

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ELECTION SECURITY AND ACCESSIBILITY

WHEREAS, it is important to make voting accessible to all who are eligible in a safe and secure fashion; and

WHEREAS, a secure online voter registration application portal 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, Texas voter registration laws require Voter Registrars to distribute, receive, decipher, process and archive millions of voter registration cards each year; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, physical voter registration efforts have been difficult due to health concerns; and

WHEREAS, online voter registration would enable state and local voter registrars to dramatically reduce mailing and data entry costs 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, citizens of ages between 18 and 29 make up 29% of those eligible to vote in the US; and

WHEREAS, Texas high school voter registration law was adopted in 1985; and

WHEREAS, until 2018, only 34% of schools have taken action to implement the Texas high school voter registration law on their campuses; and

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

This 15th day of December 2020, the **Fort Bend County Commissioners Court**, meeting as a body in Richmond, Texas:

1. Supports a secure online voter registration application portal to safely and securely provide an electronic and digital means of applying to register to vote for eligible voters; and
2. Supports more efforts to increase civic engagement and voter registration among the youth in our communities.

SIGNED, THIS 15th DAY OF DECEMBER 2020.

KP George
County Judge KP George

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ATTEST:



Laura Richard

Laura Richard, County Clerk