



Fulton County

Legislation Text

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Department

Registration & Elections

Requested Action *(Identify appropriate Action or Motion, purpose, cost, timeframe, etc.)*

Request approval of a Resolution amending the cost to be charged to municipalities who authorize Fulton County to conduct any or all of their municipal elections; and for other purposes. **(HELD ON 1/18/23) (APPROVED AS AMEDED)**

Requirement for Board Action *(Cite specific Board policy, statute or code requirement)*

In accordance with Fulton County Code § 1-117, the Board of Commissioners has exclusive jurisdiction to exercise such powers as are granted by law or are indispensable to their jurisdiction over County matters and County finances.

Strategic Priority Area related to this item *(If yes, note strategic priority area below)*

Open and Responsible Government

Commission Districts Affected

- All Districts ☒
- District 1 ☐
- District 2 ☐
- District 3 ☐
- District 4 ☐
- District 5 ☐
- District 6 ☐

Is this a purchasing item?

No

Summary & Background: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 21-2-45(c), municipalities are required to pay all costs a county incurs while conducting elections services requested by a municipality. The passage of Resolution 19-0630 at the August 7, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting changed the calculation for municipal elections from a pro-rata share of registered voters to a set monetary amount per registered voter. The cost per registered voter calculation, however, does not cover the current election costs, therefore, the County is incurring costs for conducting municipal elections which should be paid by the municipalities. This resolution would amend the calculation from a set amount per registered voter and return it to a municipality's pro-rata share.

Scope of Work: Provide municipalities the cost to have Fulton County conduct their municipal

election to allow each municipality to compare the cost when seeking an alternative to conduct their own election, if desired.

Community Impact: Registration & Elections staff is not aware of any community impact.

Department Recommendation: The Department of Registration and Elections recommends approval.

Project Implications: Registration & Elections staff is not aware of any project implication.

Community Issues/Concerns: Registration & Elections staff is not aware of any community impact or concerns.

Department Issues/Concerns: O.C.G.A. § 21-2-45(c) requires municipalities to pay all costs a county incurs while conducting the municipality's requested elections services. The current cost structure does not capture all the costs the County incurs for conducting said elections at the respective municipalities' request.