

APPLICATION OF UNDUE BURDEN STATUS

To: Office of the Secretary of State

1. From: _____
(Name of County or Other Political Subdivision)

Contact Information: _____
(Name, title, address, and telephone number)

2. On behalf of the above-named political subdivision, I make this Application of Undue Burden Status to provide a showing that compliance with Section 61.012(a)(1)(C) of the Election Code creates an undue burden on our political subdivision by increasing the costs of holding our election by at least 25% as compared to the costs of the last general election held by our county or political subdivision before January 1, 2006.

Our political subdivision intends to provide fewer voting stations than required by Section 61.012(a)(1)(C) that meet the requirements for accessibility under 42 U.S.C. Section 15481(a)(3).

3. For purposes of the Application:

_____ Our county has a population of 10,000 or more but less than 20,000 (or we are a political subdivision located in a county with such population) according to the 2000 Federal Census.

_____ Our political subdivision lies in more than one county and one or more of the counties have a population of 10,000 or more but less than 20,000 according to the 2000 Federal Census. Below are the counties which fall into my political subdivision. Please attach additional pages if space is inadequate.

4. Our cost breakdown is as follows:

_____ # of machines needed for early voting & election day

x _____ cost of purchasing or leasing each voting system

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Subtotal: _____ cost of voting systems

+ _____ cost of programming each voting system with ballot style

+ _____ cost of voting system service representative for on-site assistance

+ _____ Other (please explain or itemize) _____

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_____ Total estimated costs associated with conducting the upcoming election.

5. _____ Total costs associated with the last general election held by our political subdivision before January 1, 2006.

I certify the above election costs are accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that our political subdivision must still comply with the requirement of providing at least one accessible voting system on election day, one accessible voting system during the early voting period by personal appearance, and at least one mobile accessible voting system to be deployed at least once to each branch early voting polling place which my political subdivision has established.

6. _____
Signature of Contact Person

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Indicate the name of the county or political subdivision seeking the reduction.
2. Provide the contact information for the applicant or an individual who would be able to provide information to the Office of the Secretary of State regarding this application, (i.e., county clerk, elections administrator, city/school secretary or secretary of “other” political subdivision).
3. Indicate whether your county falls under the population requirements as provided by the application and Section 61.013 of the Texas Election Code. Indicate also whether your political subdivision is located in more than one county. Based on the 2000 Federal Census, the following counties have population of 10,000 or more but less than 20,000:

Andrews County, Bandera County, Bosque County, Burleson County, Callahan County, Camp County, Clay County, Comanche County, Dawson County, Deaf Smith County, Dimmit County, Eastland County, Duval County, Falls County, Freestone County, Frio County, Gaines County, Gonzalez County, Jackson County, Karnes County, Lamb County, Lampasas County, Lavaca County, Lee County, Leon County, Live Oak County, Llano County, Madison County, Marion County, Montague County, Morris County, Newton County, Nolan County, Parmer County, Pecos County, Red River County, Reeves County, Robertson County, Runnels County, Sabine County, Scurry County, Terry County, Trinity County, Ward County, Wilbarger County, Young County, Zapata County, Zavala County.
4. Provide an accurate calculation of the estimated costs for the election for which your subdivision seeks the reduction by using the formula provided. Please submit any additional supporting documentation you deem necessary in completing this calculation.
5. Provide the total cost of conducting the last general election held by the county or political subdivision, before January 1, 2006.
6. Provide your signature.

Please feel free to contact the Elections Division at 1-800-252-VOTE(8683) should you require any assistance while completing this application.