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SB 2753: A Path Toward Implementation

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Agenda

Effective Date

Executive
Summary
of SB 2753

Implementation
Plan
Steering Committee

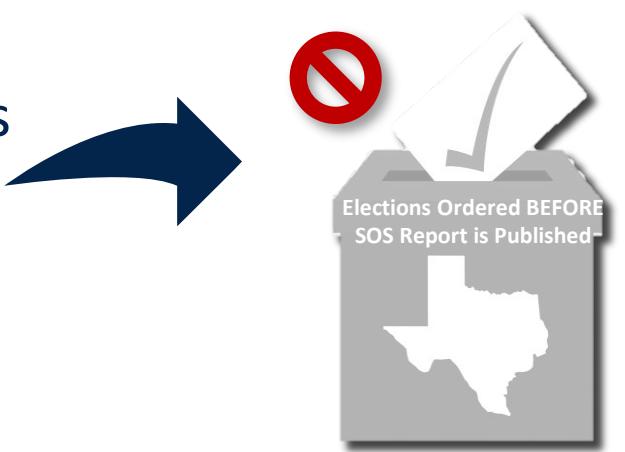
SB 2753 –
In-Depth



Senate Bill 2753

- Applies to elections ordered **after** the date the Office of the Secretary of State publishes a report and procedures on the implementation of SB 2753
- Does **not** apply to any elections ordered **before** the report is published
- Report and procedures will involve substantial input, discussion, and participation from counties, local entities, and interested parties

Does Not Apply To:





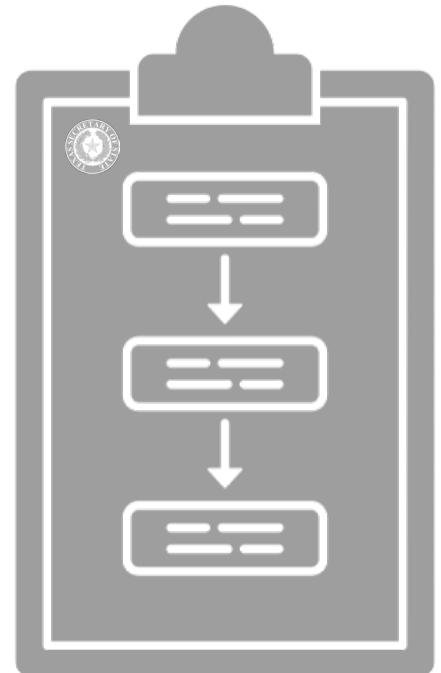
Senate Bill 2753

- Early voting period ends on the day before election day
- Early voting locations will be used as election day locations, but additional election day locations can be added
- The same voting system equipment can be used for both early voting and election day
- Early voting and election day results are reported together as in-person voting results
 - Ballot by mail still reported separately
- Results will be reported by precinct, and will be separately reported by polling place
 - A report of results by precinct within a polling place should not be generated, to protect the secrecy of a voter's ballot



Implementation Plan

- The Office of the Secretary of State must produce a **report** and **procedures** for implementing SB 2753
- To do so, input from counties, cities, ISDs, and local entities is critical to ensure that this process is implemented in a way that is feasible for election officials and voters
 - Steering Committee
 - Working Groups





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Steering Committee

- Counties represented:
 - Bastrop
 - Cameron
 - Chambers
 - Denton
 - Grimes
 - Harris
 - Hays
 - Hidalgo
 - Lubbock
 - Oldham
 - Rockwall
 - Sherman
 - Sutton
 - Tom Green
- Local Entities:
 - City of Laporte
 - McCall Parkhurst & Horton





Working Groups

- Will be established throughout the process to discuss how the bill impacts specific issues, specific county sizes, and specific equipment configurations
- Additional counties and entities will be asked to participate in these working groups to provide feedback and additional input on implementation
- Process is designed to give a voice to all counties, entities, and interested parties before the report is issued and before the requirements of the bill apply to Texas elections





Getting Involved

- Survey will be sent out to counties and entities to allow them to volunteer to work on specific working groups or suggest ideas for additional working groups
- Entities will be given a chance to help identify potential implementation costs
- Talk to us! Call us or email us with your questions or thoughts on the implementation process





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Early Voting Dates and Hours

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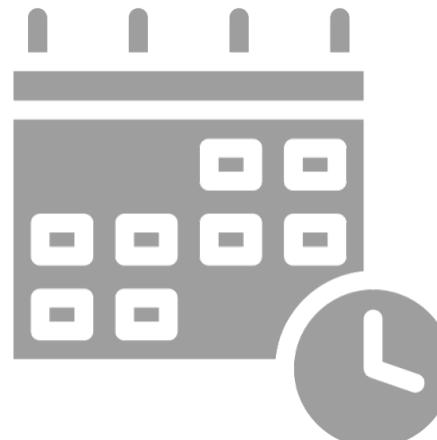
Voting System Procedures

