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To: AO Records
Attachments: FW: 2024 Primary Election Law Calendar.eml, FW: 2024 Primary Election Law Calendar.eml

EXTERNAL SENDER

Ms. Pintado,

Thank you for contacting Travis County Clerk Dyana Limon-Mercado.

Attached please find the two email chains that are responsive to your request.

Kind regards,

Loretta Farb
Public Information Specialist
Travis County Clerk

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From: AO Records <records@americanoversight.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 1:09 PM
To: Open.Records.TCClerk <Open.Records.TCClerk@traviscountytexas.gov>
Subject: [CAUTION EXTERNAL] Public Information Request: TX-TRAVIS-24-0250

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Dear Public Information Officer,

Please find attached a request for records under Texas public records laws.

Sincerely,

Mariuxi Pintado | (she/hers)

Senior Paralegal | American Oversight

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Public Information Request: TX-TRAVIS-24-0250

From: Victoria Hinojosa <Victoria.Hinojosa@traviscountytx.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2024 12:15 PM EDT
To: Loretta Farb <Loretta.Farb@traviscountytx.gov>
Subject: FW: 2024 Primary Election Law Calendar

From: Dyana Limon-Mercado <Dyana.Limon-mercado@traviscountytx.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 4:15 PM
To: Victoria Hinojosa <Victoria.Hinojosa@traviscountytx.gov>
Subject: Re: 2024 Primary Election Law Calendar

Yes pls!

Dyana Limon-Mercado
Travis County Clerk
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Pronouns: she/her
Sent on mobile

From: Victoria Hinojosa <Victoria.Hinojosa@traviscountytx.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 3:53:55 PM
To: Dyana Limon-Mercado <Dyana.Limon-mercado@traviscountytx.gov>
Subject: FW: 2024 Primary Election Law Calendar

Do you want all of these dates in your calendar? I have the EV, ED, voter registration and bbm dates in your calendar already.

From: Sarah Wood <Sarah.Wood@traviscountytx.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 3:52 PM
To: Victoria Hinojosa <Victoria.Hinojosa@traviscountytx.gov>
Cc: Bridgette Escobedo <Bridgette.Escobedo@traviscountytx.gov>
Subject: 2024 Primary Election Law Calendar

Hi Victoria,

Attached is the Election Law Calendar for you to share with Dyana. You should be able to just forward this email (with attachment).

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,



Sarah Wood

Assistant Director

Travis County Clerk Elections Division

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2024 Primary Election Law Calendar

Saturday, November 11, 2023 – Monday, May 1, 2028

Time zone: (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada)

(Adjusted for Daylight Saving Time)

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... To May 2028

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- ▲ [P24 - First day to file for all other candidates for offices that are regularly scheduled to be on the Primary ballot; first day for independent candidates to file declaration of intent. \(30th day before statutory regular filing deadline\)](#) Sat, Nov 11

- ▲ [P24 - Notice of County Chair Meeting Deadline \(72 hours before meeting date of county election officer and county chair\)](#) Fri, Nov 17

- ▲ [P24 - First day to file a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy \(30th day before write-in candidate filing deadline\)](#) Sat, Nov 18

- ▲ [P24 - Recommended County Chair Meeting & Other](#) Mon, Nov 20

- ▲ [P24 - Vacancy Extended Filing Deadline \(day after 10th day before date of regular filing deadline\)](#) Sat, Dec 2

- ▲ [P24 - Vacancy Deadline \(5th day before regular filing deadline\)](#) Wed, Dec 6

- ▲ [P24 - Recommended Commissioner Court Approval](#) Thu, Dec 7

- ▲ [P24 - County Chair Candidate Deadline \(last day before regular filing deadline\)](#) Sun, Dec 10

▲	P24 - County Chair Filing deadline for primary candidates; filing deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of intent. (2nd Monday in December)	Mon, Dec 11
▲	P24 - County Chair Withdraw Omission Date (1st day after the regular filing deadline)	Tue, Dec 12
▲	P24 - County Chair Candidate Deadline (7th day after regular filing deadline)	Mon, Dec 18
▲	P24 - County / State Deadline to post Candidate info on SOS (8th day after regular filing deadline)	Tue, Dec 19
▲	P24 - Candidate Posting Deadline (9th day after regular filing deadline)	Wed, Dec 20
▲	P24 - County Chair Drawing Order Deadline (10th day after regular filing deadline)	Thu, Dec 21
▲	P24 - SOS Anticipated Posting of Certified Candidates	Wed, Dec 27
2024		
▲	P24 - First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (64th day before election day; New Year's Day)	Mon, Jan 1
▲	P24 - Recommended County Chair Ballot Date & Other (62nd day before election day)	Wed, Jan 3
▲	P24 - Printer/Vendor Registration Deadline & Other (60th day before election day)	Fri, Jan 5
▲	P24 - L&A Notice Deadline & Other (50th day before election day) (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)	Mon, Jan 15
▲	P24 - Challenge filing Deadline (49th day before election day)	Tue, Jan 16
▲	P24 - Recommended L&A Date (48th day before election day)	Wed, Jan 17
▲	P24 - FPCA Mailout Deadline (45th day before primary election day)	Sat, Jan 20
▲	P24 - State / County Chair Expense Deadline (43rd day before primary election day)	Mon, Jan 22
▲	P24 - EV Clerk Recommended SVC Appointment (32nd day before primary election day and 12th day before first day signature verification committee may convene)	Fri, Feb 2
▲	P24 - Last Day to Register to Vote (29th day before primary election day)	Mon, Feb 5

▲	P24 - County Chair SVC Appointment Deadline (5th day after recommended date to order signature verification committee)	Wed, Feb 7
▲	P24 - EVC General Primary Notice Deadline & Other (21st day before primary election day)	Tue, Feb 13
▲	P24 - FPCA New Voter Full Ballot Deadline, Notice deadlines, & 1st SVC Meeting Date (20th day before primary election day; 5th day before the first day of early voting)	Wed, Feb 14
▲	P24 - FPCA Partial Ballot Period (19th - 11th day before primary election day)	Thu, Feb 15 to Fri, Feb 23
▲	P24 - Last day to conduct L&A (17th day before primary election; 48 hours before start of early voting in person)	Sat, Feb 17
▲	P24 - President's Day (15th day before primary election day)	Mon, Feb 19
▲	P24 - First Day of Early Voting, FPCA Deadline, & Writ Deadline (14th day before primary election day)	Tue, Feb 20
▲	P24 - Notice Deadline for Saturday EV (72 hours preceding first hour Saturday early voting will be conducted; 13th day before primary election day)	Wed, Feb 21
▲	P24 - Notice Deadline for Sunday EV, & Other (72 hours preceding first hour Sunday early voting will be conducted; 12th day before primary election day)	Thu, Feb 22
▲	P24 - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked) (11th day before primary election day)	Fri, Feb 23
▲	P24 - Extended Weekend EV & Other (10th day before primary election day)	Sat, Feb 24
▲	P24 - Extended Weekend EV & Other (9th day before primary election day)	Sun, Feb 25
▲	P24 - Extended Weekday EV& Other (8th day - 4th day before primary election day)	Mon, Feb 26 to Fri, Mar 1
	P24 - Extended Weekday EV& Other (8th day before primary election day)	Mon, Feb 26
▲	P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (7th day before primary election day)	Tue, Feb 27
▲	P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (4th business day before primary election day)	Wed, Feb 28

