters in the school district bears to the total number of registered voters in all political subdivisions participating in the joint election. Provides that this subsection applies only to a school district that has territory located in at least four counties, each of which has a population of less than 46,100, and no part of which is located in a municipality.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2013.