

RESOLUTION NO. 09-95

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 1382 ALLOWING CITIZENS WHO WILL BE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE BEFORE A GENERAL ELECTION THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN PRECEDING PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

WHEREAS, the 26th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States affirms, "The right of citizens of the United States who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age"; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States does not explicitly deny citizens of the United States, who are less than eighteen years of age, the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of states have adopted legislation allowing citizens seventeen years of age to vote in primary elections; and

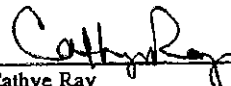
WHEREAS, Legislation is pending before the Texas Legislature which will allow citizens, who will reach eighteen years of age before a general election for state and county officers, to vote in the preceding primary elections; and

WHEREAS, students and faculty from Poteet High School, in Mesquite, Texas, have expressed their support for such legislation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS:

**SECTION 1.** That the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, hereby supports House Bill 1382, sponsored by Representative Keith Oakley, allowing citizens who will be eighteen years of age before a general election the right to vote in preceding primary elections.


DULY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 20th day of March, 1995.

  
Cathye Ray  
Mayor

APPROVED:

  
B.J. Smith  
City Attorney

ATTEST:

  
Lynn Prugel  
City Secretary