

STATE OF TEXAS

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COUNTY OF FORT BEND

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RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT FUNDS UNDER THE CARES ACT

**WHEREAS**, the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (P.L. 107-252) (HAVA) and the Consolidated Appropriations Acts, 2018 (Public Law 115-141) and 2020 (Public Law 116-93), establishes the award of grant funds to local government entities to enhance election technology and make election security improvements to the systems, equipment and processes used in federal elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend County desires to utilize these funds towards these improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court agrees that the expenditure of the funds will be in accordance with applicable federal and state law and any agreement between Fort Bend County and the State of Texas, Office of the Secretary of State as authorized under Section 101 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 and in consultation and agreement with the County election official(s) as defined in Sections 12.001 and 31.091 of the Texas Election Code; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court agrees to assign a single point of contact (SPOC) to act on behalf of the County in communicating with the Office of the Secretary of State, including the submission of all necessary reports; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court agrees claims against the fund shall be audited and approved in the same manner as other claims against the County before they are paid; and

**WHEREAS**, Fort Bend County Commissioners Court agrees that it will not consider the availability of the funds in adopting the County budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fort Bend County Commissioners Court agrees that in the event of loss, misuse, or noncompliance pursuant to any grant award agreement with the Secretary of State, Fort Bend County Commissioners Court assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Secretary of State in full;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Fort Bend County agrees to the above mentioned stipulations as a requirement for accepting funds from the Office of the Secretary of State for expenses related to the conduct of elections.

Approved by the Commissioners Court of Fort Bend County on \_\_\_\_ day of September 2020, duly put and carried;

Attest:

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Hon. KP George, County Judge

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Laura Richard, County Clerk