

### **HJR 13 would disrupt county government yet add little value for voters.**

- HJR 13 proposes that, after any redistricting of county commissioner lines, all four county commissioner offices shall be up for election. The four winners then draw lots to determine which two precincts have two-year terms, and which two have four-year terms.
- Currently, all county commissioners have four year terms with Precincts 1 & 3 elected in Gubernatorial years, and Precincts 2 & 4 elected in Presidential years.

HJR 13 would increase confusion for voters and add uncertainty and inconsistency for county commissioners.

1. HJR 13 could radically de-stabilize a county by making all four commissioners run at the same time. County government is not a legislative branch of government -- it is an administrative component of the judicial branch. Stability and continuity is a value built into county government by our forefathers. This would be worse every 20 years when County Judges are up for election as well.
2. HJR 13 will create needless confusion and unpredictability in elections, since the length of terms will be determined by lot creating different precinct election dates from county to county. The current system of staggered terms helps reinforce stability and continuity in conducting elections.
3. The voters have already expressed their preference for a county commissioner for a four year term as required by the constitution, not an arbitrary two year term. Election results should not be set aside simply because a boundary change occurs in another part of the county.