



**BRACKETT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
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Chief, Voting Section  
Civil Rights Division  
Room 7254 - NWB  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20530

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RE: Submission under Section 5, Voting Rights Act, of Brackett Independent School District.

Dear Voting Section Chief:

In accordance with Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 1973 *et seq.*, the Brackett Independent School District (the "District") hereby submits for preclearance the change in voting procedures ("Change"), which was approved by the District's Board of Trustees on March 18, 2013. This submission contains the information required by 28 C.F.R. § 51.27.

**1. 28 C.F.R. § 51.27(a)-(b): Approval of the Change**

A copy of the Order of Cancellation passed by the District's Board of Trustees and approving the Change is attached to this submission. Additionally, a copy of the minutes from the Board meeting at which the Order was approved is also attached.

**2. 28 C.F.R. § 51.27(c): Change Affecting Voting**

The District's election-related change follows:

Cancellation of May 11, 2013 Election, due to unopposed candidates, following filing deadlines for placement on the ballot and writ-in candidate(s).

**3. 28 C.F.R. § 51.27(d)-(e): Submitting Authority**

The submitting authority is the District's Board of Trustees.

The person making this submission is the Superintendent of the Brackett Independent School District, as the Chief Executive Officer of the District. The Superintendent can be reached at the District's Administrative Offices, located at 201 Ann Street.

**4. 28 C.F.R. § 51.27(f): Location of District**

The District is located in Kinney County, Texas.

**5. 28 C.F.R. § 51.27(g): Authority Responsible for Making the Change and the Mode of the Change**

The authority responsible for the passage of the Order was the District's Board of Trustees. The Change that formed the basis of this submission was accomplished by a vote of the District's Board of Trustees at a lawfully called Board of Trustees meeting, held pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code sections 551.001, *et seq.*, on March 18, 2013.

**6. 28 C.F.R. § 51.27(h): Statutory Authority for the Change**

Unopposed Candidates: Texas Election Code Sec. 2.051–2.053

**7. 28 C.F.R. § 51.27(i)-(k): Effective Date of the Change**

The Change was adopted by the District's Board of Trustees on March 18, 2013 and will first apply to the 2013 Board of Trustee regular election on May 11, 2013. The Change will become effective immediately.

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**8. 28 C.F.R. § 51.27(l): Scope of the Change**

The Change will affect the entire jurisdiction of the District.

**9. 28 C.F.R. § 51.27(m): Reason for the Change**

Unopposed Candidates

**10. 28 C.F.R. § 51.27(n): Affect on Racial or Language Minority Groups**

The Change will not affect members of any racial or linguistic minority differently from the way the general public is affected. The Change does not have the intent and will not have the effect of diluting the voting strength of any racial or linguistic minority.

**11. 28 C.F.R. § 51.27(o): Pending Litigation**

The District is not aware of any past or pending litigation concerning the Change or related voting practices.

**12. 28 C.F.R. § 51.27(p): Prior Practice Preclearance**

Prior change in Polling Place location due to Joint elections with the City of Brackettville.

Thank you for your consideration of this preclearance submission. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Taylor Stephenson, (830) 563-2491, or by email [taylor.stephenson@brackettisd.net](mailto:taylor.stephenson@brackettisd.net).

Sincerely,

Superintendent

Enclosures