

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 100, in order to comply with the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act (MOVE); and,

WHEREAS, this legislation enabled Election Administrators to advise City and School districts that they would no longer be able to contract to conduct elections for them in May of even-numbered years; and,

WHEREAS, this legislation provided cities and schools an opportunity to change their terms of office to facilitate conducting elections in odd-numbered years only; and,

WHEREAS, the Election Administrator of Tom Green County advised City of San Angelo, San Angelo Independent School District, Grape Creek Independent School District, Veribest Independent School District, and Wall Independent School District, that due to the scheduling of the primary election, primary runoff election, city/school election and city/school runoff election there would not be ample equipment, staff, and supplies to contract with them for even-numbered year elections; and,

WHEREAS, Grape Creek Independent School District and San Angelo Independent School District complied with the request of the Election Administrator and changed their elections to be held in odd-numbered years; and,

WHEREAS, the Election Administrator further advised the City of San Angelo, Veribest Independent School District, and Wall Independent School District (CVW) that with the purchase of additional equipment, hiring of additional staff, and combination of voting precincts, the Election Administrator would work with them to continue to conduct elections in both even and odd-numbered years for a period of ten years; and,

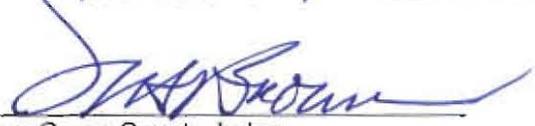
WHEREAS, because of the requirement to conduct joint elections between cities and schools, the Grape Creek and San Angelo Independent School District (SAISD) are restricted in the conduct of their election because of the combination of polling places to facilitate the contract with CVW making voter confusion prominent particularly in SAISD; and,

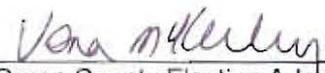
WHEREAS, CVW have conducted several elections during this contract and the county has conducted several elections during this contract, it is the opinion of the Election Administrator and the Tom Green County Election Commission that the current situation is not working for the voters of Tom Green County as they are confused on where they need to go for voting purposes depending on which election they are voting in as well as what issues they are voting on; and,

WHEREAS, the concern of the City Council for the City of San Angelo was that they could potentially conduct an election that could end in sitting a new council and conducted an election in 2012 that had all but one of the positions on the ballot with no obvious impact on the conduct of business by the council,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Tom Green County Election Commission and the Tom Green County Election Administrator respectfully request that the governing bodies of the CVW review their position that they conduct May elections in even-numbered years, and if possible, take action to make the necessary changes to facilitate the conduct of May elections in odd-numbered years only. This will better serve the voters of Tom Green County as well as their own entities.

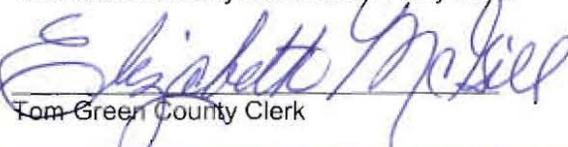
Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013

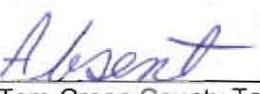
  
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Tom Green County Republican Party Chair

  
Tom Green County Clerk

  
Tom Green County Tax Assessor