



Legislation Text

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Resolution - A Resolution of the City of Mansfield, Texas, Approving a Joint Election Agreement Between the City of Mansfield and the Mansfield Independent School District for a Joint Election to be Held on May 2, 2020; Providing for Early Voting and Election Day Procedures

Approval of the Resolution and Joint Election Agreement for Election Services with Mansfield Independent School District (MISD).

City staff recommends approval of the Resolution and Joint Election Agreement between the City of Mansfield and MISD.

The Election Code authorizes cities to hold an election jointly with one or more other political subdivisions if the elections are to be on the same day in all or part of the same territory, and the governing bodies enter into an agreement to hold the elections jointly in the election precincts that can be served by common polling places. Although optional for cities, joint elections are required for school districts. Pursuant to Section 11.0581 of the Education Code, an election for trustees of an independent school district must be held jointly with and on the same date as the election for members of the governing body of a city located in the school district.

The City of Mansfield and MISD have participated in the joint election conducted by Tarrant County Election Administration (TCEA) for a number of years. In recent years, however, TCEA has limited the joint election to Tarrant County voters. Therefore, the City of Mansfield and MISD typically enter into an additional joint election agreement to accommodate voters residing in Johnson and Ellis counties. The proposed Joint Election Agreement between the City of Mansfield and MISD provides that the City Secretary will serve as administrator for the joint election and that costs will be shared equally between the two entities.

Joint elections streamline the election process for both voters and staff while reducing election costs for the participating entities.

Funds are allocated in the City Council budget (001-8806-11-01) for this expenditure.

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