

THE STATE OF TEXAS

IN THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT

OF VICTORIA COUNTY, TEXAS

COUNTY OF VICTORIA

SPECIAL TERM, 2015

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION**

ON THIS THE 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, A.D., 2015, the Commissioners' Court of Victoria County, Texas, being Regular Session at a Special Term of said Court, the following members thereof being present, to wit:

- Ben Zeller, County Judge
- Danny Garcia, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
- Kevin M. Janak, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
- Gary E. Burns, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
- Clint C. Ives, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4

and the following members being absent; none.

The following proceedings, among others, were had, to wit:

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, 24 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 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. A study of the Arizona Online Voter registration system determined that their costs were lowered from .83 cents per card to .03 cents, and

WHEREAS, Online Voter Registration would enable voters in this state with one of the lowest voter registration rates in the nation, an easy online alternative to obtaining, completing and mailing paper applications, and


WHEREAS, The Secretary of State would continue to reimburse counties the same amount for voter registration cards processed electronically or by paper, 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 already required to receive electronic voter registration applications from DPS.


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commissioners' Court of Victoria County, Texas 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.


The above and foregoing order passed by the unanimous vote of the Commissioners' Court of Victoria County, Texas this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.

  
Ben Zeller, County Judge

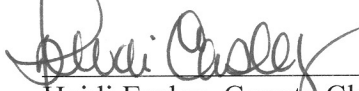
  
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ATTEST:

  
Heidi Easley, County Clerk

