

Mayor Nolan offered the following Resolution and moved on its adoption:

R-12-36

RESOLUTION

**Establishing the Election of Members of the Highlands Boards 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 Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands 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 Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands 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 Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands 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,

That, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c. 202, the Governing Body of the Borough of Highlands 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 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 Highlands Boards 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 Monmouth County Clerk; the Monmouth County Board of Elections and/or Superintendent of Elections; the 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.

Seconded by Ms. Kane and adopted on the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Redmond, Mr. O'Neil, Mr. Francy, Ms. Kane, Mayor Nolan

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATE: February 1, 2012

Carolyn Cummins, Borough Clerk

I hereby certify this to be a true copy of the Resolution adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough at a held on February 1, 2012.

Borough Clerk/Deputy Clerk