

Resolution



WHEREAS, Texas voter registration laws require Voter Registrars to distribute, receive, decipher, process and archive millions of voter registration cards each year; and

WHEREAS, the current process for registering to vote on paper applications in Texas is inefficient, expensive and error ridden; and

WHEREAS, twenty-four states have already authorized their citizens to register to vote through online systems that have proven to be more secure, dramatically lower costs, more accurate and, for many voters, easier to access; and

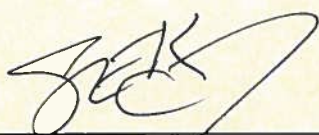
WHEREAS, Texas already authorizes voters to electronically register to vote when obtaining and renewing drivers' licenses and updating voter information online at SOS.gov; and

WHEREAS, a Texas online voter registration system would be more secure because Texas drivers' license numbers as well as audit numbers that are unique to each TDL would be required in order to be able to register online; and

WHEREAS, online voter registration would enable state and local voter registrars to dramatically reduce mailing and data entry costs, as demonstrated by a study of the Arizona Online Voter Registration System which determined that their costs were lowered from .83 cents per card to .03 cents; and

WHEREAS, online registration would in no way constitute a mandate on local Voter Registrars. Voters could continue to choose to complete paper voter registration applications and Voter Registrars are required to receive electronic voter registration applications from DPS; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT urges the Texas Legislature to authorize Texans to have the option to register to vote by electronic means that conforms to the security requirements of the Texas Secretary of State and the Department of Public Safety, and wishes to communicate its position to members of the Travis County delegation and to the entire Legislature.



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