

JOINT ELECTION AGREEMENT 2026-2027

FOR BURNET COUNTY LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

Whereas, the undersigned local political subdivisions, collectively referred to hereafter as the “LPSs”, each anticipate holding election(s) from August 2026 to July 2027; and

Whereas, each of the LPSs is located partially or entirely within Burnet County, Texas (the “County”); and

Whereas, the County has contracted or is contracting with each LPS to conduct and provide election services for such LPS’s election(s) from August 2026 to July 2027; and

Whereas, the LPSs all desire to enter into a joint election agreement for the purpose of sharing election equipment, costs, services of election officials, and sharing precinct polling locations and election ballots where appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE, the LPSs agree as follows:

- I. **Scope of Joint Election Agreement.** The LPSs enter this Joint Election Agreement (“Agreement”) for the conduct of the elections to be held from August 2025 through July 2026.
- II. **Appoint Election Officer.** The LPSs appoint the Burnet County Elections Administrator to serve as the Election Officer for each LPS in order to perform and supervise the duties and responsibilities of the Election Officer for any election from August 2025 through July 2026.
- III. **Early Voting Polling Locations.** The Early Voting locations for most elections will be at the AgriLife Auditorium, 607 N. Vandever St., Burnet, TX 78611 and Texas Tech in Marble Falls, 806 Steve Hawkins Pkwy., Marble Falls, TX 78654. In November of even years, the county will also use Granite Shoals Community Center, 1208 North Phillips Ranch Rd, Granite Shoals, TX 78654, and Bertram Community Center, 340 South Gabriel St., Bertram, TX 78605.
- IV. **Election Day Polling Locations.** Election Day voting shall be held in common precincts where appropriate at the dates, times, and locations recommended by the Election Officer and authorized and ordered by the governing body of each LPS. Those will be decided within one week after the last day to order an election.
- V. **Cost Sharing.** The LPSs agree to the cost sharing provisions below. This includes Burnet County, the school districts of the county, the cities of the county, and the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District. Other entities pay a lump sum of \$1,000 for their election.
- VI. **Effective Date.** This Agreement becomes effective upon execution by the participating LPSs.
- VII. **Amendments.** This Agreement may not be amended or modified except in writing and executed by each LPS.

COST SHARING – NOVEMBER UNIFORM ELECTION DATE

- I. The following expenses will be shared equally by all LPSs holding an election including Burnet County: the newspaper notice for the Logic and Accuracy Test of the ballots, consumable election supplies, and ballot programming.
- II. The user fees for the voting equipment, election worker payroll, and mileage payments to poll workers will follow these cost sharing arrangements:

- a. The county will bear at least 70% of these election costs at each voting location. The remaining 30% will be shared so that 20% is paid by the Independent School District (ISD) or CTGCD associated with the polling place and the remaining 10% is paid by any/all cities equally sharing the costs. If both the ISD and CTGCD are holding elections, they each pay 10%, with any/all cities equally sharing the remaining 10%.
 - b. If there is no city election, the ISD or CTGCD associated with the polling place pays 20% or 10% each and the county the remaining 80%. Subsequently, if there is no ISD or CTGCD election, any/all cities pay 10% of the costs associated with the polling place and the county pays 90%.
 - c. If there is no city, no ISD and no CTGCD election, the county pays 100% of the costs.
- III. It is acknowledged that cost sharing expenses will fluctuate depending upon the number of required polling locations and poll workers required as General Elections, held on even-numbered years, typically require more resources than Constitutional Amendment elections, held on odd-numbered years.

COST SHARING – MAY UNIFORM ELECTION DATE

- I. The following expenses will be shared equally by all LPSs holding an election including Burnet County: the newspaper notice for the Logic and Accuracy Test of the ballots, consumable election supplies, and ballot programming.
- II. The user fees for the voting equipment, election worker payroll, and mileage payments to poll workers will follow these cost sharing arrangements:
 - a. For polling locations conducting elections of the county: the county will bear 50% of the election costs at each voting location. The remaining 50% will be shared so that 40% is paid by the Independent School District (ISD) associated with the polling place and the remaining 10% is paid by any/all cities equally sharing the costs.
 - b. If there is no city election, the ISD associated with the polling place pays 50%. Subsequently, if there is no ISD election, any/all cities pay 50% of the costs equally.
 - c. If there is no city or ISD election the county pays 100%.
 - d. For polling locations NOT conducting elections of the county: the ISD pays 80% and any/all cities pay 20% equally.
 - e. If there is no city election, the ISD pays 100%.
 - f. If there is no ISD election, any/all cities pay 100% equally.

A cost estimate for the LPS election will be submitted upon request.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF _____ in its meeting held the
_____ day of _____, 202_, and executed by its authorized representative.

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

ACKNOWLEDGED BY:



Date: July 14, 2026

Stephanie Cooper
Elections Administrator, Burnet County, Texas