



EL PASO COUNTY STATE OF TEXAS

RESOLUTION



WHEREAS, *El Paso County has successfully participated in the Countywide Polling Place Program, which allows voters to cast a ballot at any polling location within the county, rather than being restricted to a single precinct; and*

WHEREAS, *the Countywide Polling Place Program has provided increased convenience and accessibility for voters, particularly those with demanding work schedules, students, seniors, and individuals with disabilities; and*

WHEREAS, *many El Paso County residents commute long distances for work, making the flexibility of countywide polling places essential for ensuring they can exercise their right to vote; and*

WHEREAS, *the implementation of countywide polling places has contributed to increased voter participation and reduced the number of provisional ballots, improving election efficiency and voter confidence in the process; and*

WHEREAS, *eliminating the Countywide Polling Place Program would place a significant burden on voters, election administrators, and poll workers by requiring a return to precinct-based voting, which presents logistical challenges such as securing an adequate number of accessible polling locations and staffing them appropriately; and*

WHEREAS, *natural disasters, emergencies, and unforeseen circumstances have demonstrated the importance of a flexible voting system, as precinct-based voting can be easily disrupted by polling location closures or displacements; and*

WHEREAS, *the El Paso County Commissioners Court supports the continued use of countywide polling places and electronic pollbooks, recognizing their importance in making voting more accessible, secure, and efficient for all residents.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that the undersigned elected officials strongly oppose any effort by the Texas Legislature to eliminate the Countywide Polling Place Program and electronic pollbooks.*

SIGNED, this 24th day of March 2025

Commissioner Jackie Butler, Pct. 1

Commissioner David C. Stout, Pct. 2

Commissioner Iliana Holguin, Pct. 3

Commissioner Sergio Coronado, Pct. 4

Ricardo A. Samaniego, County Judge