

RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY,
GEORGIA TO THE DEKALB COUNTY DELEGATION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RELATING TO
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNTYWIDE POLLING PLACE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the right to vote is a fundamental principle of American Democracy; and

WHEREAS, removing impediments to civic participation will promote a more engaged and representative society; and

WHEREAS, allowing counties to implement countywide polling places in lieu of pre-designated, precinct-based polling locations will make voting more convenient and accessible for citizens; and

WHEREAS, this program would allow voters to cast ballots at any polling place in their county regardless of their home of record; and

WHEREAS, such as a system has been successfully implemented in Texas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authority of DeKalb County, Georgia that the following is requested:

1. The General Assembly consider adopting legislation mirroring Chapter 43, Section 43.007. of the Texas Election Code.
2. The General Assembly allow counties to opt into a program enabling voters to cast ballots at the polling place of their choosing within their county of residence without regard to the precinct of their home address.
3. Participating counties in such a “Countywide Polling Place Program” must have the means to verify that a voter has not previously voted in the election.
4. Moreover, participating counties must allow a voter to cast a ballot in the same elections in which the voter would be entitled to participate based on their precinct of residence.

ADOPTED by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, this ____ day of _____, 2019.

JEFF RADER
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this ____ day of

_____, 2019.

MICHAEL THURMOND

Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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