

Preparing for the November Election (Calendar Overview)



**Elections Division – Texas Secretary of State
40th Annual Election Law Seminar – August 2022**



Resources

- **Elections Forms Index**

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/forms/pol-sub/index.shtml#photo-id>

- **Conducting Your Elections Page**

<https://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/county-voter-reg-laws.shtml>

- **Texas Election Code**

<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/>



Important Dates Calendar and Election Law Calendar

Election Outlook

Useful Information for General Voters



From upcoming election information to registering to vote, [VoteTexas.gov](https://www.vote-texas.gov) makes sure you count.

- [Voter ID Requirements](#)
- [Am I Registered to Vote?](#)
- [How to Register to Vote](#)
- [Military/Overseas Voters](#)
- [Student Voters](#)
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Voter ID Information for Both General Voters and Election Officials



Current Election Information

- **New:** [Current Election](#)



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Election Date and Law Calendars

- **New:** [November 8, 2022 Election Law Calendar](#)
- [March 1, 2022 Primary Election Law Calendar](#)
- [May 7, 2022 Election Law Calendar](#)
- [Deadlines for Vacancies and Replacement Nominees for the General Election for State and County Officers \(November 8, 2022\)](#)

Information for Election Officials



Election Law Calendar

- The notes at the beginning of the calendar provide detailed information regarding changes in election laws and issues which the county needs to be aware of
- The dated calendar entries which appear after the notes include important deadlines, references to applicable sections of the Election Code, and links to relevant documents and resources



November 8, 2022 Election

- General Election for State and County Officers
- Elections for Cities, Schools and Other Political Subdivisions
- Special Elections
- Other Elections (Bond, Local Option, etc.)



Filing Deadlines for the General Election for State and County Officers

- **Thursday, June 23 – 5:00 p.m.** - Deadline for independent candidates to file application and petition.
- **Saturday, July 23** – First day to file declaration of write-in candidacy with filing fee/petition.
- **Monday, August 22 – 5:00 p.m.** – Deadline to file declaration of write-in candidacy.



Replacement Nominees

- **Monday, June 13** – First day of new term for county and precinct chairs.
- **Monday, August 29 - 5:00 p.m.** – Deadline for party chair to deliver replacement nominee for vacancy that occurred after December 8, 2021 but no later than August 26, 2022.



Filing Periods for Cities, Schools, and Others

- **Saturday, July 23** – First day to file for a place on the ballot or a declaration of write-in candidacy.
- **Monday, August 22 – 5:00 p.m.:**
 - Deadline to file for a place on the ballot.
- **Friday, August 26 – 5:00 p.m.:** Deadline to file as a write-in for cities and some other political subdivisions.



Ordering Election

- **Monday, August 22** – Deadline to order an election to be held on November 8.



Election Workers

- **July 2022** – Deadline for counties with populations of over 500,000 to appoint election judges for polling places and central counting station, and recommended time to appoint members to the EVBB.
- **August 2022** – Deadline for counties with populations of 500,000 or less to appoint election judges for polling places and central counting station, and recommended time to appoint members to the EVBB.



Certification

Thursday, September 1 – Deadline for Secretary of State (federal, state and district offices) and county judge (countywide and precinct offices) to certify names of independent and declared write-in candidates to county election officer for placement on the November 8, 2022 ballot.



Notice of Election

Friday, September 9 - The governing body of a political subdivision must deliver notice of the election to the county election officer and voter registrar of each county in which the political subdivision is located not later than the 60th day before election day.

- Section 4.003 requires that counties post on the county website the notice and list of polling locations of any political subdivision that delivers their notice to the county under Section 4.008. This is **regardless** of whether the county is contracting with the entity.



Ballot Preparation

- Ballots must be prepared, finalized, and tested in time for mail ballots to be mailed in compliance with Section 86.004 of the Texas Election Code, UOCAVA, MOVE.
- 45th day before Election Day =

Saturday, September 24



Application for Ballot by Mail/Federal Post Card Application

Friday, October 28

- Last day for early voting clerk to receive applications for a ballot to be voted by mail.
- Last day to receive an FPCA from a voter.



Voter Registration Deadline

Tuesday, October 11

- Last day to register to vote for November election.
- Last day for a voter to make a change of address that will be effective for the election.



