

**JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
AND
THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS**

In compliance with 271.002(a) of the Texas Election Code, the Big Spring Independent School District and the City of Big Spring hereby agree to hold a joint election in conformance with the provisions set forth below.

1. Scope

This Agreement covers the conduct of the City's regular election and the District's general trustee election, which are to be held on May 3, 2025 ("Election Day") as well as any special election which may be called by either Party which will be held on the above noted election day, jointly for the voters in the City of Big Spring and the Big Spring Independent School District.

2. Legal Documents

The Parties shall each be responsible for the preparation, adoption, and publication (including bilingual publications) of their respective required election orders, resolutions, notices, Department of Justice pre-clearance submission (as required by the Civil Rights Act), and any other pertinent documents required by law, unless otherwise set forth herein.

3. Polling Places

The Parties shall share common polling places as set forth in their respective election orders, and in accordance with Election Code §271.003 and Chapter 43 of the Election Code.

4. Conducting the Election

- a. The Parties have each entered into an Election Services Agreement with Howard County wherein the Elections Administrator has agreed to perform election duties ordinarily contemplated in a Joint Election Agreement. Accordingly, the terms of each Party's respective Election Service Contract shall bind the conduct of the election for each Party.
- b. In the event a conflict regarding the conduct of the election (with the exception of polling places) arises between this Agreement and the Election Services Agreement, the Election Services Agreement provision prevails.

5. Election Records Retention

Both Parties will be responsible for the retention of their respective records, in accordance with the Texas Election Code.

6. Order, Resolution, or Other Official Action

The Parties agree to state the terms of the Joint Election Agreement in an order, resolution, or other official action adopted by the governing body of each Party, at a lawfully called meeting, as required by Texas Election Code § 271.002(d).

7. Cancellation of Election

Should either Party cancel its election, this Agreement will become void upon notification to the other Party.

8. Preservation

An executed copy of this Agreement shall be preserved by each party for the period for preserving the precinct election records, as required by Texas Election Code §271.002(e), or longer as determined by each Party's records retention schedules.

9. Miscellaneous Provisions

- a. This Agreement 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 Howard County, Texas.
- b. In the event one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.
- c. The Parties shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, and codes of the State of Texas, all local governments, and any other entities with local jurisdiction.
- d. The waiver by any party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement shall not operate as or be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach.
- e. Any amendment of this Agreement shall be of no effect unless in writing and signed by both Parties hereto.
- f. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original for all purposes.

CITY OF BIG SPRING

Robert Moore, Mayor

ATTEST:

BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Fabian Serrano,
School Board President

ATTEST:
