

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BELLVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION TO POSTPONE MAY 2, 2020, GENERAL ELECTION TO THE NOVEMBER
3, 2020, UNIFORM ELECTION DATE**

WHEREAS, at a lawfully called meeting on April 8, 2020, the Board of Trustees ordered a general election for May 2, 2020, to elect school trustee members to fill positions #1 and #2 within and throughout the territory of the Bellville Independent School District.

WHEREAS, the Board adopted and approved an Election Order for the May 2 election that provided, *inter alia*, that the District enter into an agreement to conduct a joint election with other political subdivisions in Austin County and to contract with Austin County Elections Department to administer the election; and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Governor of Texas issued a Proclamation authorizing political subdivisions holding elections on May 2 to postpone those elections to the November 3, 2020, uniform election date; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020, the Office of the Texas Secretary of State Elections Department notified BISD and other political subdivisions planning to participate in the May that they “must take action” to postpone their election to the November uniform election date as authorized by the Governor’s Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that it will not be feasible or efficient or consistent with the Board’s Strategies to act outside of the directives of the guiding agencies of the Texas Secretary of State Elections Division and Governor Abbott’s Executive Order GA-14;

WHEREAS, the Board confirms that the candidate filings for the May 2 election will remain valid for the election to be held on the November date as authorized by the Governor’s Proclamation and that the filing period will not be reopened for the November election date; and

WHEREAS, the Board confirms that all applications for ballots by mail (ABBM) (i) by voters over age 65 or those voters with a disability who desire to vote by mail still will be valid for the postponed election, and (ii) for voters who sought an ABBM due to an expected absence from the county for the May 2 election will not be valid for the postponed election; and

WHEREAS, the applicable and relevant major dates for the November election, including the voter registration deadline will be October 5, 2020, the deadline to submit and ABBM will be October 23, and the dates for early voting will be October 19, 2020, through October 30, 2020;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Bellville Independent School District

- (i) Finds that the statements contained in the preamble of this Resolution are true and correct and hereby adopts them as findings of fact and as a part of the operative provisions hereof; and
- (ii) Exercises its authority to postpone the General Election currently ordered for May 2, 2020, to the November 3, 2020, Uniform Election Date as authorized in the Governor’s March 18 Proclamation and subsequently directed in Executive Order GA-14; and
- (iii) Directs the Superintendent to recommend appropriate revisions to the Election order within the timeline required by law.

Adopted this 1st day of April, 2020 , by the Board of Trustees.

Lischka, Presiding Officer Grant

Kenneth Stein, Secretary