

1-1 By: Bettencourt S.B. No. 1255  
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 27, 2019; March 7, 2019,  
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;  
 1-4 April 8, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,  
 1-5 Nays 0; April 8, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-12	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to the location of countywide polling places within a  
 1-20 county.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 43.007(m), Election Code, is amended to  
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 (m) In adopting a methodology under Subsection (f), the  
 1-25 county must ensure that:

1-26 (1) each county commissioners precinct contains at  
 1-27 least one countywide polling place and the percentage of the total  
 1-28 number of countywide polling places located in each commissioners  
 1-29 precinct must be as equal as mathematically possible to the  
 1-30 percentage of registered voters of the county whose registrations  
 1-31 are effective on the date of the election residing in each  
 1-32 commissioners precinct; and

1-33 (2) in a county with a population of 400,000 or more,  
 1-34 the percentage of the total number of countywide polling places  
 1-35 located in each state representative district in the county  
 1-36 containing territory in which the election is held must be as equal  
 1-37 as mathematically possible to the percentage of registered voters  
 1-38 of the county whose registrations are effective on the date of the  
 1-39 election residing in each state representative district [the total  
 1-40 number of permanent branch and temporary branch polling places open  
 1-41 for voting in a county commissioners precinct does not exceed more  
 1-42 than twice the number of permanent branch and temporary branch  
 1-43 polling places in another county commissioners precinct].

1-44 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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