

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGE STATION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, INDICATING ITS SUPPORT OF BRAZOS COUNTY'S APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE TO ESTABLISH ELECTION DAY COUNTY-WIDE POLLING PLACES, OR VOTE CENTERS, IN LIEU OF INDIVIDUAL PRECINCT POLLING PLACES FOR ALL FUTURE ELECTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the 79th Texas Legislature approved a pilot program to evaluate the use of election day county-wide polling places as an alternative to restricting voters to voting only at the precinct polling place where they are registered to vote; and

WHEREAS, subsequent Texas Legislatures have approved the expansion of the program to counties applying for vote center voting status based upon the success of the program in the pilot program counties; and

WHEREAS, several municipalities have participated in this program in cooperation with their respective counties; and

WHEREAS, surveys of voters utilizing county-wide polling places, or vote centers, on election day have expressed support for the continued use of said vote centers due to the convenience to voters; and

WHEREAS, an exit survey of voters in Lubbock County indicated that 95 percent liked the vote center concept, 91 percent found the vote centers more convenient than voting at their home precinct , 94 percent found the vote centers easy to locate, and over 95 percent wanted vote centers used in future elections; and

WHEREAS, similar results were indicated by voter surveys in other counties utilizing vote centers, such as Brazoria County, Collin County, Erath County, Gaines County, Galveston County, Lampasas County, Midland County, and Swisher County; and,

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State filed a report with the Texas Legislature reporting that the pilot program was well received and liked by voters and election workers;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGE STATION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS, THAT:

Section 1.

The College Station Independent School District Board of Trustees hereby voices its support of Brazos County's application to the Secretary of State for permission to implement election day county-wide, or vote center, voting, effective with the November 2015 election.

Section 2.

The Election Coordinator for the College Station Independent School District is hereby instructed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to the Brazos County Commissioners for inclusion in the submission to the Secretary of State's Office.

Section 3.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Adopted by a vote of the Board of Trustees of the College Station Independent School District at its regular meeting held on May 19, 2015.

COLLEGE STATION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Valerie Jochen, Board President

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Cari Horn, Election Coordinator

Jeff Harris, Board Secretary