



RESOLUTION NO. 20-04
BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DESOTO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
POSTPONEMENT OF MAY 2, 2020 ELECTION

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Texas Governor Greg Abbott declared a state of disaster for all countries in Texas due to the eminent threat posed by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, Governor Abbott issued a proclamation suspending Sections 41.0052 (a) and (b), 31.093, 42.0621(c) of the Texas Education Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to allow governmental entities utilizing the May 2, 2020 uniform election date to postpone their elections to the November 3, 2020 uniform election date (Exhibit A, attached);

WHEREAS, the Board chooses to exercise the authority granted by Governor Abbott's proclamation to postpone its May 2020 election; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the public interest to postpone its May 2020 election in order to limit the spread of COVID-19; comply with federal, state and local recommendations concerning the size of public gatherings; and promote conscientious health choices, including individual quarantines as may be necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD:


- All of the above referenced paragraphs are incorporated into and made a part of this order.
- The DeSoto Independent School District's May 2, 2020 election is hereby postponed until November 3, 2020. This Order effectuates a one-time postponement of the District's May 2020 general trustee election and does not authorize a permanent change to the District's regular trustee election date.
- The Administration will present an amended election order to the Board for adoption on or before August 17, 2020, reflecting any amended timelines, locations, and/or other modifications required for conducting an election on the November 2020 uniform election date.
- Current DeSoto Independent School District trustees with terms expiring in May 2020 shall hold over until the November 3, 2020 election, pursuant to Article XVI, Section 17 of the Texas Constitution.

- Applications for a place on the ballot submitted on or before February 14, 2020, will remain valid for the November 3, 2020 election; the filing period for applying for a place on the ballot will not be re-opened for the November election date.
- Application for a ballot by mail (ABBM) timely filed for the May 2, 2020 election that were marked 'annual' will remain valid for the November 3, 2020 election.
- Any ballots by mail required by voters for the May 2, 2020 election based upon an expected absence from the county on that date will not be valid for the November 3 2020 election. Any voter expecting to be out of the county for the November 3, 2020 election date will need to request a new ballot by mail for that purpose.
- The major relevant dates for the November 3, 2020 election are as follows:
 - Voter Registration Deadline October 5, 2020
 - Deadline to file an ABBM October 23, 2020
 - Early Voting October 19, 2020 – October 30, 2020
 - Election Day November 3, 2020

Adopted this 30th day of MARCH, 2020, by the Board of Trustees.



Presiding Officer



Secretary