

CHAPTER 479

H.B. No. 1052

AN ACT

relating to posting notice of an election.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4.003(b), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) In addition to any other notice given for an election under Subsection (a), not later than the 21st day before election day, the authority responsible for giving notice of the election shall post a copy of the notice, *which must include the location of each polling place*, on the bulletin board used for posting notices of the meetings of the governing body of the political subdivision that the authority serves. *For each precinct that is combined to form a consolidated precinct under Section 42.008, not later than the 10th day before election day, the authority shall also post, at the polling place used in the preceding general election, notice of the precinct's consolidation and the location of the polling place in the consolidated precinct. A notice posted under this subsection must remain posted continuously through election day.*

SECTION 2. Section 4.004, Election Code, is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

*(d) If precincts are consolidated under Section 42.008, the notice must state which precincts have been combined to form each consolidated precinct in addition to the locations of the polling places in the consolidated precincts.*

SECTION 3. Section 42.009, Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 42.009. CONSOLIDATING PRECINCTS IN PRIMARY ELECTION. ~~[(a)]~~ The county executive committee of a political party holding a primary election may order two or more county election precincts consolidated into a single precinct if:

- (1) the polling place is located so it will adequately serve the voters of the consolidated precinct; and
- (2) at least one consolidated precinct is situated wholly within each commissioners precinct.

~~[(b) Not later than the 10th day before primary election day, the county chairman shall post notice of the consolidation at the county courthouse on the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the commissioners court. The notice must state which precincts have been combined to form each consolidated precinct and the locations of the polling places in the consolidated precincts.~~

~~[(c) For each precinct that is combined to form a consolidated precinct for a primary election, not later than the 10th day before primary election day, the county chairman~~

~~shall post notice of the precinct's consolidation at the polling place used in the preceding primary election. The notice must state the location of the polling place in the consolidated precinct.~~

~~[(d) A notice posted under this section must remain posted continuously through primary election day.]~~

SECTION 4. Subchapter E, Chapter 172, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 172.1111 to read as follows:

*Sec. 172.1111. NOTICE OF ELECTION. (a) The county chairman shall post a notice of the election and a notice of consolidated precincts, if applicable, in the manner prescribed by Section 4.003(b) for general and special elections. The notice of the election shall be posted on the bulletin board used for posting notice of meetings of the commissioners court.*

*(b) The requirements prescribed by Section 4.004 for the contents of the notice of a general or special election apply to the notice of election required by Subsection (a).*

SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 1987.

SECTION 6. 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 May 12, 1987, by a non-record vote. Passed by the Senate on May 28, 1987, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Approved June 17, 1987.

Effective Sept. 1, 1987.