Hand-counting Procedures



SB 2753 – Early Voting Dates and Hours

- SB 2753 eliminates the gap between early voting and election day by ending the early voting period on the day before election day
- Early voting is conducted on each day of the early voting period, including weekends and holidays
- Extended early voting hours are required for specific elections





SB 2753 – Early Voting Dates

- Early voting is shifted forward for each type of election:
 - **November Elections and Primary Election (and Default Rule)**
 - 12th day before election day to the day before election day
 - **May Elections**
 - 9th day before election day to the day before election day
 - **Primary Runoff**
 - 10th day before election day to the day before election day



SB 2753 – Early Voting Dates

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		A graphic of a red, white, and blue button with the words "ELECTION DAY" on it.				



SB 2753 – Early Voting Dates



SB 2753 – Early Voting Hours

- **Main Early Voting Location**

- 9 hours each day
- 4 hours if EVC is not the county election officer and territory has fewer than 1,000 registered voters



- **Temporary Branch Locations**

- 8 hours each day
- 3 hours if EVC is not the county election officer or city secretary has fewer than 1,000 registered voters





SB 2753 – Extended Early Voting Hours

- Extended hours apply for the November general election, November constitutional amendment election, primary elections, and any special election ordered by the governor
- Only applies to Main Early Voting Location – Optional for Branch Locations
- Required extended hours:
 - 12 hours on each of the last four days of the EV period
 - *Except:* 9 hours on Sunday





SB 2753 – Extended Early Voting Hours

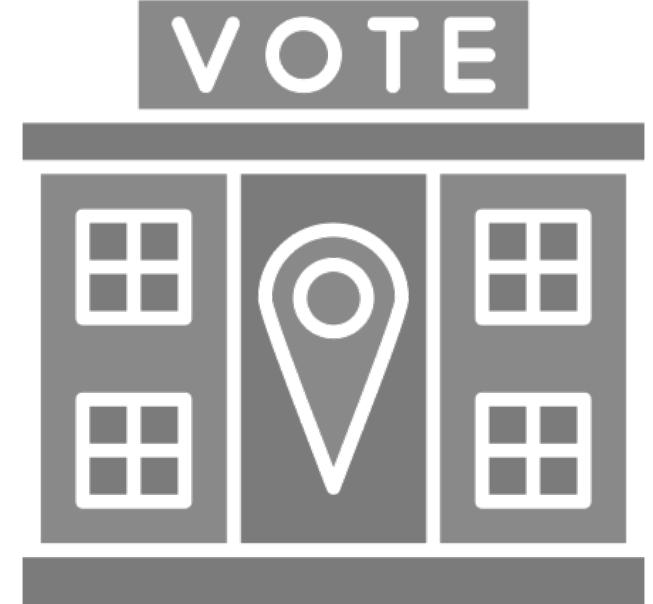
Example November Election – Hours at the Main Early Voting Location

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday First Day of EV	Friday	Saturday
X	X	X	X	at least 9 hours	at least 9 hours	at least 9 hours
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
at least 9 hours	at least 9 hours	at least 9 hours	at least 9 hours	at least 9 hours	at least 12 hours	at least 12 hours
Sunday	Monday Last Day of EV	Tuesday Election Day				
at least 9 hours	at least 12 hours	ELECTION DAY				



SB 2753 – Polling Place Selection

- SB 2753 requires any location that is used during early voting to be designated as election day polling places – including the Main Early Voting Location
- Counties can still establish additional election day-only locations
- General rules for the number and placement of early voting locations and election day locations have not changed
- However, because early voting locations have to be used on election day, you will need to consider your election day polling place rules when setting up your early voting locations





SB 2753 – Precinct-Based Polling Places

- For precinct-based counties, each precinct must be served by a single polling place located within the boundaries of the precinct
- Combination and consolidation can be used to have multiple precinct share a polling place on election day
- When setting early voting locations, must ensure that two early voting locations are not located in the same precinct or within the territory of a combined or consolidated precinct



SB 2753 – Countywide Polling Places

- Countywide polling places on election day must be placed according to a specific methodology
 - Number of polling places must be at least 50% (or 65% in first year) of number of precincts in the county
 - Can combine or consolidate precincts to reduce this number
 - At least one in each commissioners precinct
 - No more than twice the number of polling places in another commissioners precinct
 - Countywide counties should consider these requirements when determining where (and how many) early voting locations will be established



