

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-03



STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE COMMISSIONERS COURT

COUNTY OF COMAL

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION

WHEREAS, Texas voter registration laws require voter registrars to distribute, receive, decipher, process and archive millions of voter registration cards each year; and

WHEREAS, an online voter registration system would be more efficient and less expensive than the current paper applications used in Texas; and

WHEREAS, twenty-four states have already authorized their citizens to register to vote through online systems that have proven to dramatically lower costs and further proven to be more secure, accurate, and easier to access; and

WHEREAS, Texas already authorizes voters to electronically change voter registration information when updating driver's license information online; and

WHEREAS, a Texas online voter registration system would be secure because Texas drivers' license numbers, and audit numbers that are unique to each driver's license, would be required in order to register online; and

WHEREAS, online voter registration would enable state and local voter registrars to dramatically reduce mailing and data entry costs. A study of the Arizona Online Voter registration system determined that their costs were lowered from .83 cents per card to .03 cents; and

WHEREAS, Texas has one of the lowest voter registration rates in the nation and online voter registration would enable voters in this state an easy online alternative to obtaining, completing and mailing paper applications; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State would continue to reimburse counties the same amount for voter registration cards processed electronically or by paper; and

WHEREAS, online registration would in no way constitute a mandate on local voter registrars. Voters could continue to choose to complete paper voter registration applications and voter registrars are already required to receive electronic voter registration applications from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Comal County Commissioners Court urges the Texas Legislature to authorize Texans to have the option to register to vote by electronic means that conforms to the security requirements of the Texas Secretary of State and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of February, 2015.


SHERMAN KRAUSE, COUNTY JUDGE


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