▲	P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (day before the last day of early voting in person)	Thu, Feb 29	
▲	P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Last day to vote early in person. (4th day before primary election day)	Fri, Mar 1	
▲	P24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Starts & Other (day after last day of early voting in person; 3rd day before primary election day) (Texas Independence Day)	Sat, Mar 2	
▲	P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (day before primary election day)	Mon, Mar 4	
▲	P24 - PRIMARY ELECTION DAY - Notes	Tue, Mar 5	
	P24 - PRIMARY ELECTION DAY - Polls Open	Tue, Mar 5	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
	P24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Ends		5:00 PM – 5:15 PM
	P24 - ABBM Receive Deadline		7:00 PM – 7:15 PM
	P24 - County election officer begins transmitting results to Secretary of State		7:00 PM – 7:15 PM
▲	P24 - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" & Other (1st business day after primary election day)	Wed, Mar 6	
▲	P24 - PMR Deadline Date (3rd day after primary election day)	Fri, Mar 8	
▲	P24 - ABBM Cure Deadline & FPCA Ballot Deadline (6th day after primary election day)	Mon, Mar 11	
▲	P24 - Precinct Conventions (7th day after primary election day; 2nd Tuesday in March)	Tue, Mar 12	
▲	P24 - Last day for EVBB & Other (2nd Thursday after primary election day, 9th day after Primary Election Day)	Thu, Mar 14	
▲	P24 - EVBB Notice of Reject Deadline, and Other (10th day after primary election day; 24 hours after local canvass)	Fri, Mar 15	
▲	P24 - County Conventions (1st Saturday after 2nd Tuesday in March)	Sat, Mar 16	
▲	P24 - State Canvass Deadline (2nd Sunday after the primary election day)	Sun, Mar 17	
▲	PR24 - Runoff Candidate Withdraw Deadline & Electronic Format Deadline (3rd day after state canvass of races with potential runoffs; 15th day after general primary election day)	Wed, Mar 20	

▲	PR24 - Recommended County Chair Ballot Date & Other (4th day after state canvass of races with potential runoffs; 68th day before runoff primary election day)	Thu, Mar 21
▲	PR24 - EVBB Provisional Notice Deadline (64th day before runoff primary election day, 11th day after local canvass)	Mon, Mar 25
▲	P24 - State Chair Canvass (22nd day after primary election day)	Wed, Mar 27
▲	PR24 - Printer/Vendor Registration Deadline & Other (60th day before runoff primary election) (Good Friday)	Fri, Mar 29
▲	P24 - County Chair SOS Deadline (20th day after local canvass of primary election)	Wed, Apr 3
▲	P24 - County Clerk SOS Deadline (30th day after primary election day)	Thu, Apr 4
▲	PR24 - L&A Notice Deadline & Other (50th day before runoff primary election day)	Mon, Apr 8
▲	PR24 - Recommended L&A Date (48th day before runoff primary election day)	Wed, Apr 10
▲	PR24 - FPCA Mailout Deadline (45th day before runoff primary election day; 2nd Saturday in April)	Sat, Apr 13
▲	PR24 - EVC Recommended SVC Appointment (32nd day before runoff primary election day and 12th day before first day signature verification committee may convene)	Fri, Apr 26
▲	PR24 - Last Day to Register to Vote (29th day before runoff primary election day)	Mon, Apr 29
▲	PR24 - County Chair SVC Appointment Deadline (5th day after recommended date to order signature verification committee)	Wed, May 1
▲	P24 - First Day Ballot Box Key Return (61st day after primary election day)	Sun, May 5
▲	PR24 - EVC General Primary Notice Deadline (21st day before runoff primary election day)	Tue, May 7
▲	PR24 - Earliest SVC Date & Other (20th day before runoff primary election day)	Wed, May 8
▲	PR24 - FPCA Partial Ballot Period (19th - 11th day before runoff primary election day)	Thu, May 9

▲	PR24 - FPCA Deadline & Writ Deadline (15th day before runoff primary election day)	Mon, May 13	
▲	PR24 - L&A Notice Deadline (13th day before runoff primary election day)	Wed, May 15	
▲	PR24 - Late ABBM Deadline (day before the last day to apply for a ballot by mail; 12th day before runoff primary election day)	Thu, May 16	
▲	PR24 - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked) & Other (11th day before runoff primary election; last business day 48 hours before start of early voting in person)	Fri, May 17	
▲	PR24 - Notice of Delivery (10th day before runoff primary election day)	Sat, May 18	
▲	PR24 - Extended EV Period (8th - 4th day before runoff primary election day)	Mon, May 20 to Fri, May 24	
	PR24 - First Day of Early Voting & Other (8th day before runoff primary election day) First day to vote early in person. (Sec. 85.001(b), (c)).	Mon, May 20	
▲	PR24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (4th business day before runoff primary election day)	Tue, May 21	
▲	PR24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (day before the last day of early voting in person; 5th day before runoff primary)	Thu, May 23	
▲	PR24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (4th day before runoff primary election day)	Fri, May 24	
▲	PR24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Begin & Other (day after last day of early voting in person; 3rd day before runoff primary election day)	Sat, May 25	
▲	PR24 - Last day to conduct L&A (2nd day before runoff primary election day)	Sun, May 26	
▲	PR24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Ends & Other (day before runoff primary election day) (Memorial Day)	Mon, May 27	
▲	PR24 - Party Chair Petition Deadline & Other (4th Tuesday in May). RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION DAY	Tue, May 28	
	PR24 - PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION DAY - Polls Open	Tue, May 28	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
	PR24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Ends		5:00 PM – 5:15 PM
	PR24 - ABBM Receive Deadline		7:00 PM – 7:15 PM

▲	PR24 - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" & Other (1st business day after runoff primary election day)	Wed, May 29
▲	PR24 - PMR Deadline Date (3rd day after primary election day)	Fri, May 31
▲	PR24 - ABBM Cure Deadline, FPCA Ballot Deadline & Other (6th day after primary election day)	Mon, Jun 3
▲	PR24 - Last day for EVBB & Other (9th day after runoff primary election day; 2nd Thursday after runoff primary election day)	Thu, Jun 6
▲	PR24 - EVBB Notice of Reject Deadline (10th day after runoff primary election day; 24 hours after local canvass)	Fri, Jun 7
▲	PR24 - Electronic Records Deadline & Other (15th day after runoff primary election day)	Wed, Jun 12
▲	PR24 - State Canvass Deadline (3rd Saturday after runoff primary election day)	Sat, Jun 15
▲	PR24 - EVBB Provisional Notice Deadline & Other (11th day after local canvass; 20th day after runoff primary election day)	Mon, Jun 17
▲	PR24 - PMR Deadline Date (21st day after election day)	Tue, Jun 18
▲	PR24 - County Chair SOS Deadline (20th day after local canvass)	Wed, Jun 26
▲	PR24 - County Clerk SOS Deadline & Other (30th day after runoff primary election day)	Thu, Jun 27
▲	PR24 - County Chair Bank Transfer (30th day after term of party office starts)	Wed, Jul 17
▲	PR24 - First Day Ballot Box Key Return (61st day after runoff primary election day)	Sun, Jul 28
▲	P24 - County Chair Expense Deadline	Wed, Sep 4

