

Resolution



ORDER NO. 2021-0993

DATE: October 5, 2021

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF DALLAS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dallas County, Texas, held on the 5th day of October 2021, on motion made Dr. Theresa M. Daniel, Commissioner of District 1, and seconded by Dr. Elba Garcia, Commissioner of District 4, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Voting is one of the most important rights and responsibilities that U.S. citizens have and all eligible voters should have equal opportunity to exercise that right; and

WHEREAS, National, state and local initiatives have been effective in automating voter registration, increasing awareness of elections, conducting legitimate and verifiable elections, and increasing turnout among eligible U.S. voters; and

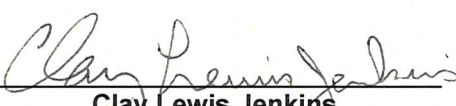
WHEREAS, In its second specially called session, the Texas Legislature passed, and Gov. Abbott signed, Senate Bill 1. While the new law expands early voting hours, it also focuses particularly on voters with disabilities, the elderly and voters with limited English proficiency. In Dallas County these voters are overwhelmingly voters of color and live in communities which historically have had problems receiving information related to their voting options or access to the voting locations; and

WHEREAS, Changes to the Texas election process in SB 1 include a ban on drive-thru voting, new regulations for early voting hours, including a ban on 24-hour voting, a ban on the distribution of mail-in ballot applications, new ID requirements for voting by mail, a correction process for mail-in voting, enhancing poll watcher protections, establishing monthly citizenship checks, creating new rules and penalties for voter assistance; and

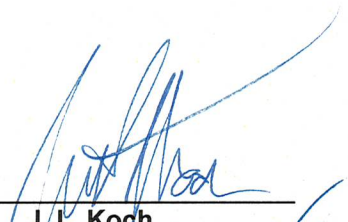
WHEREAS, To help the public register and vote, we are recommitting to fulfill our responsibilities of educating Dallas County voters on voting activities, how they can register, and becoming more familiar with voting machines and voting centers, as well as using materials such as mail-in ballots to help certain groups effectively use their right to vote. In addition, we will respond to SB 1 by developing and implementing, along with corporate and community partners, specific activities to communicate the new voting deadlines and processes.

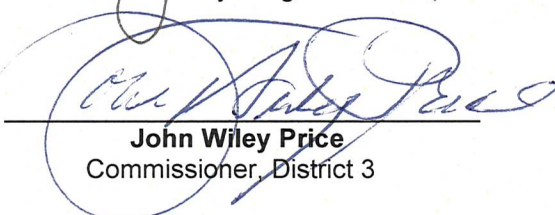
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Dallas County Commissioners Court does hereby recommit our efforts to educate voters about voting and address the changes in the new voter laws. With a renewed focus on what we can do in Dallas County, we are assigned the tasks of providing a fair voting environment, equitable access to the ballot and to ensure that all eligible voters are able to exercise their rights.

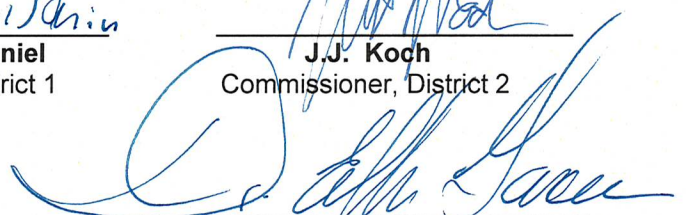
DONE IN OPEN COURT this the 5th day of October, 2021.


Clay Lewis Jenkins
County Judge


Dr. Theresa M. Daniel
Commissioner, District 1


J.J. Koch
Commissioner, District 2


John Wiley Price
Commissioner, District 3


Dr. Elba Garcia
Commissioner, District 4