

BRAZOSPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

February 17, 2025



BOARD:	Action
SUBJECT:	Joint Election Agreement And Contract For Election Services With Brazoria County
BOARD POLICY:	CH (Legal)
DISTRICT GOAL:	N/A
FISCAL NOTE:	Funds are included in the 2025 Budget

Background Information:

- Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code states that "Elections held on the same date as the election for the members of a governing body of a municipality located in the district... shall be held as a joint election."
- Chapter 791 of the *Government Code* and Section CH of the *Board of Trustees Policies* allow the District to contract with other local governments to perform governmental functions and services. Section 791.001 of the *Government Code* states as its purpose; "to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of local governments by authorizing them to contract, to the greatest possible extent, with one another and with agencies of the State."

Administrative Considerations:

- The District has been approached by the Brazoria County Elections Division regarding the possibility of holding a county-wide joint election in May 2025. The Elections Division has proven that they have the technological capability to conduct a joint election for all political subdivisions in Brazoria County with common polling places.
- Administration has reviewed the County's proposal and believes it is in the best interest of the District for the following reasons identified by the Brazoria County Clerk:
 - A joint election will represent an economic saving since the cost of each voting location will be shared by all the political subdivisions voting at that location.
 - A joint election will provide convenience and consistency for the voters by using existing voting locations that are familiar and by offering additional early voting locations.
 - The joint election will be conducted professionally and in accordance with law by the Brazoria County Elections Department, with the exception of non-transferable duties

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that will be retained by each political subdivision (e.g. ordering elections, posting and publishing notices, etc.).

- The Brazoria County Clerk has asked political subdivisions in the County to indicate their interest in a county-wide joint election and has provided a *Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services* for the Board's review and consideration.
- The administration recommends that the Board of Trustees approve the attached *Joint Election Agreement and Contract for Election Services* and that the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees be authorized to execute the final form of the agreement on the District's behalf.

Communication Deployment:

- Board Meeting minutes
- Email
- Physical posting

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Respectfully submitted,

Ludivina Cansino
Chief Financial Officer