2025

▲	P24 - Surveillance Hold Ends (1st day after end of calendar year 2024)	Wed, Jan 1
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▲	P24 - January 2026 (Twenty-two (22) months after 2024 primary election day)	Thu, Jan 1
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- ▲ [PR24 - March 2026 \(Twenty-two \(22\) months after 2024 runoff primary election day; two years after 2024 primary election day\)](#) Sun, Mar 1

2027

No Events

2028

- ▲ [P24 - March 2028 \(Four years after 2024 election day\)](#) Wed, Mar 1
- ▲ [PR24 - May 2028 \(Four years after 2024 runoff primary election day\)](#) Mon, May 1

Details

Saturday, November 11, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - First day to file for all other candidates for offices that are regularly scheduled to be on the Primary ballot; first day for independent candidates to file declaration of intent. (30th day before statutory regular filing deadline)
Saturday, November 11, 2023 (30th day before statutory regular filing deadline)
First day to file an application for a place on the primary ballot (PDF) for an office other than precinct chair. (Sec. 172.023(b)).

NOTE - Candidates must provide an indication on their candidate application that the candidate has either not been finally convicted of a felony, or if so convicted, has been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities. A person who has been convicted of a felony will need to include with the application proof that the person has been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities. The application form must include a statement informing candidates of the requirement to submit this information. Further, the official application form will need to include a statement informing candidates that knowingly providing false information on their application related to their final felony conviction status is a Class B misdemeanor. (Secs. 141.031, 141.039).

NOTE - Sections 143.004 and 144.003 of the Code provide that candidate applications, other than those that must be accompanied by a filing fee, may be filed via email. The application must be a scanned copy of the candidate application and must be sent to the filing authority's designated email address for accepting applications. (Secs. 143.004, 144.003).

NEW LAW: Pursuant to HB 2384 (2023, R.S.), effective September 1, 2023, candidates for certain judicial offices have a different candidate application. For more information, please see our 2024 Candidate's Guide.

First day to file a Declaration of Intent to Run as an Independent Candidate (PDF) with appropriate filing authority. (Sec. 142.002).

Friday, November 17, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Notice of County Chair Meeting Deadline (72 hours before meeting date of county election officer and county chair)
Deadline to provide notice of meeting under Section 31.124, if the meeting is to be held on Monday, November 20, 2023, as recommended. The county election officer must deliver written notice of time and place of meeting between county election officer and county chair on or before this date. See entry under Monday, November 20, 2023. Notice may be delivered by U.S. mail, electronic mail, or other method of written communication. (Sec. 31.124).

Saturday, November 18, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - First day to file a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (30th day before write-in candidate filing deadline)
First day to file a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy for the Office of County and/or Precinct Chair as a write-in candidate for the office of precinct chair or county chair, if the county executive committee has decided to authorize write-in candidates. (Secs. 171.0231, 146.025).
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Monday, November 20, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Recommended County Chair Meeting & Other
Recommended day by which the county election officer in each county should hold the mandatory meeting with the county chair of each political party to discuss for the primary election whether a joint primary election will be held and the plan for implementation of Subchapters A, B, C, and D of Chapter 87 concerning the establishment of the early voting ballot board, the delivery of materials to the early voting ballot board, the acceptance of mail ballots, and the manual counting of early voting ballots. (Sec. 31.124).

NOTE - Section 31.124 of the Code requires that the mandatory meeting between the county election officer and the county chair include a discussion of whether to hold a joint primary election in the county.

Recommended date by which county chairs who wish to conduct a joint primary should meet with the county election officer to determine whether to enter into a joint resolution to conduct the primary, and if the determination is in the affirmative, to discuss potential consolidation of election precincts, to determine the estimated number of election judges and clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, and central counting station personnel to be appointed from the parties, and to decide which voting system and ballot formats are to be used. (Sec. 172.126).

Recommended date by which county chairs should meet with the county election officer to discuss whether a contract for election services should be entered into, even if a joint primary will not be conducted. The terms of such a contract, potential consolidation of election precincts, the estimated number of election judges and clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, and central counting station personnel that will be needed and how they will be obtained, and which voting system and ballot formats will be used should be discussed. (Secs. 31.092, 31.094, 172.1113).

Recommended date by which county chairs should submit names of persons eligible to serve as deputy early voting clerks for the primary election. (Sec. 85.0091). The early voting clerk will select elections officers for the main and branch early voting polling places from lists provided by the county chair. However, the early voting clerk will set the actual deadline for the submission of those lists. This recommended deadline serves to provide adequate time for chairs to compile lists and the election officials to be notified.

Saturday, December 2, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Vacancy Extended Filing Deadline (day after 10th day before date of regular filing deadline)
If a vacancy for an unexpired term in an office of the state or county government occurs after the 10th day before the date of the regular filing deadline, but on or before the 5th day before the date of the regular filing deadline (on or after December 2 and on or before December 6), an application for the unexpired term is subject to an extended filing deadline. See entry at Monday, December 18, 2023. (Sec. 202.004(a), (c)).
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Wednesday, December 6, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Vacancy Deadline (5th day before regular filing deadline)
Last day a vacancy for an unexpired term in an office of the state or county government may occur and appear on the primary ballot. (Sec. 202.004(a)). An application for such a vacancy is subject to an extended filing deadline. See entry at Monday, December 18, 2023. (Sec. 202.004(a), (c)).
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Thursday, December 7, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Recommended Commissioner Court Approval

Recommended time frame in which the commissioners court should approve resolution to have a joint primary. See entry under Monday, November 20, 2023. (Sec. 172.126(a)).

Sunday, December 10, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - County Chair Candidate Deadline (last day before regular filing deadline)
Deadline for the county chair (or secretary of the county executive committee) to post on the political party's Internet website or in the location where a candidate files for a place on the ballot a notice (PDF) containing the address at which the county chair and secretary of the county executive committee will be available to receive applications on the last day for filing an application. This deadline is not extended under Section 1.006. (Sec. 172.022(b)).
- NOTE: If the party secretary is accepting applications at a second location in addition to the county chair, the notice must include both locations.

