

ORDER CALLING A VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
HENDERSON AND VAN ZANDT COUNTIES
BROWNSBORO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "*Board*") of the Brownsboro Independent School District (the "*District*") desires to adopt this order (the "*Order*") to provide for the calling of the Voter-Approval Tax Rate Election to be held on November 5, 2024 (the "*Election*"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has, on the date of adoption of this Order, set the District's 2024-2025 tax rate at \$1.0952 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation, which is a rate that exceeds the District's voter-approval rate, excluding the District's current debt rate under Section 26.08(n)(1)(C), Texas Tax Code, and therefore the Board is obligated to call an election to ratify such tax rate pursuant to Section 26.08(b), Texas Tax Code, as hereinafter ordered; and

WHEREAS, the Election is subject to the provisions of Section 45.003, Texas Education Code, and the District is contracting with Henderson County, Texas ("*Henderson County*") for the administration of the Election pursuant to an interlocal agreement with Henderson County (the "*Election Contract*"); and

WHEREAS, Henderson County, acting through the Henderson County Elections Administrator (the "*Elections Administrator*") in accordance with the Election Contract will provide for the administration of the Election for residents of the District residing in Henderson County and Van Zandt County; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BROWNSBORO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. The statements contained in the preamble of this Order are true and correct and adopted as findings of fact and operative provisions hereof.

Section 2. *Election Ordered; Polling Places.* The Election shall be held in the District between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on November 5, 2024 ("*Election Day*") which is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this Order for the purpose of submitting the proposition below to the qualified voters of the District. The Election is to be conducted by Henderson County, as provided by Chapter 271, Texas Election Code (the "*Code*") and the Election Contract. Voting for the Election shall occur on the dates and during the hours and at the designated polling places as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. Exhibit A shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places required to conform to the Code and the Election Contract.

Section 3. Early Voting. Early voting shall be administered by Henderson County. Early Voting by personal appearance shall begin on October 21, 2024, and conclude on November 1, 2024 and will be conducted at the Early Voting locations on the dates and at the times specified in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and which locations are hereby designated as the early voting locations. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the District at such voting place. Exhibit "A" shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places required to conform to the Election Contract and the Code.

Section 4. Election Officials. The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, Early Voting Clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made by the Elections Administrator in accordance with the Election Contract and the Code. The Elections Administrator may employ other personnel necessary for the proper administration of the Election, including such part-time help as is necessary to prepare for the Election, to ensure the timely delivery of supplies during early voting and on Election Day, and for the efficient tabulation of ballots at the central counting station. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Superintendent, President, Vice President or the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contract with Henderson County.

Section 5. Voting by Mail. Applications for voting by mail for all residents of the District shall submitted by personal delivery or shall be mailed to the address below prior to the deadline prescribed by law:

Henderson County Elections Administrator
201 J East Larkin St
P.O. Box 2720
Athens, Texas 75751
Phone: (903) 675-6149
Fax: (903) 675-6101
Email: hcelections@henderson-county.com

Section 6. Early Voting Ballots. An Early Voting Ballot Board shall be created to process early voting results of the Election and the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall be designated by the Elections Administrator. The Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board shall appoint two or more additional members to constitute the Early Voting Ballot Board members and, if needed, the Signature Verification Committee members required to efficiently process the early voting ballots.

Section 7. Qualified Voters. All qualified electors of and residing in the District, shall be entitled to vote at the election.

Section 8. Propositions. At the Election the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law:

BROWNSBORO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL ELECTION
BROWNSBORO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$.7869 per \$100 valuation in Brownsboro Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 3.88 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$416,554.

Section 9. Ballots. The official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid PROPOSITIONS with the ballots to contain such provisions, markings and language as required by law, and with such PROPOSITION to be expressed substantially as follows:

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FOR	_____) Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$.7869 per \$100 valuation in Brownsboro Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 3.88 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the district for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$416,554.
AGAINST	_____	

Section 10. Compliance with Federal Law. In all respects, the Election shall be conducted in accordance with the Code. Pursuant to the federal Help America Vote Act ("HAVA") and the Code, at each polling place there shall be at least one voting system that is equipped for disabled individuals, and each such voting system shall be a system that has been certified by the Texas Secretary of State as compliant with HAVA and the Code. The District hereby finds that the voting system to be used by the Elections Administrator in administering the Election is such a system, and orders that such voting equipment or other equipment certified by the Texas Secretary of State shall be used by the District in its elections.

Section 11. The Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Superintendent, President, Vice President or the Secretary of the Board of Trustees to execute or attest on behalf of the District the Election Contract with Henderson County.

Section 12. The Board authorizes the President of Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designee of either, to make such technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law or to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced herein. By incorporating all essential terms necessary for a joint election agreement, this Order is intended to satisfy Section 271.002(d) of the Texas Election Code, as amended, without further action of the Board of Trustees.

Section 13. All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 14. This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so ordered.

SIGNED AND SEALED ON AUGUST 12, 2024.


Secretary, Board of Trustees


President, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

Early Voting Locations, Dates and Times

Election Day Locations, Date and Times