

RESOLUTION NO. XX OF 2021

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING THE LOUISIANA STATE LEGISLATURE TO AUTHORIZE USE OF BALLOT BOXES AND TO EXTEND THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the recent election illustrated that high voter interest places stress on the State's systems for voting and in particular early voting;

WHEREAS, use of a secure, locked structure for receipt of early voting ballots would alleviate an aspect of that stress for both voters and election officials;

WHEREAS, extension of the time period for early voting would additionally reduce the stress on voters and the workload requirements on election officials who are part of the early voting process; and

WHEREAS, implementing such changes requires adoption of authorizing legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, regular and legal session convened, that the Caddo Parish Commission does hereby urge and request the Louisiana State Legislature to adopt legislation authorizing use of secure, locked structures for receipt of early voting ballots and extending the time period for early voting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Patrick Page Cortez, President of the Louisiana Senate, and the Honorable Clay Schexnayder, Speaker of the Louisiana House of Representatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to all members of the Caddo Parish legislative delegation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date