SB 2753 – Results Reporting Requirements

- Election results for early voting and election day are reported together as voting in person, with ballot by mail reported separately
- Must generate precinct-by-precinct returns, and separately generate results by polling location
- Cannot generate a report of results by precinct at each polling place, to protect the secrecy of a voter's ballot
- Canvass will include precinct results and polling place results





SB 2753 – Ballot Box Procedures

- If ballots are counted by electronic voting system, early voting ballots and election day ballots will be stored in the same ballot box and counted together
 - The same voting system equipment can be used for early voting and election day
- If ballots are hand-counted, early voting ballots and election day ballots will be stored in separate ballot boxes:
 - Early voting ballot box -> *EVBB*
 - Election day ballot box -> *ED Judge and Clerks*



SB 2753 – Ballot Box Keys

- Two locks required for the ballot box during early voting, one lock required for election day
- When the same ballot box is used for early voting and election day, there are a few solutions to deal with this transition:
 - Keep two keys on the ballot box on election day, and give second key to PJ; or
 - Keep two keys on the ballot box on election day, and second keyholder comes to each polling place on election day; or
 - Remove second key from ballot box when polls open on election day; or
 - Deliver a new single-locked ballot box to polling place on election day
- Other solutions may exist, but resolving these types of questions is the primary function of the working groups and steering committee



SB 2753 – Voting System Procedures

- Same voting system equipment can be used for both early voting and election day
- Results for early voting are reported together with election day results as one single category (in-person voting)
- Must generate precinct-by-precinct returns, and separately generate results by polling location
- Cannot generate a report of results by precinct at each polling place, to protect the secrecy of a voter's ballot
- Zero tapes printed at polling place on first day of voting at that location, and results tape printed at close of polls on election day



SB 2753 – Ballot Counting Timeframes

- **Ballots by Mail**
 - If county over 100k, beginning on fourth day before election day
 - If county less than 100k, beginning when polls open on election day
- **Early Voting and Election Day**
 - Early voting ballots will be counted with election day ballots
 - Single media stick will be used for both
 - Cannot be counted until polls open on election day, but will typically be counted after polls close on election day
 - For most counties, this means early voting and election day ballots will be counted on election night
 - **This will likely delay the timeframes for reporting unofficial results on election night**



SB 2753 – Hand Counting Procedures

- Early voting ballots and election day ballots are stored in separate ballot boxes when counting by hand
- Early voting ballots and ballots by mail counted by EVBB
- Election day ballots counted by PJ and clerks at each polling place
- Must generate polling place results and separately generate precinct results
- Unofficial results for each polling place and for each precinct for voting in person will be aggregated by the general custodian of election records



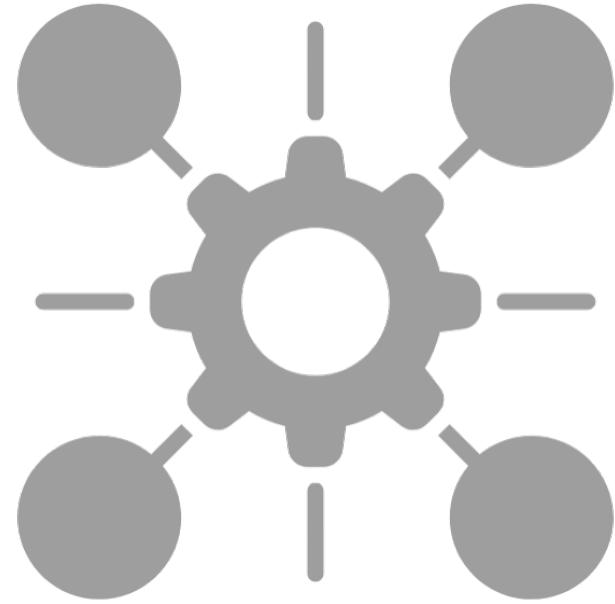
SB 2753 – Web Posting Requirements

- Unofficial results on election night must be posted on county's website and must include:
 - Results of each election
 - Total number of votes cast
 - Summary total of votes cast for each candidate and for/against each measure
 - Total number of votes cast for each candidate and for/against each measure **at each polling location**
 - Total number of votes cast for each candidate and for/against each measure in each precinct
 - Total number of votes cast **by personal appearance**
 - Total number of votes cast by mail
 - Total number of counted and uncounted provisional ballots



SB 2753 – Resources

- SB 2753
- Advisory 2025-10 – Summary of SB 2753
- Section-by-Section Summary of SB 2753 (**COMING SOON**)
- Long-Term:
 - Recommendations of Steering Committee and Working Groups
 - SOS Implementation Procedures for SB 2753
 - SOS Report on Implementation of SB 2753





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