

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADDITIONAL FUNDING
OF ELECTIONS AND RETENTION OF CERTAIN COUNTY CHOICES**

WHEREAS, the integrity of elections is fundamental to democracy and the functioning of government; and

WHEREAS, free and fair elections are essential to the principles of representation and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the increasing threats to election security, including cyberattacks, misinformation campaigns, and other forms of interference, pose significant risks to the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, adequate funding is necessary to ensure that election systems are secure, reliable, and up-to-date, including investments in technology, training, and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, state and local election officials require resources to develop and implement effective security measures, conduct risk assessments, and provide education to the public on the electoral process; and

WHEREAS, many jurisdictions, particularly in rural areas, may face unique challenges and resource constraints that require targeted support from state and federal governments; and

WHEREAS, robust funding for elections supports voter accessibility and participation, ensuring that all citizens have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Legislature has authorized the use of electronic poll books through the Texas Election Code, which enables voters to sign in electronically while verifying identity with official identification, and confirming they have not already voted via absentee ballot or at another polling location, thus reducing voter fraud and improving wait times for voters; and


WHEREAS, electronic ballot marking devices neither store, nor tabulate ballots but enable voters to mark a paper ballot, which provides an additional opportunity to review and verify their vote accurately represents their choices prior to casting their ballot; and

WHEREAS, the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN) asserts that any state or jurisdiction that ends the use of accessible voting systems is in violation of existing laws and may face significant litigation risks. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) recognizes that hand-marked ballots are not accessible and do not enable voters with disabilities to cast a private and independent vote; and

WHEREAS, all Texas counties that use electronic poll books and electronic ballot marking devices are required, by statute, to obtain approval and annual certification from the Secretary of State to ensure the security of the voting process for the public; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the undersigned elected officials of Llano County oppose any efforts by the Texas Legislature to eliminate the use of electronic poll books and electronic ballot marking devices; and request that the state implement additional funding for elections and election security to protect the integrity of our electoral process and continue the use of local choices including the use of election administrators and county wide polling.

SIGNED on this 10 day of March 2025.


Ron Cunningham, Llano County Judge


Peter Jones, Commissioner, Pct. 1


Linda Raschke, Commissioner, Pct. 2


Brent Richards, Commissioner, Pct. 3


Jerry Don Moss, Commissioner, Pct. 4


Attest: Cecilia McClintock, County Clerk