Monday, December 11, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - County Chair Filing deadline for primary candidates; filing deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of intent. (2nd Monday in December)
6:00 PM - Deadline for applications for a place on the general primary election ballot to be received by the state or county chair, as applicable to the office. (Secs. 172.022(a), 172.023(a)).
Postmark by this deadline without actual receipt by the state or county chair is not sufficient. (Sec. 172.021(c)).
- NOTE - Sections 141.031 and 141.039 of the Code require that candidates provide an indication on their candidate application that the candidate has either not been finally convicted of a felony, or if so convicted, has been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities. A person who has been convicted of a felony will need to include with the application proof that the person has been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities. The application form must include a statement informing candidates of the requirement to submit this information. Further, the official application form will need to include a statement informing candidates that knowingly providing false information on their application related to their final felony conviction status is a Class B misdemeanor. (Secs. 141.031, 141.039).
- NOTE - Sections 143.004 and 144.003 of the Code provide that candidate applications, other than those that must be accompanied by a filing fee, may be filed via email. The application must be a scanned copy of the candidate application and must be sent to the filing authority's designated email address for accepting applications. (Secs. 143.004, 144.003).
- NOTE: This deadline is also applicable to applications for a place on the primary election ballot to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in an office of the state or county government that occurred on or before the 10th day before the date of the regular filing deadline (December 1, 2023). (Sec. 202.004(b)).
- 6:00 PM - Deadline for convention party candidates to file applications to be nominated by convention. (Sec. 181.033(a)).
- 6:00 PM - Deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of independent candidacy with appropriate filing authority. (Sec. 142.002).
- Deadline for each party chair to deliver lists of names of election judges and clerks, early voting ballot board members, and central counting station personnel (if applicable) to the county election officer if joint primary election is going to be conducted. (Sec. 172.126(c); 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.148).

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - County Chair Withdraw Omission Date (1st day after the regular filing deadline)
If a candidate withdraws, dies, or is declared ineligible by this date, their name is omitted from the primary ballot. (Secs. 172.057, 172.058(a)).

Monday, December 18, 2023

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - County Chair Candidate Deadline (7th day after regular filing deadline)

6:00 PM - Deadline for the state or county chair, as applicable, to receive applications for a place on the general primary election ballot for an unexpired term for a vacancy in an office of the state or county government that occurs after the 10th day (December 1, 2023) before the date of the regular filing deadline, but on or before the 5th day (December 6, 2023) before the date of the regular filing deadline. (Secs. 1.006, 202.004(a), (c)). (The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, December 18, 2023 due to the 5th day after the regular candidate filing deadline falling on Saturday, December 16, 2023. (Sec. 1.006).)

6:00 PM - Extended deadline for the state or county chair to receive an application for a place on the general primary election ballot for an office if a candidate who has made an application that complies with the applicable requirements (Sec. 172.054(b)):

- dies on or after the fifth day before the date of the regular filing deadline (December 6, 2023) and on or before the first day after the date of the regular filing deadline (December 12, 2023);
- holds the office for which the application was made and withdraws or is declared ineligible on the date of the regular filing deadline (December 11, 2023) or on the first day after the date of the regular filing deadline (December 12, 2023);
- or withdraws or is declared ineligible on the date of the regular filing deadline (December 11, 2023) or on the first day after the date of the regular filing deadline (December 12, 2023), and at the time of the withdrawal or declaration of ineligibility no other candidate has made an application that complies with the applicable requirements for the office sought by the withdrawn or ineligible candidate.

(The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, December 18, 2023 due to the 5th day after the regular candidate filing deadline falling on Saturday, December 16, 2023. (Sec. 1.006).)

NOTE: An application filed by mail with the state chair in a situation where the deadline is extended due to death, withdrawal, or ineligibility of a candidate under the circumstances outlined above is not timely if received later than 5:00 PM on the extended deadline. (Sec. 172.054(b)).

6:00 PM - Deadline to file a declaration of write-in candidacy for county chair or precinct chair if authorized by the county executive committee. (Secs. 171.0231, 1.006).

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - County / State Deadline to post Candidate info on SOS (8th day after regular filing deadline)

Deadline for county and state chairs to electronically submit candidate information and status for posting on the Secretary of State's website. (Sec. 172.029(c)).

Recommended deadline for each state chair to certify to Secretary of State for placement on the general primary election ballot the name of each candidate who files with the chair an application that complies with Section 172.021(b). (Sec. 172.028(a)).

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - Candidate Posting Deadline (9th day after regular filing deadline)

Deadline for state chair to notify county chair in each county in which the candidate's name is to appear on the ballot that the certification of candidates has been posted by the Secretary of State. (Sec. 172.028(b)).

Date by which Secretary of State anticipates posting on Secretary of State's Internet website that is viewable by the public the certified list of candidates who filed, provided by each chair. (Sec. 172.028(a)).

Deadline for chair to post notice on the party's website 24 hours preceding the date, hour, and place of ballot drawing if ballot drawing is conducted on December 21, 2023. If the party does not maintain an Internet website, the party must post notice on the commissioners court bulletin board. All candidates who provide an email address on their filing form must be notified electronically of drawing. (Sec. 172.082(e)).

Deadline for state executive committee to set date, hour, and place for convening state convention. (Sec. 174.092(b)). (See Note 13.)

Thursday, December 21, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - County Chair Drawing Order Deadline (10th day after regular filing deadline)
Deadline for county chair or county chair's designee to conduct drawing for candidate order on ballot (unless committee provides by resolution that the county executive committee is to conduct drawing). (Sec. 172.082(c)).

NOTE: Section 172.082(b) allows the county chair to designate another individual to conduct the ballot drawing. To be eligible to act as the county chair's designee, the individual must be a member of the county executive committee. If no member of the county executive committee is available, then a resident of the county who is affiliated with the same political party may serve as the county chair's designee.

Recommended deadline for the state chair to certify to the Secretary of State the list of candidates who filed an application that complies with Section 172.021(b) of the Code after December 11, 2023 and on or before December 18, 2023. (Secs. 172.028(a), 172.029).

NOTE - The purpose of this recommendation is to ensure that candidates whose applications are filed in accordance with the extended deadlines under Sections 172.054(b) and 202.004(a) of the Code are added to the list of certified candidates previously submitted by the state chair to the Secretary of State. See entries at December 18, 2023 and December 27, 2023.

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - SOS Anticipated Posting of Certified Candidates
Date by which Secretary of State anticipates posting on Secretary of State's Internet website that is viewable by the public additions to the certified list of candidates provided by state chair that are the result of the additional candidates who filed on or before December 18, 2023 in accordance with the extended deadlines. (Secs. 172.028(a), 172.029).

Recommended date for state chair to notify county chair in each county in which the candidate's name is to appear on the ballot that the certification of additional candidates who filed by the extended deadline on or before December 18, 2023 has been posted by the Secretary of State. (Secs. 172.028(b), 172.056). See entries at December 18, 2023 and December 21, 2023.

Monday, January 1, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (64th day before election day; New Year's Day)
First day for voters to submit a regular application for ballot by mail for an election in 2024. The application is considered submitted at the time of receipt. (Secs. 84.001(e), 84.007).

