



PERMANENT MOVE TO NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

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May 12, 2020

City Charter

□ Section 93

■ *The regular election for the choice of members of the council as provided in Section 22 of Article III of this Charter, shall be held each year on an authorized uniform Election Date provided for in the Texas Election Code.*

■ *As amended in 2013 Charter election.*

Texas Elections Code

□ 41.001

- *Except as otherwise provided by this subchapter, each general or special election in this state shall be held on one of the following dates:*
 - *(1) the first Saturday in May in an odd-numbered year;*
 - *(2) the first Saturday in May in an even-numbered year, for an election held by a political subdivision other than a county; or*
 - *(3) the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November.*

Texas Elections Code

- 41.0052(a)
 - ▣ *The governing body of a political subdivision, other than a county or municipal utility district, that holds its general election for officers on a date other than the November uniform election date may, not later than December 31, 2016, change the date on which it holds its general election for officers to the November uniform election date.*
- City Council did not take any action.

City Council Decision on May Elections

- ❑ In 2011, Bell County notified the city that it would no longer provide voting equipment beginning at the May 2012 election.
- ❑ Discussion about voting equipment included a discussion of moving elections to November, which at that time would have required a Charter amendment.
- ❑ City Council passed a resolution to maintain May elections.

Legislative Change Required

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- Changing to November elections would require a statutory amendment to the Elections Code. The legislative agenda could include:
 - ▣ Changing the December 31, 2016 date **OR**
 - ▣ Carving an exception specifically for the City of Killeen.