Web Posting Requirements

- Two Categories of Election Web Posting Requirements
  - Continuous Postings
  - Election Specific Postings
County Website Web Posting Requirements – Continuous

Summary of Election Related Information

- Name of Members of Governing Body Contact information for each member of governing body if different than taxing unit’s contact info
- Mailing Address, Email Address, and Phone Number
- Date and Location of next Officer Election
- Requirements for Filing for Candidacy
  - Application Requirements (Forms, Filling Fee, Petition requirements)
  - Qualifications for Office (Eligibility)
- Deadlines for filing for candidacy
  - Important Election Dates 2021-2022
  - Election Law Calendars

Sec. 26.18 Tax Code, Chapter 2051, Subchapter E, Government Code

County Website Web Posting Requirements – Election Specific

- Election Specific Posting Requirements
  - Notice of Candidate Filing Period
  - Notice of Election
  - Candidates
  - Measures
  - Early Voting and Election Day Polling Places
  - Signature Verification Committee Appointment Order
  - Notice of L&A Testing
  - Early Voting Rosters
  - Election Day Rosters
  - Election Results
  - Reconciliation Form
  - Voter Information Document (Debt Obligation Elections)
NEW LAW – Web Posting

Senate Bill 1116 (Bettencourt): Provides new web posting requirements related to election and candidate information.

- **Candidate and Polling Place Information on County, City, and School District Websites:** Not later than the 21st day before election day, a county that holds an election or provides election services for an election must post certain information related to its upcoming elections.
  - The date of the election;
  - The location of each polling place;
  - Each candidate for an elected office on the ballot; and
  - Each measure on the ballot.

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  - A city or independent school district that holds an election and maintains an Internet website must also post certain information on its website related to election results even if the county is 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 websites:**
  - 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.

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County Website Web Posting Requirements

• Some of the county’s web posting requirements can be met by linking to the postings on the Secretary of State’s website that contain the same data.

• To navigate to the required information, it should not take more than two clicks from the main website to get to your required web posting information.

Current Election Information

Election Specific Information

• Proclamations
• Ballot Certifications
• Sample Ballots
• Early Voting & Election Day Reporting
• Polling Locations
• Election Night Returns
Candidate Listing Information

- Candidate Status Tracking
- Candidate Information
- Searchable by County, Office, Party, Status
- Historical Election Information

Candidate Ballot Order

- Ballot Review & Preparation
- Official Ballot Certification by County
Polling Locations (TEC 31.016)

The Secretary of State must post election day and early voting polling place locations for county and local elections including:

- polling place building name, if any

- Downloadable Report (.csv)
- By County or Statewide
- Includes:
  - Polling Place Name
  - Address
  - EV vs. ED
  - Dates
  - Times
  - Precincts
Early Voting Rosters (TEC 87.121)

- Information contained on Early Voting Rosters (both in-person and by-mail) must be posted on the county’s website.

- For each primary or general election for state and county officers, each county shall submit early voting rosters for posting on the SOS website.
  - Information must be posted no later than 11:00 a.m. the day after the information is placed on the roster, or the receipt of a mail ballot.
  - The list must include, at a minimum, the name, VUID, and precinct number for each voter.
  - Information is presented on the SOS Website in a downloadable format.

- If an early voting clerk fails to post their early voting rosters in accordance with Section 87.121, a person registered to vote in the county where the early voting clerk is conducting early voting may file a complaint with the Secretary of State regarding the early voting clerk’s noncompliance.

- The Secretary of State by rule shall create and maintain a system for receiving and recording these complaints.
Early Voting Turnout Data by County
• Downloadable Report (.csv)
• By County or Statewide
• Includes:
  • Name
  • VUID
  • Voting Method
  • Precinct

Ballot by Mail Tracker (TEC 86.015; 87.121)
• Requires the Secretary of State to provide an online tool on the Secretary of State’s website that enables a person who has submitted an application for a ballot by mail to track the location and status of the person’s application and ballot.

• For each carrier envelope containing a mail ballot, the ballot by mail tracker must assign or record a serially numbered and sequentially issued barcode or tracking number unique to each envelope.
Ballot By Mail Tracker

- Allows voter to track the status of an ABBM and/or a mail ballot.
- Online cure process for allowable defects.
- Authentication:
  - First Name, Last Name, Last 4 SSN, TDL, and Residential Address

Ballot By Mail Tracker

- Current Voter Registration Information
- Absentee Ballot Requests & Mail Ballots
- Updated Statuses
- Activity Dates
- Online Cure for Allowable Defects
Election Day Rosters (TEC 87.121)

- Information contained on Election Day Rosters must be posted on the county’s website.

- For each primary or general election for state and county officers, each county shall submit election day turnout and rosters for posting on the SOS website.
  - Information must be posted no later than 11:00 a.m. the day after Election Day.
  - The list must include, at a minimum, the name, VUID, and precinct number for each voter.
  - The posting must also include turnout for each county by polling location.
  - Information is presented on the SOS Website in a downloadable format.

Election Day Rosters

- Election Turnout Data by County
- Downloadable Report (.csv)
- By County or Statewide
- Includes:
  - Name
  - VUID
  - Voting Method
  - Precinct
  - Number of Voters by Polling Location