

REDISTRICTING- HIDALGO COUNTY E



INTRODUCTION – Redistricting for an Election:

- Voter Registration Numbers:

- 2000 – **243,000**

- 2010 – **297,463 – Growth of 22.41 % from 2000**

- May 6, 2021 – **391,706 – Growth of 61.19 % from 2000**

- Voter Precinct Numbers

- Texas Election Code Mandates Voter Registration Precinct Number

- Importance of preparing Local Data in Preparation for Voter Precinct

Elections will work with the county's redistricting census effort that Elections works with a mandate that is completely different redistricting. A directed effort needs to be made to make

Texas Election Code – 42.03

Sec. 42.031. REVIEWING PRECINCTS FOR COMPLIANCE: BOUN
March or April of each odd-numbered year, each commissioners
the county election precincts are in compliance. Before May 1 o
determination is made, the commissioners court shall order the
compliance.

Texas Election Code - 42.005

Sec. 42.005. RELATIONSHIP TO DISTRICTS AND JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY

(a) A county election precinct, including a consolidated precinct, may consist of more than one of each of the following types of territorial units (cannot consist of more than one of each of the following types of territorial units):

- (1) a commissioners precinct;
- (2) a justice precinct;
- (3) a congressional district;
- (4) a state representative district;
- (5) a state senatorial district; or
- (6) a State Board of Education district.
- (7) All Local Jurisdictional Units, including:
 - district cities;
 - water and irrigation districts;
 - and
 - all other local jurisdictional units.

(b) If application of this section conflicts with application of Section 42.004, this section shall prevail.

Texas Election Code – 42.00

Sec. 42.006. POPULATION REQUIREMENTS. (a) Except as otherwise provided, a county election precinct must contain at least 100 but not more than 100,000 in population.

Hidalgo County Elections has Voter Election Precincts that are either at or close to going over (17):

Pct . 99 / 6013	Pct. 228 / 4,757
Pct. 53 / 5917	Pct. 117 / 4,581
Pct. 043 / 4,927	Pct. 004 / 4,496
Pct. 081 / 4,841	Pct. 087 / 4,333
Pct. 106 / 4819	Pct. 090 / 4,330
Pct. 088 / 4,774	Pct. 203 / 4,218

Precincts over 3,400 registered voters: 11

Why Does Elections Need S

Bickerstaff, Heath, Delgado, Acosta LLP is:

- Specialized to assist with voter registration precincts, as well as population
- Keeping up with up to the minute changes in regards to elections legislator
- Will provide updated timelines as changes occur in legislation (Special Legis
- Working with other political subdivisions that will also have changes and co
- Will work with Elections to make changes as needed in a timely manner;
- Has specialized redistricting software for voter registration numbers;
- Will have a team of 10 GIS Operators working ONLY with Election Departme
- Will review all other voting precincts and will plan for growth;
- Will assist with the Countywide Polling Place Program and how that affects
- We are the **last** entity to move lines **after** all others have moved theirs;

IN SUMMARY: Why Should

- Initial Assessment
- Preparation of Local Data
- Establishing Policies and Guidelines
- Rebalancing to correct the voter precinct and population imbalance
- Develop Redistricting Plan(s)
- Present Plans
- On-Going Support
- Adopt New Plan
- Will give one-on-one support and guidance from a firm that specializes in voter precinct redistricting.

Questions?