Early Voting Period

Monday, October 24 – Friday, November 4

- Extended hours:
 - 12 hours on last Saturday and last week of early voting in person in counties with populations of 55,000 or more and in counties with populations under 55,000 if timely petitioned.
 - 6 hours on last Sunday of early voting in person in counties with populations of 55,000 or more and in counties with populations under 55,000 if timely petitioned.
 - **NEW LAW**: SB 1 (2021, 2nd C.S.) amended Sections 85.005 and 85.006 to modify the requirements relating to extended early voting hours and weekend early voting in a general election for state and county officers.



Election Records – Early Voting Rosters

Information on the early voting roster for:

- A person who votes early by personal appearance, must be made available for public inspection by 11:00 a.m. on the day after the day the information is entered on the roster.
- A person who votes an early voting ballot by mail, must be made available for public inspection by 11:00 a.m. on the day after the day the EV clerk receives the voted ballot by mail.
- If the CC/EA is the early voting clerk, the information above must be posted on the county's website, or if none, on the bulletin board. [Sec. 87.121]



Candidate and Polling Place Information

Tuesday, October 18

NEW LAW: SB 1116 (2021, R.S.) amended Chapter 4 of the Election Code by adding Section 4.009 regarding candidate and polling place information which must be posted on county, city, and school district websites. Last day for a county that holds an election or provides election services for an election to post certain information regarding the upcoming election(s) on the county's website per Section 4.009. The information posted on the website must include:

- 1. the date of the election;**
- 2. the location of each polling place;**
- 3. each candidate for an elected office on the ballot; and**
- 4. each measure on the ballot**

The information must be posted not later than the 21st day before election day



Election Day

Tuesday, November 8, 2022

- Polls open 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Mail ballots must be received by 7 p.m.
- Early voting clerk office hours 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Voter registrar office hours 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Must report precinct results of election to SOS on election night.



Reconciliation Forms

NEW LAW: Pursuant to SB 1 (2021, 2nd C.S.), the presiding judge of the central counting station must prepare a preliminary reconciliation form on election night and a final reconciliation form after the canvass. The reconciliation form requirement only applies to entities that conducted voting in such a manner that they had a central counting station.

- The reconciliation forms must be posted on the county website with election returns and results after they are completed and signed. This posting requirement applies regardless of whether a local entity is contracting with the county for election services.
- We recommend that local entities post the reconciliation form on their website, if the entity maintains a website.
- We further recommend that the reconciliation forms remain posted at least until the next election, and that the forms are available for the full 22 month retention period for election records.



Election Results

NEW LAW: SB 1116 (2021, R.S.) amended Chapter 65 of the Election Code by adding Section 65.016 of the Code regarding election results information which must be posted on county, city, and school district websites. Specifically, a county that holds an election or provides election services for an election for a public entity must post certain information on their website. A city or independent school district that holds an election and maintains an Internet website must also post certain information on their website related to election results, even if the county is also posting such information. Information should be posted as soon as practicable after the election and must be accessible without having to make more than two selections or view more than two network locations after accessing the home page of the county, city or school district, whichever is applicable. Required information on the websites must include:

- the results of each election;
- the total number of votes cast;
- the total number of votes cast for each candidate or for or against each measure;
- the total number of votes cast by personal appearance on election day;
- the total number of votes cast by personal appearance or mail during the early voting period; and
- the total number of counted and uncounted provisional ballots cast. (Sec. 65.016).

We recommend that election results information remain posted on the entity's main page (or within two clicks of the main page) at least until the next election, and that the information continues to be available for the full 22 month retention period for election records.



6 Day Cure Period

Monday, November 14

- Deadline for provisional voters to appear at Voter Registrar's office to show an acceptable form of identification or execute affidavit for exemption.



Provisional Ballots

- **Friday, November 18** – Deadline for VR to review provisional ballots.
- **NEW LAW:** H.B. 3107 (2021, R.S.) amended Section 65.052 of the Code to provide that, for the general election for state and county officers, the voter registrar will now have 10 days to review a provisional voter's eligibility.
- **Monday, November 21** – Deadline for EVBB to convene and count any provisional ballots.



Local Canvass

Friday, November 11 – Tuesday, November 22

Time period for conducting local canvass.



Questions?

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