

Order Postponing the May 2, 2020 General Election to November 3, 2020

WHEREAS, the Bay City Independent School District recognizes that the United States of America has declared a state of emergency and the State of Texas has declared a state of disaster in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that COVID-19 is an unforeseen and unavoidable emergency of urgent public necessity, that the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and that additional emergency declarations may follow;

WHEREAS, the Board has a substantial public interest in protecting the health and safety of its students, staff, and community, and therefore desires to ensure that the Board acts as it may to contain the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Governor of the State of Texas issued a proclamation suspending Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to authorize political subdivisions with elections scheduled for May 2, 2020, to move their elections to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020, and suspending Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require county election officers, if requested by an affected political subdivision, to enter into a contract to furnish election services with any political subdivision who postpones their election under the authority of the Governor's proclamation;

WHEREAS, the Bay City Independent School District is a political subdivision of the State of Texas authorized by the Governor's proclamation to move its election scheduled for May 2, 2020, to November 3, 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board of Trustees of Bay City Independent School District hereby postpones the election currently scheduled for May 2, 2020, to now be held on November 3, 2020;
2. All current candidate filings for the May election will remain valid for the November election, and the filing period for candidates will not re-open before the November election date;
3. Any eligible mail-in ballots remain valid for the November election;
4. This is a one-time change, and so the terms of office for the board members elected on the November election date will be shortened terms;
5. The deadline to register to vote shall be October 5, 2020, the last day to apply for a ballot by mail shall be October 23, 2020, completed ballots by mail must be received by November 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., and early voting by personal appearance shall be from October 19-30, 2020; and
6. The Board shall meet on or before August 17, 2020 to make any necessary revisions to the order of election.

Adopted this 31 (date) day of March (month), 2020 (year), by the Board of Trustees.


Presiding Officer

Secretary