

**AGREEMENT TO CONDUCT JOINT ELECTION BETWEEN
BASTROP COUNTY AND
THE BASTROP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
BASTROP-TRAVIS COUNTIES EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 AND
THE CITY OF BASTROP AND
THE CITY OF ELGIN AND
THE CITY OF SMITHVILLE AND
ELGIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
BASTROP COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 AND
THE SMITHVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
THE BASTROP COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT #2
FOR THE MAY 7, 2022 ELECTION**

**THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF BASTROP §**

This Agreement to Conduct Joint Election (this “**Contract**”) is entered into by and among Bastrop County, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and Bastrop Independent School District, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and Bastrop-Travis Counties Emergency Services District No. 1, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and The City of Bastrop, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and The City of Elgin, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and The City of Smithville, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and Elgin Independent School District, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and Bastrop County Emergency Services District No. 2, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and Smithville Independent School District, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, and Bastrop County Water Control and Improvement District #2, a political subdivision of the State of Texas, each individually, a “**Party**” or, collectively, the “**Parties,**” pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Parties each expect to call an election to be held on May 7, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to conduct such elections jointly pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code, and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to enter into a contract setting out the respective responsibilities of the Parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

**ARTICLE I
PURPOSE**

1.01 The Parties have entered into this Contract to conduct a joint election on May 7, 2022. The purpose of this agreement is to maintain consistency and accessibility in voting practices, polling places, and election procedures in order to best assist the voters of the Parties.

**ARTICLE II
JOINT ELECTION**

2.01 The Parties agree to conduct their respective May 7, 2022 elections jointly pursuant to Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code. Specifically, the Parties agree to the use of common polling places for both early voting and election day. The Parties also agree that the election officers may be appointed to serve both elections and that a common ballot may be used where appropriate and that common equipment and ballot boxes may be used for both elections for all relevant purposes as provided in Chapter 271.

**ARTICLE III.
TERM**

3.01 Except as hereinafter set out, the term of this Contract shall be from the time of execution until all items with respect to this Contract have been completed.

**ARTICLE IV
EACH PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS PRO RATA COST OF SERVICE AS BILLED**

4.01 The Parties acknowledge that they have each separately contracted for election services to be provided by Bastrop County Elections Administrator for the elections. All costs incurred by the Parties attributable to the coordination, supervision, and running of the election and incurred on behalf of the Parties, including expenses for supplies in connection with the election school(s), election supplies, wages paid for election workers, any paper ballots to be used for the election, and any other expenses reasonably and directly related to the election, including, without limitation, rental and programming of direct recording electronic voting devices and audio ballots shall be borne by the Parties based on their respective Election Services Agreement with the County Elections Administrator, and each Party will be responsible for their pro rata portion.

**ARTICLE V
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

5.01 This Contract shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas, and all obligations of the parties created hereunder are performable in Bastrop County, Texas.

5.02 In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Contract shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision, and this Contract shall be construed as if the invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been a part of the Contract.

5.03 This Contract constitutes the only agreement of the Parties hereto and supersedes any prior understanding or written or oral agreement between the parties respecting the written subject matter.

5.04 No amendment, modification, or alteration of this Contract shall be binding unless it is in writing, dated subsequent to the date of the Contract and duly executed by all of the Parties.

5.05 Any notice to be given hereunder by any party to the other shall be in writing and may be affected by personal delivery, by certified mail, or by common carrier. Notice to a party shall be addressed as follows:

Bastrop County

Kristin Miles
Elections Administrator
Bastrop County
804 Pecan Street
Bastrop, TX 78602
Tel: (512) 581-7160
Fax: (512) 581-4260
Email: elections@co.bastrop.tx.us

Bastrop ISD:

Kristi Lee
Associate Superintendent
Communications & Community Relations
Bastrop Independent School District
906 Farm St
Bastrop, TX 78602
Tel: (512) 772-7100
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Bastrop-Travis Counties ESD#1:

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katy@carltonlawaustin.com

City of Bastrop:

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City Secretary
City of Bastrop
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City of Elgin:

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Mayor At-Large
City of Elgin
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City of Smithville:

Jennifer Lynch
City Secretary
City of Smithville
317 Main St.
Smithville, TX 78957
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Elgin ISD:

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Elgin Independent School District
1002 N. Ave. C/PO Box 351
Elgin, TX 78621
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Smithville ISD:

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Superintendent of Schools
Smithville Independent School District
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Smithville, TX 78957
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Bastrop County WCID#2:

Bastrop County WCID#2
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Office Manager
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Bastrop, TX 78602
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Email: alma@bcwcid2.org

Notice by hand-delivery is deemed effective immediately, notice by certified mail is deemed effective three days after deposit with a U.S. Postal Office or in a U.S. Mail Box, and notice by a common carrier, is deemed effective upon receipt. Each party may change the address for notice to it by giving notice of such change in accordance with the provisions of this Section.

Executed to be effective the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

COUNTY:

Paul Pape
County Judge
Bastrop County, Texas

Executed to be effective the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Bastrop ISD:

Barry Edwards
Superintendent of Schools
Bastrop Independent School District
Bastrop, Texas

Executed to be effective the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Bastrop-Travis Counties ESD#1:

David Gahagan
Board President
Bastrop-Travis Counties ESD#1

Executed to be effective the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

City of Bastrop:

Paul A. Hofmann, City Manager
City of Bastrop
Bastrop, Texas

Executed to be effective the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

City of Elgin:

Ron Ramirez
Mayor At-Large
City of Elgin
Elgin, Texas

Executed to be effective the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

City of Smithville:

Robert Tamble
City Manager
City of Smithville
Smithville, Texas

Executed to be effective the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Elgin ISD:

Dr. Jodi Duron
Superintendent of Schools
Elgin Independent School District
Elgin, Texas

Executed to be effective the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Bastrop County ESD#2:

George Martinez
Board President
Bastrop County ESD#2

Executed to be effective the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Smithville ISD:

Mrs. Cheryl Burns
Superintendent of Schools
Smithville ISD
Smithville, Texas

Executed to be effective the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Bastrop County WCID#2:

Mary Beth O'Hanlon
Board President
Bastrop County WCID#2