

1-1 By: Springer S.B. No. 924
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed February 14, 2023; March 3, 2023,
 1-3 read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
 1-4 April 5, 2023, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 3; April 5, 2023,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
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1-20 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 924 By: Hughes

1-21 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-22 AN ACT

1-23 relating to the combination of certain election precincts.
 1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
 1-25 SECTION 1. Section 42.006(a), Election Code, is amended to
 1-26 read as follows:
 1-27 (a) Except as ~~[otherwise]~~ provided by this section and
 1-28 Section 42.0051, a county election precinct must contain at least
 1-29 100 but not more than 5,000 registered voters.
 1-30 SECTION 2. Section 42.0051, Election Code, is amended by
 1-31 amending Subsections (a) and (c) and adding Subsection (a-1) to
 1-32 read as follows:
 1-33 (a) This section applies only to a county with a population
 1-34 of less than 1.2 million.
 1-35 (a-1) In a general or special election for which use of
 1-36 county election precincts is required, the commissioner's court [if
 1-37 changes in county election precinct boundaries to give effect to a
 1-38 redistricting plan result in county election precincts with a
 1-39 number of registered voters less than 500, a commissioners court
 1-40 for a general or special election, or for a primary election the
 1-41 county executive committee of a political party conducting a
 1-42 primary election,] may, on the recommendation of the county
 1-43 election board, combine county election precincts notwithstanding
 1-44 Section 42.005 if:
 1-45 (1) the commissioners court cannot secure a suitable
 1-46 polling place location under Section 43.031; and
 1-47 (2) the location of the combined polling place
 1-48 adequately serves the voters of the combined precinct [to avoid
 1-49 unreasonable expenditures for election equipment, supplies, and
 1-50 personnel].
 1-51 (c) A combined precinct under this section may not contain
 1-52 more than 10,000 registered voters [is subject to the maximum
 1-53 population prescribed for a precinct under Section 42.006].
 1-54 SECTION 3. Section 42.0051(b), Election Code, is repealed.
 1-55 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

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