

RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

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: As of January, 2017, thirty-one states plus the District of Columbia offer online voter registration to their citizens through online systems that have proven to be more secure, dramatically lower costs, are more accurate and, for many voters, much 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 by as much as .80 cents per card; and

WHEREAS: Online Voter Registration would enable voters in this state, which has one of the lowest voter registration rates in the nation, an easy online alternative to register to vote; 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 still continue to choose to complete paper voter registration applications and Voter Registrars are required to receive electronic voter registration applications from DPS.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the **Webb County Commissioners Court**, meeting as a body in Laredo, Texas, adopts this resolution and urges the Texas Legislature to authorize Texans to have the option of registering to vote by electronic means on a system that conforms to the security requirements of the Texas Secretary of State and the Department of Public Safety.

Approved, Passed and Signed this 27th day of February, 2017.

Hon. Tano Tijerina
Webb County Judge

Hon. Jesse Gonzalez
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

Hon. Rosaura “Wawi” Tijerina
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

Hon. John Galo
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

Hon. Jaime A. Canales
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

Attest:

Hon. Margie R. Ibarra
Webb County Clerk