

Item # 8  
1-26-15

**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**, 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 complete the online registration; and

**WHEREAS**, online voter registration would enable state and local voter registrars to dramatically reduce the costs of mailing and data entry 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 Voter Registration would enable voters in Texas, 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 voter registration would in no way constitute a mandate on local Voter Registrars and voters could 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** by the Commissioners Court of the County of Webb that it adopts this resolution and urges the Texas Legislature to authorize Texans the option of registering to vote by electronic means in a system that conforms to the security requirements of the Texas Secretary of State and the Department of Public Safety.

**APPROVED AND PASSED** this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2015.

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**Hon. Tano E. Tijerina**  
**Webb County Judge**

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**Hon. Frank Sciaraffa**  
County Commissioner, Precinct 1

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**Hon. Rosaura "Wawi" Tijerina**  
County Commissioner, Precinct 2

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**Hon. John Galo**  
County Commissioner, Precinct 3

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**Hon. Jaime A. Canales**  
County Commissioner, Precinct 4

**Attest:**

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**Margie R. Ibarra**  
Webb County Clerk