

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF FORT BEND §

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HB 120 RELATING TO ALLOWING STRAIGHT-PARTY VOTING

WHEREAS, Texans and Fort Bend County residents were concerned with the amount of time they are spending in public locations, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but wanted to exercise their civic duty by voting in person; and

WHEREAS, Straight-party vote means a vote by single mark, punch or other action by the voter for all the nominees of one political party and for no other candidates; and

WHEREAS, During the 85th Texas legislative session in 2017, House Bill 25 eliminated straight-party voting effective September 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Removing straight-party voting made voters stay in public polling locations longer during a worldwide pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS:

THAT ON DECEMBER 15TH, THE **FORT BEND COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT**, MEETING AS A BODY IN RICHMOND, TEXAS, ADOPTS THIS RESOLUTION AND URGES THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW FORT BEND COUNTY AND THE STATE OF TEXAS VOTERS STRAIGHT-PARTY VOTING.

SIGNED THIS 15TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.

K.P. GEORGE
COUNTY JUDGE

VINCENT MORALES
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 1

ANDY MEYERS
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 3

JAMES "GRADY" PRESTAGE
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2

KEN R. DEMERCHANT
COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4

ATTEST:

LAURA RICHARD, COUNTY CLERK