First day for voters to submit an annual application for ballot by mail for all elections in calendar year 2024. The voter must be 65 years of age or older on election day or disabled in order to submit an annual application. The application is considered submitted at the time of receipt. (Secs. 84.001(e), 84.007, 86.0015).

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Recommended County Chair Ballot Date & Other (62nd day before election day)
Recommended date for county chair to submit the ballot format to primary committee for its approval, if primary committee has been established. (Sec. 172.083).
- Recommended date for primary committee to approve ballot format, if primary committee has been established. (Sec. 172.083).
- Recommended date for county chair to order ballots. (Sec. 51.003).
- Recommended last day to order election supplies (other than ballots). (Sec. 51.003).
- Recommended date to order the lists of registered voters from the county voter registrar. (Sec. 18.006).
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Friday, January 5, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Printer/Vendor Registration Deadline & Other (60th day before election day)
Deadline for printers/vendors to register with the Secretary of State to print primary ballots. (Sec. 51.013).
- Recommended last day for the county chair of each political party to appoint presiding and alternate judges for each precinct in which the primary election will be held in the county, presiding judge and alternate presiding judge for the early voting ballot board, presiding judge of the central counting station, and personnel for the central counting station. (Secs. 32.006, 32.008, 87.002, 127.002-127.005). Written notice of the appointments must be given to the judges. (Sec. 32.009).
- NOTE - Section 87.002 of the Code requires the early voting ballot board to have an alternate judge. The alternate judge is appointed in the same manner as the presiding judge.
- Recommended last day for the county election officer to appoint presiding and alternate judges from the lists provided by each county chair and to appoint the election clerks in a joint primary election. (Sec. 172.126(c)). Written notice of the appointments must be given to the judges. (Sec. 32.009).
- NOTE - General eligibility requirements for election judges and clerks are found in Subchapter C, Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code. General eligibility requirements for central counting station personnel are found in Sections 127.002-127.006 of the Texas Election Code. The presiding judge appoints the clerks, but not more than the maximum set by the political party, consistent with Secretary of State's primary finance rules; however, the alternate judge must serve as one of the clerks. (Secs. 32.031, 32.032, 32.033; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.117).
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Monday, January 15, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - L&A Notice Deadline & Other (50th day before election day) (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
Last day to publish notice for testing of automatic tabulation equipment testing and logic and accuracy testing (L&A testing) of a voting system if test will be completed by recommended deadline of Wednesday, January 17, 2024. Notice (PDF) of the public tests must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096, 129.022, 129.023).
- Recommended deadline for county chair of party holding a primary election to procure from voter registrar a set of precinct lists of registered voters (also supplemental lists and correction lists, if necessary) to deliver to county election officer for use in conducting early voting by mail and in person in the party's general primary. (Secs. 18.001(d), 18.002-18.004).
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Tuesday, January 16, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - Challenge filing Deadline (49th day before election day)
Deadline to challenge the filing of an application for a place on the ballot as to form, content, and procedure. (The deadline is extended to the next regular business day, due to the 50th day before primary election day falling on Monday, January 15, 2024 which is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a legal holiday. (Secs. 172.0223, 1.006).

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - Recommended L&A Date (48th day before election day)
Recommended date to conduct the first test of the automatic tabulating equipment and for logic and accuracy (L&A test) test on voting system. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096. 129.022, 129.023). The Secretary of State recommends you complete your first round of testing prior to mailing your mail ballots if those ballots will be counted using automatic tabulation equipment. If you conduct your first round of testing by this date, you must publish notice of the test 48 hours prior to testing. See Note 12 above and Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2019-23.

NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code provides that if logic and accuracy testing is being conducted for a primary election, the general custodian of election records shall notify the county chair of the test at least 48 hours before the date of the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice.

NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code requires the general custodian of election records to demonstrate, using a representative sample of voting system equipment, that the source code of the equipment has not been altered. See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-30.

Saturday, January 20, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - FPCA Mailout Deadline (45th day before primary election day)

Deadline to mail ballots to military or overseas voters who already submitted their ballot requests via a federal postcard application (FPCA) or via a standard application for ballot by mail (ABBM) and indicated that they are outside the United States. If the early voting clerk cannot meet this 45th-day deadline, the clerk must notify the Secretary of State within 24 hours. (Sec. 86.004(b)).

NOTE: The 45th-day deadline under Section 86.004(b) is not extended by Section 1.006 to the next business day. The ballots covered by Section 86.004(b) should be sent out on or before Saturday, January 20, 2024.

Reminder Regarding FPCAs and Overseas ABBMs: If the early voting clerk receives an FPCA (from a military or non-military voter) or an ABBM from an overseas voter after the 45th day deadline, then the ballot must be mailed within seven days after the early voting clerk receives the FPCA or ABBM. (Secs. 86.004(b), 101.104).

NOTE - Section 101.052 of the Code sets out that an FPCA may be submitted by in-person delivery by the voter in accordance with Section 84.008 of the Code or by common or contract carrier.

NOTE - Section 101.001 of the Code sets out that a member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA.

Reminder: In regards to mail ballots for other voters (not military voters using an FPCA or overseas voters using an FPCA or ABBM), the early voting clerk must mail a ballot not later than the 7th day after the later of: (1) the date the early voting clerk has accepted a voter's application for a ballot by mail or (2) the date the ballots become available for mailing. However, if the 7th day falls earlier than the 37th day before election day (Sunday, January 28), the voter's mail ballot must be mailed no later than the 30th day (Sunday, February 4) before election day. (Sec. 86.004(a)). This means that for every application that is accepted by the early voting clerk before the 37th day before election day, the balloting materials must be mailed by the 30th day before election day. Any application that comes in after the 37th day before election day will follow the 7-day timeline in Section 86.004.

NOTE: Information on the early voting roster for both early voting in person and early voting by mail must be made available for public inspection and on the county's website if the county clerk or elections administrator is serving as the early voting clerk. The early voting roster shall be posted by 11:00 AM on the day after the information is entered on the roster (for early voting in person) or by 11:00 AM on the day after the early voting clerk receives a ballot voted by mail. (Sec. 87.121).

NOTE - Section 87.121 of the Code provides that 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.

Monday, January 22, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - State / County Chair Expense Deadline (43rd day before primary election day)
Deadline for state chairs and county chairs to submit itemized estimate and request for state funds to cover general primary expenses. (Sec. 173.081(c)(2)). Notice of consolidation of county election precincts, if any, must accompany the itemized estimate. (Sec. 173.081(f)).
- NOTE: The state chair (or the state chair's designee) may submit this statement on behalf of the county chair if the county chair (1) requests the state chair to submit the statement on the county chair's behalf, or (2) fails to submit the statement by the deadline. (Sec. 173.081(g)).

Friday, February 2, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - EV Clerk Recommended SVC Appointment (32nd day before primary election day and 12th day before first day signature verification committee may convene)

Recommended date for early voting clerk to issue order calling for appointment of signature verification committee for the primary election, if the early voting clerk determines that a committee is to be appointed. (Sec. 87.027).

