



Texas Secretary of State  
ELECTIONS DIVISION



# SB 2753: A Path Toward Implementation

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Election Law Seminar  
for County Election Officials  
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## Agenda

Effective Date

Executive  
Summary  
of SB 2753

Implementation  
Plan  
Steering Committee

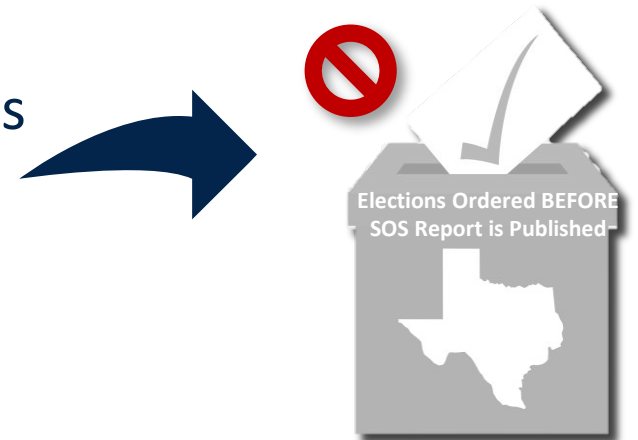
SB 2753 –  
In-Depth



## 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:





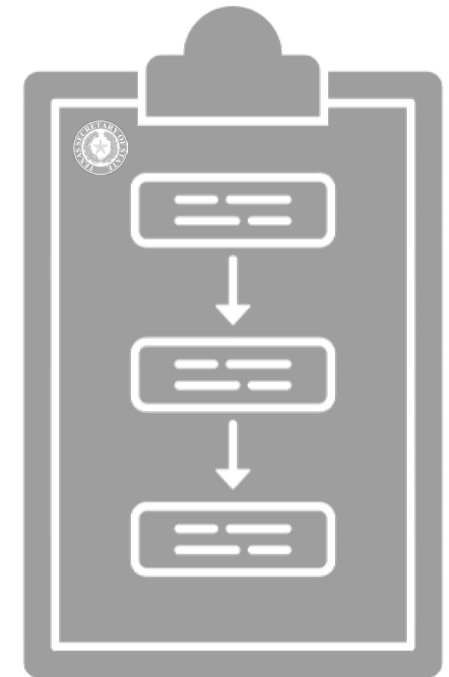
## Senate Bill 2753

- 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





## 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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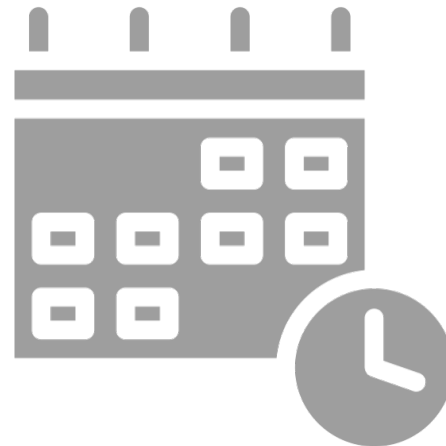
Voting System Procedures

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





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		ELECTION DAY				





## 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







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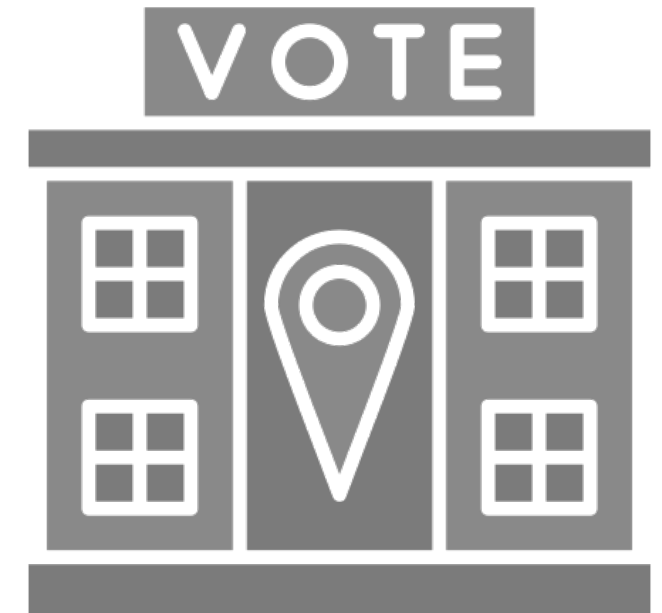
## Example November Election – Hours at the Main Early Voting Location

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



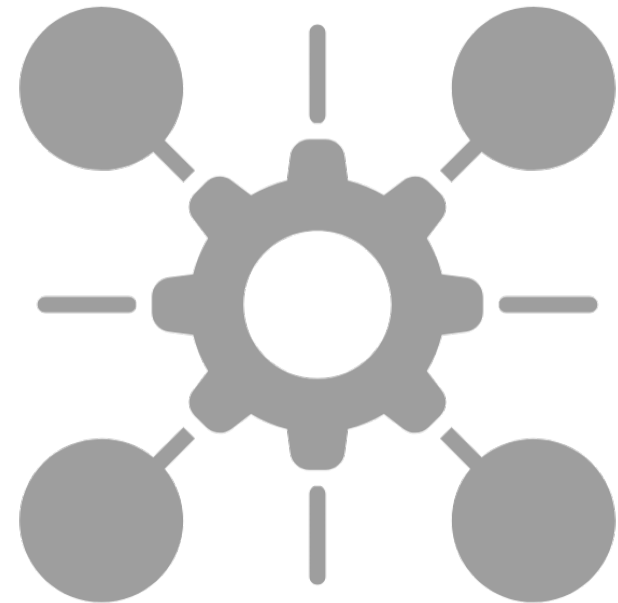
## SB 2753 – Web Posting Requirements

- 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





## Available Support



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**RESOURCES**

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