

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BEEVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Date: December 19, 2006

Subject: Discussion and consider approval of Joint Election Resolution and Joint Election Agreement with the City of Beeville for 2007 School Board Elections.

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**ACTION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Summary of Joint Elections Requirement

In the most recent special session of the Texas Legislature, House Bill 1 added Section 11.0581 to the Texas Election Code, which requires school board member elections to be held jointly with either a municipality located within the school district or with the county if the district is not located within a municipality. Beeville ISD has boundaries which overlap with the City of Beeville. Therefore, Beeville ISD may partner with the City of Beeville. This means that Beeville ISD will be able to keep its May election date and no current trustee terms will be disrupted.

Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code provides that a joint election requires at least one common polling place and the execution of a joint election agreement. The agreement will cover all administrative aspects of the election including: allocation of costs, location of polling places, whether the entities will maintain separate or joint ballots, boxes, judges, clerks, and whether early voting will be held jointly.

In order to hold a joint election with the City of Beeville, Beeville ISD should do the following:

- 1) Consider and adopt a resolution regarding joint elections;
- 2) Enter into a joint election agreement with the City; and
- 3) Submit a Section 5 Pre-clearance letter to the Department of Justice seeking approval for the voting changes.

**ITEMS ADDRESSED:**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

To approve the proposed Joint Election Agreement which sets out the terms of the joint election to be held with the City of Beeville.

**BUDGETARY INFORMATION:**