

CHAPTER 277

H.B. No. 961

AN ACT

relating to the consolidation of county election precincts in a special election.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Section 42.008(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) In a special election for which use of county election precincts is required, the commissioners court may consolidate, *on the recommendation of the county election board*, two or more county election precincts into a single precinct if:

~~[(1)]~~ the polling place is located so it will adequately serve the voters of the consolidated precinct; ~~and~~

~~[(2) no office or measure is to be voted on in the consolidated precinct only by the voters of the county or of an area situated wholly within the county].~~

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on March 25, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 14, 1993: Yeas 29, Nays 0.

Approved May 24, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.