If the signature verification committee will start meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, recommended date early voting clerk should post copy of the order calling for appointment of the signature verification committee. (Saturday, February 3, and Sunday, February 4, 2024 are the 10th and 11th days before the first day the committee may meet.) The notice must remain posted continuously for at least 10 days before the first day the committee meets. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. (Sec. 87.027).

Monday, February 5, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Last Day to Register to Vote (29th day before primary election day)
Last day to register to vote or make a change of address effective for the Tuesday, March 5, 2024 primary election. (Secs. 13.143, 15.025).

NOTE - A Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) also serves as an application for permanent registration under Texas law unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form). The early voting clerk should make a copy (for mailing ballots, keeping records, etc.), then should forward the original to the county voter registrar, as soon as practicable. (Sec. 101.055; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40(a), (c)(2)).

Deadline for early voting clerk to mail a ballot by mail to a voter if the voter's Application for Ballot by Mail (ABBM) was accepted by the early voting clerk on or before Sunday, January 28, 2024. (Sec. 86.004(a)).

Note - In regards to mail ballots for other voters (not military voters using an FPCA or overseas voters using an FPCA or ABBM), the early voting clerk must mail a ballot not later than the 7th day after the later of: (1) the date the early voting clerk has accepted a voter's application for a ballot by mail or (2) the date the ballots become available for mailing. However, if the 7th day falls earlier than the 37th day before election day (Sunday, January 28), the voter's mail ballot must be mailed no later than the 30th day (Sunday, February 4) before election day. (Sec. 86.004(a)). This means that for every application that is accepted by the early voting clerk before the 37th day before election day, the balloting materials must be mailed by the 30th day before election day. Any application that comes in after the 37th day before election day will follow the 7-day timeline in Section 86.004.

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - County Chair SVC Appointment Deadline (5th day after recommended date to order signature verification committee)
If the early voting clerk issues order calling for appointment of signature verification committee, this is the deadline for the county chair to appoint the members to the committee. See entry under Friday, February 2, 2024. (Sec. 87.027).

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - EVC General Primary Notice Deadline & Other (21st day before primary election day)

Last day for county clerk to post notice (PDF) of the general primary election on the county's website. The notice must also be posted on the party's website if the party maintains a website. If the party does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. (Secs. 4.003, 172.1112).

NOTE - The recommended time to include the notice of accepting voters with certain disabilities on a county's website is when the notice of election is also posted on the website. (Secs. 63.0015, 85.007(d)). See Note 15 regarding notice (PDF) on accepting voters with certain disabilities.

Last day to post notice of election on bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of governing body. (Sec. 4.003(b)). A Record of Posting Notice of Election (PDF) should be completed at the time of posting. (Sec. 4.005). See Note on Notice of Elections.

NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires the county to post the notice of election and notice of consolidated precincts on the county's website if the county maintains a website.

NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires that the county election officer, rather than the county chair, post the notice of election for the primary election.

NOTE - Section 4.009 of the Code requires a county to post certain information on its website for elections held by a county or elections for any local political subdivision in which the county has contracted to provide election services. While these statutory web posting requirements do not specifically apply to primary elections, we strongly recommend that you post this information for any primary election in which the county has contracted to provide election services. Accordingly, the following information should be posted on the county's website not later than the 21st day before election day:

- 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. (Sec. 4.009).

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - FPCA New Voter Full Ballot Deadline, Notice deadlines, & 1st SVC Meeting Date (20th day before primary election day; 5th day before the first day of early voting)

Deadline for a person who is not permanently registered to vote to submit a postmarked FPCA, in order to receive a full ballot by mail for the March 5, 2024 primary election. A person who is not permanently registered to vote and submits a postmarked FPCA after this date (20th day) and before the deadline to submit an application for ballot by mail, is not entitled to receive a ballot for any non-federal election. See Tuesday, February 20, 2024 entry for timeliness of an FPCA received without a postmark. (Secs. 101.052(e), 101.052(i)(2)).

NOTE - Section 101.052 of the Code provides that an FPCA may be submitted by in-person delivery by the voter in accordance with Section 84.008 of the Code or by common or contract carrier.

NOTE - Section 101.001 of the Code provides that a member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA.

NOTE - Be sure to check the list of registered voters for permanent registration status. Also, state law authorizes an FPCA to also serve as an application for permanent registration; therefore, the person might be permanently registered based on a prior FPCA. Even if the FPCA arrives too late for a particular election, the early voting clerk will still need to forward the original FPCA to the county voter registrar, after making a copy for your early voting clerk's use (mailing ballots, etc.) and records unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form) in which case, it will not serve as a permanent registration. (Sec. 101.055; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40).

NOTE - Overseas (non-military) voters marking the FPCA "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form (PDF)) receive a federal ballot only regardless of the date filed. (Chapter 114). In a local (non-federal) election, this means there is no ballot to send the voter.

Last day to publish notice of L&A test if test will be held on Friday, February 16, 2024, if testing was not already completed by January 17, 2024. Notice of the public L&A Test must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair is required to confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 129.001, 129.023). See Note 12, above.

First day that the signature verification committee, if one is appointed, may begin operating. (Sec. 87.027).

NOTE - For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17.

Last day to post branch early voting schedule, which should be posted continuously from the fifth day before the start of the early voting period until the last day of the early voting period. The schedule must include the location of each permanent and temporary branch early voting location, and the dates and hours that voting will be conducted at temporary branch locations. The schedule may also include the dates and hours of any weekend or extended early voting that will be conducted at permanent or temporary branch locations. (Sec. 85.067).

NOTE: This schedule may be amended after posting to include additional temporary branch locations or additional dates and hours at those locations. If any locations, dates, or hours are added, then the amended schedule must be posted at least five days before the start of voting at those additional locations or at least five days before the additional or extended hours at existing locations. (Sec. 85.067).

Thursday, February 15, 2024

- ▲ **Time** 2/15/2024 12:00 AM – 2/24/2024 12:00 AM
- Subject** P24 - FPCA Partial Ballot Period (19th - 11th day before primary election day)

A person submitting an FPCA (PDF) during this period who is not registered to vote is not entitled to receive a full ballot for the March 5, 2024 primary election. This means that a person submitting an FPCA during this period is entitled to receive a federal ballot only (no state, district, or county offices), if not already a permanent registered voter. (Secs. 101.052(f), 114.002, 114.004). See entry below under Tuesday, February 20, 2024 (FPCA without a postmark). (Secs. 101.052(f), 114.004(c)).

The early voting clerk is required to maintain a copy of this application since it may be used for other elections and forward the original to the voter registrar. (Secs. 84.007, 101.052(e), (f)).

