

RESOLUTION NO. 2004 - 50

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL BILL AMENDING CHAPTER 75-350, LAWS OF FLORIDA, TO GIVE MUNICIPALITIES IN BROWARD COUNTY THE OPTION OF CONDUCTING GENERAL ELECTIONS IN NOVEMBER OF EVEN NUMBERED CALENDAR YEARS, AND REQUIRING THE BROWARD COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS TO PROVIDE TO ALL BROWARD COUNTY MUNICIPALITIES A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR ELECTION SERVICES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Chapter 75-350, Laws of Florida, as amended (the "Special Act"), provides that all general elections relating to a municipal office held in a municipality in Broward County shall be held on the second Thursday in March of the calendar year; and

WHEREAS, of Florida's sixty-seven (67) counties, Broward is the only county with this requirement; all Florida municipalities outside of Broward County have the ability to schedule their own regular municipal elections whenever they choose; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches finds that the date of municipal elections is a local issue that should be determined by each municipality, not by the state, and that municipalities in Broward County should have the option of conducting their municipal general elections in November of even numbered calendar years, rather than requiring such elections to occur in March; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches supports the adoption of a local bill amending the Special Act to give municipalities the option of conducting their general municipal elections in November of even numbered calendar years; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Southwest Ranches also supports the inclusion, in such local bill, of a requirement that the Broward County Supervisor of Elections provide to each Broward municipality by the first work day in April each calendar year a schedule of fees and charges for election services for the following calendar year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Weston, Florida, has submitted a local bill, approved by the Broward County Legislative Delegation for submittal to the

Florida Legislature, that would give Broward municipalities the option of conducting their general municipal elections in November of even numbered calendar years and that would require the Broward County Supervisor of Elections to provide each Broward municipality a schedule of fees and charges for election services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida:

Section 1. That the Town of Southwest Ranches supports the adoption of the local bill proposed by the City of Weston, and approved by the Broward County Legislative Delegation, giving Broward municipalities the option of conducting their general municipal elections in November of even numbered calendar years and requiring the Broward County Supervisor of Elections to provide each Broward Municipality a schedule of fees and charges for election services.

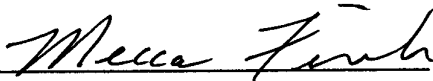
Section 2. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Southwest Ranches, Florida, this 8th day of April 2004, on a motion by Forest Blanton and seconded by Aster Knight.


Fink Y
Knight Y
Blanton Y
Maines Y
Nelson Y

Ayes 5
Nays 0
Absent or
Abstaining 0




Mecca Fink, Mayor

ATTEST:



Shari Canada, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form and Correctness:



Gary A. Poliakoff, J.D., Town Attorney