

SREC RESOLUTION ON THE DATE OF THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

WHEREAS, the federal government passed the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment (MOVE) Act in the fall of 2009, which changes the way military and overseas voters register and vote in federal elections; and

WHEREAS, the MOVE Act also facilitates the voting process for military and overseas voters by requiring ballots to be transmitted no later than 45 days before an election for federal office; and

WHEREAS, the current election calendar prescribed by the Texas Election Code does not provide enough time to comply with the MOVE Act by the first Tuesday in March if the current filing deadline of January 2nd remains the same; and

WHEREAS, numerous local county officials would be forced to resign to run for higher office under Article XVI, Section 65 of the Texas Constitution if the filing deadline is moved to December or an earlier date in order to comply with the MOVE Act; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the SREC strongly support moving the date of the General Primary Election to the first Tuesday in April and preserving the current January 2nd filing deadline; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be delivered to each Republican member of the Texas House of Representatives and the Texas Senate.

Submitted by Jason Moore – SD31