NOTE - Be sure to check the list of registered voters for permanent registration status. Also, state law authorizes an FPCA to also serve as an application for permanent registration; therefore, the person might be permanently registered based on a prior FPCA. Even if the FPCA arrives too late for a particular election, the early voting clerk will still need to forward the original FPCA to the county voter registrar, after making a copy for your early voting clerk's use (mailing ballots, etc.) and records unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form) in which case, it will not serve as a permanent registration. (Sec. 101.055, 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40).

NOTE - Overseas (non-military) voters marking the FPCA "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form) receive a federal ballot only regardless of the date filed. (Chapter 114).

Saturday, February 17, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Last day to conduct L&A (17th day before primary election; 48 hours before start of early voting in person)
Last day to conduct public L&A test of a voting system. We highly recommend that this test is done on an earlier date to allow time for corrections to programming, if necessary. (See Note 12, above). Per Section 129.023, the L&A test shall be conducted not later than 48 hours before voting begins on such voting systems, assuming that the voting system will first be used for early voting in person.

NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code requires the general custodian of election records to demonstrate, using a representative sample of voting system equipment, that the source code of the equipment has not been altered. (Sec. 129.023(c-1)). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-30.

Monday, February 19, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - President's Day (15th day before primary election day)
Because Monday, February 19, 2024 is Presidents' Day, which is a legal holiday, early voting will not be conducted on this date. (Secs. 85.001(c), 85.005).

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - First Day of Early Voting, FPCA Deadline, & Writ Deadline (14th day before primary election day)
First day to vote early in person. (Sec. 85.001(a), (c)).

NOTE - The early voting period for the general primary election begins 17 days prior to election day, but because the first day of the early voting period falls on a legal state holiday (Monday, February 19, 2024), it is extended to the next regular business day, Tuesday, February 20, 2024. (Sec. 85.001(c)).

NOTE - Section 85.005 of the Code provides that early voting in person must be conducted at the main early voting location on each weekday of the early voting period that is not a legal state holiday and for a period of at least nine (9) hours, except that voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM.

NOTE - Voting by limited ballot must be done during the early voting period at the main early voting polling place (or by mail). (Sec. 112.002(a)).

In a primary election, a certain number of temporary branch locations must be established depending on the population size of the county:

- in a county with a population of 400,000 or more, the commissioners court must establish one or more temporary polling places, other than the main early voting polling place, in each state representative district containing territory covered by the election;

- in a county with a population of 120,000 or more but less than 400,000, the commissioners court must establish one or more temporary polling places, other than the main early voting polling place, in each commissioners precinct containing territory covered by the election;

- in a county with a population of 100,000 or more but less than 120,000, the early voting clerk must establish one or more early voting polling places in each commissioners precinct for which the early voting clerk receives a timely filed written request by at least 15 registered voters of that precinct. (Sec. 85.062(d)).

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 1217 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 85.064 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to establish uniform early voting requirements for all counties regardless of population size. Any established temporary branch location must remain open for at least 8 hours on each of the days that voting is required to be conducted at the main early voting location. See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2023-10.

NOTE - Section 85.062 of the Code provides that the location of temporary branch polling places in an election in which countywide polling places are used must be determined with the same methodology that is used for the location of countywide polling places.

NOTE - Section 61.002 of the Code provides that immediately before the opening of the polls on the first day of early voting and on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall confirm that the public counters on each voting machine are set to zero and shall print the tape that shows that there are zero votes for each candidate or measure on the ballot. Each election judge and alternate judge shall sign the printed tapes.

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 1217 (2023, R.S.) amended Sections 85.005 and 85.006 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to modify the required weekend days and hours for early voting by personal appearance at the main early voting polling place for counties. House Bill 1217 removed the population threshold that required only counties above a certain population to provide extended weekend early voting hours for the primary election and the general election for state and county officers. House Bill 1217 also repealed the provision that required counties below a certain population threshold to provide extended weekend early voting in these elections if the early voting clerk received a written request submitted by at least 15 registered voters of the county. As a result, the same extended weekend early voting hours now apply to ALL counties regardless of their population for the primary election and the general election for state and county officers. Therefore, the county voter registrar's office is required to remain open for providing voter registration information during the extended hours or weekend hours that the main early voting polling place is open for voting. (Secs. 12.004(d), 85.005(c), 85.006(e)). See Note 7 above.

NOTE - The notice of precinct conventions must be posted continuously during the early voting period. Prior to opening the polls, the presiding judge of each precinct must post at each entrance to the building a notice of the time and place for convening the precinct, county, senatorial, and state conventions. This notice must remain posted continuously during the early voting period and on election day. (Sec. 172.1111).

Deadline to receive an FPCA without a postmark. If an FPCA is received by this date without a postmark to prove mailing date, the early voting clerk will accept the FPCA and mail the applicant a full ballot even if the applicant is not a permanently registered voter but meets the requirements under Title 2 of the Election Code (unless the voter marks the FPCA form "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form), in which case the voter receives a federal-only ballot). (Secs. 101.052(i)(1), 1.006).

Last day to notify election judges of duty to hold election Writ of Election (PDF). Notice must be given by the 15th day before the election or the 7th day after the day the election is ordered, whichever is later. The Writ of Election must be given to each presiding judge and include:

The judge's duty to hold the election; The type and date of election; The polling place location at which the judge will serve; The polling place hours; and The maximum number of clerks the judge may appoint. (Sec. 4.007).

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Notice Deadline for Saturday EV (72 hours preceding first hour Saturday early voting will be conducted; 13th day before primary election day)
Deadline to post notice (PDF) of Saturday early voting on county website. The notice must be posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the first hour that early voting on Saturday, February 24, 2024 will be conducted. (Sec. 85.007(b), (c)).
- In counties with a population of 100,000 or more, deadline to post notice of Saturday early voting at any required temporary branch locations (created under Section 85.062(d) of the Texas Election Code). The notice must be posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the first hour that early voting on Saturday, February 24, 2024 will be conducted. (Secs. 85.006(e), 85.007(c), 85.062(d), 85.064(d), 85.068).

Thursday, February 22, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Notice Deadline for Sunday EV, & Other (72 hours preceding first hour Sunday early voting will be conducted; 12th day before primary election day)
Deadline to post notice (PDF) of Sunday early voting on county website. The notice must be posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the first hour that early voting on Sunday, February 25, 2024 will be conducted. (Sec. 85.007(b), (c)).
- In counties with a population of 100,000 or more, deadline to post notice of Sunday early voting at any required temporary branch locations (created under Section 85.062(d) of the Texas Election Code). The notice must be posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the first hour that early voting on Sunday, February 25, 2024 will be conducted. (Secs. 85.006(e), 85.007(c), 85.062(d), 85.064(d), 85.068).
- NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 1217 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 85.006(e) of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to require the early voting clerk to order early voting in accordance with Section 85.006(e) of the Code (extended weekend early voting) at each temporary branch location established under Section 85.062(d). Therefore, in a primary election, the general election for state and county officers, or a special election to fill a vacancy in the legislature or Congress, early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on the last Saturday and at least 6 consecutive hours on the last Sunday of the early voting period at the mandatory
- temporary branch polling places established under Section 85.062(d) of the Code. (Secs. 85.006, 85.062, 85.064). Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM on the last Saturday of the early voting period. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 9:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM on the last Sunday of the early voting period. (Sec. 85.006). See Note 7.
- First day a voter who becomes sick or disabled on or after this date may submit an application for a late ballot if the sickness or physical condition prevents the voter from appearing at the polling place without the likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring his or her health. (Sec. 102.001). See Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Sickness or Physical Disability (PDF). Applications may continue to be submitted until 5:00 PM on Election Day. (Sec. 102.003).
- NOTE - For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17.

