

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Pursuant to the Election Code, a county may apply with the secretary of state to implement a program to establish countywide polling places for elections held on the uniform election dates in May and November. S.B. 578 amends the Election Code to allow for the use of countywide polling places for a primary election.

As proposed, S.B. 578 amends current law relating to use of countywide polling places for certain elections.

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 43.007(a), Election Code, as follows:

(a) Requires the secretary of state to implement a countywide polling place program to allow each commissioners court participating in the program to eliminate county election precinct polling places and establish countywide polling places for:

- (1) each general election for state and county officers;
- (2) each election held on the uniform election date in May;
- (3) each election on a proposed constitutional amendment;
- (4) each primary election; and
- (5) each election of a political subdivision located in the county that is held jointly with an election described by Subdivision (1), (2), (3), or (4).

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2013.