

SECTION 8. Section 43.007, Election Code, is amended by amending Subsections (a) and (i) and adding Subsections (k) and (l) to read as follows:

(a) The secretary of state shall implement a program to allow each commissioners court participating in the program to eliminate county election precinct polling places and establish countywide polling places for:

(1) each general election for state and county officers;

(2) each ~~[countywide]~~ election held on the uniform election date in May;

(3) each election on a proposed constitutional amendment; and

(4) each election of a political subdivision located in the county that is held jointly with an election described by Subdivision (1), (2), or (3).

(i) The secretary of state may only select to participate in the program six ~~[three]~~ counties with a population of 100,000 or more and four ~~[two]~~ counties with a population of less than 100,000.

(k) Each county that previously participated in a program under this section is authorized to continue participation in the program for future elections described by Subsection (a) if:

(1) the commissioners court of the county approves participation in the program; and

(2) the secretary of state determines the county's participation in the program was successful.

(l) Subsections (b), (c), and (d) do not apply to a county participating in the program under Subsection (k).