

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2009

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING SB1034, RELATING TO ALLOWING THE GOVERNING BODIES OF CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES TO ORDER A LOCAL OPTION ELECTION RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

WHEREAS, the City of Abilene, as well as Taylor County, held a local option election in 1978; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of said election, the City of Abilene within Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, became a "wet" area where beer, wine, and other alcoholic beverages may be served; and,

WHEREAS, since 1978, the City of Abilene has annexed additional land that is located within a portion of Taylor County that remains "dry"; and,

WHEREAS, local option elections are presently governed by Chapter 501 of the Texas Elections Code and Chapter 251 of the Texas Alcoholic Beverages Code; and,

WHEREAS, the current local option election process to allow the City of Abilene to determine whether or not the remaining "dry" portion of the City shall remain "dry" or allow the sale of alcoholic beverages is confusing, overly burdensome and expensive for the citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Troy Fraser has introduced SB1034, allowing the governing bodies of certain municipalities to order a local option election relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages; and,

WHEREAS, SB1034 represents a clear, concise, cost efficient alternative method for calling local option elections in limited municipalities and under limited circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, if alcohol sales are ultimately approved by the voters for all dry areas annexed after 1978, then it is likely that additional commercial development will take place, which will benefit and serve the individuals living in the annexed areas as well as being an economic development benefit to all residents of the City of Abilene; now therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:**

PART 1: That the City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, supports the efforts of Senator Troy Fraser in his sponsorship of SB1034, allowing the governing bodies of certain municipalities to order a local option election relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages.

PART 2: That the City Council of the City of Abilene, Texas, urges the members of the Texas Senate to pass SB1034 as a clear, concise, cost efficient alternative method for calling local option elections in limited municipalities and under limited circumstances

PART 3: That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage.

ADOPTED this 26th day of MARCH, A.D. 2009.

ATTEST:

