

THE STATE OF TEXAS

ELECTIONS
POLLING PLACE PILOT PROGRAM
ELECTIONS

COUNTY OF COLLIN

On **June 28, 2005**, the Commissioners Court of Collin County, Texas, met in **regular session** with the following members present and participating, to wit:

Ron Harris
Phyllis Cole
Jerry Hoagland
Joe Jaynes
Jack Hatchell

County Judge, Presiding
Commissioner, Precinct 1
Commissioner, Precinct 2
Commissioner, Precinct 3
Commissioner, Precinct 4

During such session a public hearing was held for the approval of Collin County to participate in the Countywide Polling Place Pilot Program as referenced in H.B. No. 758.

Thereupon, a motion was made, seconded and carried with a majority vote of the court for approval of Collin County to participate in the Countywide Polling Place Pilot Program as referenced in H.B. No. 758. Same is hereby approved in accordance with the attached documentation.



Ron Harris, County Judge



Phyllis Cole, Commissioner, Pct. 1



Jerry Hoagland, Commissioner, Pct. 2

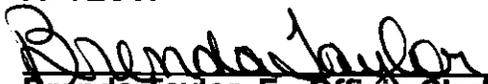


Joe Jaynes, Commissioner, Pct. 3



Jack Hatchell, Commissioner, Pct. 4

ATTEST:



Brenda Taylor, Ex-Officio Clerk
Commissioners' Court
Collin County, T E X A S



COMMISSIONERS' COURT AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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ON THE TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE TUESDAY MEETING.

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AGENDA NUMBER: _____

REGULAR _____

CONSENT _____

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REQUESTING DEPARTMENT

Date: June 15, 2005 Court Date: June 28, 2005 Phone/Ext: 1910 Department: Elections

Description of Agenda Item: Request the Court's consideration and action to hold a public hearing on the Countywide Polling Place Pilot Program as referenced in H.B. No. 758.

BUDGET RELATED INFORMATION

MUST COMPLETE FOR ALL EXPENDITURES/RFP'S

This item is part of the current budget: Yes
 No

Amount Budgeted: _____
(or needed)

Account Number: _____

DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE:

Sharon Rowe

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT ACTION & COMMENTS

Enter "not to exceed" cost estimate(s) for the requested item(s): _____

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Item Description for Agenda: _____

Remarks: _____

PURCHASING AGENT SIGNATURE: _____

AUDITOR'S OFFICE ACTION & COMMENTS

BUDGET/FUNDING VERIFICATION

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| BUDGETED | |
| UNBUDGETED | |
| FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE | |

FUNDS AVAILABLE _____
ACCOUNT NUMBER FOR AVAILABLE FUNDS _____
(Needed for Agenda Submission)

BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUIRED

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| NON-EMERGENCY, Sec 111.011 LGC | |
| EMERGENCY, Sec 111.010 LGC | |

FUNDS TRANSFER RECOMMENDATION

| AMOUNT | DEPARTMENT NAME | ACCOUNT NUMBER |
|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
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| \$ _____ To | _____ | _____ |
| \$ _____ To | _____ | _____ |

Remarks: _____

COUNTY AUDITOR SIGNATURE: _____

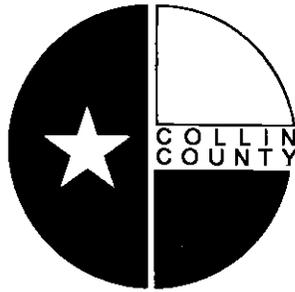
BUDGET DEPARTMENT ACTION & COMMENTS

COMMENTS RELATED TO BUDGET AMENDMENT JUSTIFICATION SUBMITTED BY DEPARTMENT

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BUDGET OFFICER SIGNATURE: _____

**Sharon Rowe, CERA
Elections Administrator**



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DATE: June 15, 2005
TO: Commissioners Court
FROM: Sharon Rowe, Elections Administrator *SR*
RE: H.B. No. 758 – Countywide Polling Place Pilot Program

Criteria for selection by the Secretary of State for participation by one or more counties in the program include:

- 1) Have held a public hearing under Section 43.007(b) of the Texas Election Code
- 2) Have implemented a computerized voter registration list that allows an election officer at the polling place to verify that a voter has not otherwise voted in the election
- 3) Use direct recording electronic voting machines, and
- 4) Are determined by the Secretary of State to have the appropriate technological capabilities.

The convenience of early voting rules made available to election day voters appeals to Collin County voters and election officials. There were 246,617 total ballots cast during the Presidential 2004 Election; 154,544 were cast during the early voting period, which is 63% of the total votes cast. We are already voting volumes of voters in limited numbers of polling locations.

Election day provisional ballots would not be rejected because they had voted at the wrong polling location. Election day voters, like early voting voters, would be able to cast provisional ballots without the worry of rejection based on wrong precinct. All voters would receive the same treatment.

Estimated cost savings from \$10,000 - \$50,000 per countywide election.

Thank you for your consideration.

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H.B. No. 758

AN ACT

relating to a pilot program allowing for countywide voting locations in certain elections.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 43, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 43.007 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.007. COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE PILOT PROGRAM. (a) The secretary of state shall implement a pilot program to evaluate the use of countywide polling places for the general election for state and county officers as an alternative to the polling place located in each county election precinct.

(b) The commissioners court of a county that desires to participate in the pilot program authorized by this section shall hold a public hearing on the county's participation in the pilot program. The commissioners court shall submit a transcript or electronic recording of the public comments made at the hearing to the secretary of state. The secretary of state may consider the public comments when selecting counties to participate in the pilot program.

(c) In conducting the pilot program, the secretary of state shall provide for an audit of the direct recording electronic voting units before and after the election, and during the election to the extent such an audit is practicable.

(d) The secretary of state shall select to participate in the program one or more counties that:

(1) have held a public hearing under Subsection (b);
(2) have implemented a computerized voter registration list that allows an election officer at the polling place to verify that a voter has not otherwise voted in the election;

(3) use direct recording electronic voting machines;
and

(4) are determined by the secretary of state to have the appropriate technological capabilities.

(e) At the conclusion of the pilot program established under Subsection (a), but not later than January 1, 2007, the secretary of state shall file a report with the legislature. The report may include the secretary of state's recommendations on the future use of countywide polling places and suggestions for permanent statutory authority regarding countywide polling places.

(f) This section expires January 2, 2007.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 758 was passed by the House on April 19, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 758 was passed by the Senate on May 18, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 29, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor