

**Ector County Independent School District
Odessa, Texas**

Memorandum

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Hector Mendez, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: BOARD CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION CHANGING ELECTION DATES OF ALL TRUSTEES FROM EVEN NUMBERED TO ODD NUMBERED YEARS

DATE: September 20, 2011

The district has always conducted its elections jointly in May of even numbered years along with the other local entities. These local elections have been conducted by the Ector County Election Administrator and all of the local entities have shared in their cost.

As a result of the recent passage of Senate Bill 100 by the Texas Legislature, local entities can no longer be assured that the Ector County Election Administrator will be able to conduct the elections in even numbered years. As a result, the entities would have to conduct their own elections providing their own equipment, supplies, and election workers all at their own expense.

In order to avoid that possibility, Senate bill 100 allows local entities to change their election dates from May of even numbered years until May of odd numbered years. This option, if adopted, would have to be approved by the Justice Department and would also have to be adopted by at least one other local entity. All of this would have to be accomplished by December 31 of 2011, necessitating the board taking action now.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees take action and adopt a resolution that will be presented the night of your meeting that moves all trustee elections to odd numbered years and provides that all current trustees shall remain in office until said election.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools

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