



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Government Performance and Financial Management
AGENDA DATE: February 24, 2021
COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: City Secretary's Office
EXECUTIVE: Bilierae Johnson

SUBJECT

A resolution authorizing **(1)** a joint elections agreement and election services contract between the City of Dallas, Dallas County, and various other jurisdictions within Dallas County, for the conduct of a general election to be held Saturday, May 1, 2021, in the amount of \$1,650,190.14; **(2)** a legal advertising in connection with the Saturday May 1, 2021 General Election and Special Election, in the amount of \$150,000.00; and **(3)** translation services for publication and posting notices related to the election in the amount of \$300.00 - Total not to exceed \$1,800,490.14 - Financing: General Fund

BACKGROUND

Subchapter D of Chapter 31 of the Texas Election Code provides that the City may contract with the county elections administrator for certain election services. Chapter 271 of the Texas Election Code provides that the City may enter into an agreement with other political jurisdictions that may be conducting elections on the same day in election precincts that can be served by common polling places.

The City of Dallas and other political jurisdictions in Dallas, Collin and Denton Counties will conduct elections on Saturday, May 1, 2021. This action authorizes the City to hold the May 1st general election jointly with jurisdictions that share common polling places and contract with the Dallas County Elections Department for election services. The City has been a party to similar joint election agreements for many years.

Chapter IV, Section 11 of the Dallas City Charter states, in part, "If no candidate for a particular office receives a majority of the votes cast for all candidates for that office in the first election, a runoff election for that office is required..." In the event a runoff election is necessary, the Elections Administrator will provide the City Secretary with an itemized list of additional estimated election expenses which will be presented for city council approval at a future date.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

This item has no prior action.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2021	FY 2022	Future Years
General Fund	\$1,800,490.14	\$0.00	\$0.00

The FY 2020-21 Budget includes \$1.0 million for the May 2021 Election (Dallas, Collin, and Denton). Additional funding will be allocated in the FY 2020-21 mid-year appropriation ordinance from General Fund excess revenue or General Fund contingency. The total estimated cost of the Dallas County May 1, 2021 Joint Election is \$5.39 million, and the City of Dallas share of that cost is 30.62% or \$1.65 million.