

1-1 By: Bonnen of Galveston, et al. H.B. No. 2027
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Hancock)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 27, 2015;
 1-4 May 4, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-5 Affairs; May 18, 2015, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 18, 2015, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to establishing precincts for elections held on a uniform
 1-21 election date by certain political subdivisions.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Section 42.002, Election Code, is amended by
 1-24 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (c) to read as
 1-25 follows:

1-26 (a) The county election precincts are the election
 1-27 precincts for the following elections:

1-28 (1) the general election for state and county
 1-29 officers;

1-30 (2) a special election ordered by the governor;

1-31 (3) a primary election;

1-32 (4) a countywide election ordered by the commissioners
 1-33 court, county judge, or other county authority, except an election
 1-34 subject to Section 42.062(2); and

1-35 (5) as provided by Section 42.0621, any other election
 1-36 held by ~~[on the November uniform election date of]~~ a political
 1-37 subdivision on a uniform election date ~~[, other than a district that~~
 1-38 ~~is created under Section 52, Article III, or Section 59, Article~~
 1-39 ~~XVI, Texas Constitution, and is located in a county with a~~
 1-40 ~~population of more than 3.3 million or a county adjacent to a county~~
 1-41 ~~with a population of more than 3.3 million].~~

1-42 (c) Subsection (a)(5) does not apply to an election held on
 1-43 the May uniform election date by a political subdivision that:

1-44 (1) conducts early voting by personal appearance at
 1-45 each permanent or temporary branch polling place on the same days
 1-46 and during the same hours as voting is conducted at the main early
 1-47 voting polling place; or

1-48 (2) has not established a permanent or temporary
 1-49 branch early voting polling place.

1-50 SECTION 2. The heading to Section 42.0621, Election Code,
 1-51 is amended to read as follows:

1-52 Sec. 42.0621. PRECINCTS FOR ELECTIONS HELD ON A UNIFORM
 1-53 ELECTION DATE ~~[NOVEMBER ELECTION]~~.

1-54 SECTION 3. Section 42.0621(a), Election Code, is amended to
 1-55 read as follows:

1-56 (a) In an election held on a ~~[the November]~~ uniform election
 1-57 date, the political subdivisions to which Section 42.002(a)(5)
 1-58 applies shall use the regular county election precincts.

1-59 SECTION 4. Section 43.004(b), Election Code, is amended to
 1-60 read as follows:

1-61 (b) If a political subdivision holds an election on a ~~[the~~

2-1 ~~November~~] uniform election date and is required to use the regular
2-2 county election precincts, the political subdivision shall
2-3 designate as the polling places for the election the regular county
2-4 polling places in the county election precincts that contain
2-5 territory from the political subdivision.

2-6 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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