

ESTABLISHING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF BRIDGETON BOARD OF EDUCATION AS THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 authorizes changing the election date of school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (the General Election); and

WHEREAS, Such action requires the adoption of a resolution by a school district or the municipality or municipalities constituting such district, as set forth in P.L. 2011, c. 202; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that the change to a November election remain in effect for four years; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 eliminates the annual voter referendum on the proposed general fund tax levy (i.e., the base budget which is at or below the statutory tax levy cap) in school districts where board of education members are elected at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, P.L. 2011, c. 202 requires that an additional general fund tax levy proposal (i.e., for an expenditure in excess of the tax levy cap) be presented to voters as a separate question at the General Election; and

WHEREAS, The City of Bridgeton Governing Body believes that the financial interest of its constituents is safeguarded by the state's tax levy cap and the thorough review of the proposed school budget by the Executive County Superintendent and the Executive County School Business Administrator; and

WHEREAS, The City of Bridgeton Governing Body believes that more citizens will participate in the selection of school board members at the General Election than on the third Tuesday in April and that the higher level of participation will foster positive interest in our public schools; and

WHEREAS, The City of Bridgeton Governing Body is committed to the non-partisan status of school board membership and the non-partisan conduct of school elections, and believes this principle will not be compromised by conducting board member elections in November.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Bridgeton That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, the City of Bridgeton Governing Body changes the annual election date for school board members from the third Tuesday in April to the November General Election, beginning in 2012; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, the annual organization meeting of the City of Bridgeton Board of Education will take place in the first week of January following the November General Election and that the board of education's next organization meeting will take place in the first week of January 2013;and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, members of the City of Bridgeton Board of Education whose terms would have expired by May 2012 will continue to serve in office until the January 2013 organization meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the Cumberland County Clerk; the Cumberland County Board of Elections and/or Superintendent of Elections; the City of Bridgeton municipal clerk(s) and school board secretary or secretaries; the Department of State, Division of Elections; the Department of Education's Executive County Superintendent; and the Department of Community Affairs, Division of Local Government Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution also be provided to the New Jersey School Boards Association and New Jersey State League of Municipalities.

ATTEST:

Darlene J. Richmond, RMC
City Clerk

Michael D. Zapolski, Sr.
Council President

APPROVED:

Albert B. Kelly
Mayor