Friday, February 23, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked) (11th day before primary election day)

Last day for early voting clerk to receive applications for a ballot to be voted by mail. (Sec. 84.007(c)). All applications to vote by mail must be received by the early voting clerk before the close of regular business or 12 noon, whichever is later. Applications to vote by mail must be submitted by mail, common or contract carrier, fax (if a fax machine is available in the office of the early voting clerk), or by electronic submission of a scanned application with an original signature. The early voting clerk's designated email address must be posted on the Secretary of State's website. (Sec. 84.007(e)).

Last day to receive an FPCA (PDF) from a registered voter. If the voter is not registered in the county (and/or marked intent to return "uncertain"), the voter is still eligible for a ballot containing federal offices only. In a local (non-federal) election, this means there is no ballot to send the voter. (Secs. 101.052(b), (f), 114.004(c)).

If an ABBM is faxed or emailed or if an FPCA is faxed, then the applicant must submit the ORIGINAL application BY MAIL to the early voting clerk so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than the 4th business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA. If the early voting clerk does not receive the original ABBM or FPCA by that deadline, then the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA will be considered incomplete, and the early voting clerk may NOT send the applicant a ballot. The requirement to mail the original application does not apply to an emailed FPCA.

NOTE - A member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA. (Sec. 101.001).

An applicant for a ballot to be voted by mail (ABBM or FPCA) may submit the application by delivering it in person to the early voting clerk if the application is submitted not later than the close of regular business in the clerk's office on Friday, February 23, 2024. (Sec. 84.008).

NOTE - An FPCA may be submitted by in-person delivery by the voter in accordance with Section 84.008 of the Code or by common or contract carrier. Further, an application is considered submitted in the following calendar year if: 1) the applicant is eligible to vote in an election occurring in January or February of the next calendar year; and 2) the application is submitted in the last 60 days of a calendar year but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election. (Sec. 101.052).

NOTE - Section 84.008 of the Code provides that an applicant for a ballot to be voted by mail may submit the application by delivering it in person to the early voting clerk if the application is submitted not later than the deadline provided by Section 84.007(c) of the Code. This means that voters may personally deliver their ABBM or FPCA to the early voting clerk not later than the close of regular business in the early voting clerk's office or 12 noon, whichever is later, on the 11th day before election day (unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, in which case the last day is the first preceding regular business day).

NOTE - NEW LAW: SB 1599 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 86.008 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to require that if the early voting clerk determines that it would not be possible for the applicant to correct certain defects in a mail ballot application and return an application form by mail before the deadline, the clerk may notify the applicant by telephone or e-mail of the defect, and inform the applicant that the applicant may come to the early voting clerk's office before the deadline and correct the defect in person. The clerk shall notify the applicant of a defect discovered and provide the information required to permit the applicant to correct the defect using the Secretary of State's online Ballot by Mail Tracker, if possible. See Note 17.

Saturday, February 24, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Extended Weekend EV & Other (10th day before primary election day)

Extended weekend early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on the last Saturday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. In counties with a population of 100,000 or more, early voting must be conducted for at least 12 hours on the last Saturday of the early voting period at any required temporary branch locations (created under Section 85.062(d) of the Texas Election Code). (Secs. 85.006(e), 85.062(d), 85.064(d)). See Note 7 and Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2023-10.

NOTE: The Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials serves as notice of the convening of the early voting ballot board. This notice should be posted every time the early voting ballot board reconvenes.

Sunday, February 25, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Extended Weekend EV & Other (9th day before primary election day)
Extended weekend early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 6 consecutive hours on the last Sunday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. In counties with a population of 100,000 or more, early voting must be conducted for at least 6 hours on the last Sunday of the early voting period at any required temporary branch locations (created under Section 85.062(d) of the Texas Election Code). (Secs. 85.006(e), 85.062(d), 85.064(d)).

NOTE: There is no petition process to require a county with a population less than 100,000 to conduct weekend early voting at temporary branch locations. However, the early voting clerk may voluntarily order weekend early voting at temporary branch locations by written order if they choose to do so.

NOTE: The Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials serves as notice of the convening of the early voting ballot board. This notice should be posted every time the early voting ballot board reconvenes.

Monday, February 26, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Extended Weekday EV& Other (8th day before primary election day)

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).

NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more, the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

NOTE - NEW LAW: SB 1599 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 87.0222 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that not later than the ninth day before election day, the jacket envelopes containing early voting ballots voted by mail MUST be delivered to the early voting ballot board. This requirement applies regardless of the county's population size. Any jacket envelopes of early voting ballots voted by mail returned after delivery of the ballots to the early voting ballot board may be delivered to the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board between the end of the ninth day before election day and the closing of the polls on election day, or as soon after closing as practicable, at the time or times specified by the presiding judge. The early voting clerk shall post notice of each delivery of balloting materials that is to be made before the time for opening the polls on election day. The notice must be posted at the main early voting polling place continuously for at least 24 hours immediately preceding the delivery.

Because the ninth day falls on Sunday, February 25, 2024, the deadline is extended to Monday, February 26, 2024. (Sec. 1.006).

NOTE - The early voting ballot board can meet as soon as the county has received voted ballots by mail from voters and those materials are delivered to the ballot board. The ballot board does not have to wait until this ninth-day deadline to meet.

▲ **Time** 2/26/2024 12:00 AM – 3/2/2024 12:00 AM
Subject P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (8th day - 4th day before primary election day)
Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (7th day before primary election day)

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).

If county election precincts are consolidated, the county election officer must post at the polling place used in the preceding general election for state and county officers a notice of consolidation and location of the polling place in the consolidated precinct. For purposes of conducting a primary election, the "preceding general election" is the preceding primary election. (Secs. 4.003(b), 172.1112).

NOTE: Section 172.1112 provides that the county election officer is required to post the notice of consolidation, if polling places are consolidated. The notice of consolidation should be posted on the county's website.

NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires the county to post the notice of election and notice of consolidated precincts on the county's website if the county maintains a website.

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (4th business day before primary election day)
- Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).
- Last day for Secretary of State to receive a Request for Election Inspectors (PDF) for the general primary election. The request must be a written request by 15 or more registered voters of the county for which the inspector is requested. (Sec. 34.001).

Thursday, February 29, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (day before the last day of early voting in person)
- Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).
- Deadline to receive a voter's original ABBM by mail or common or contract carrier if the voter submitted a copy of their application by fax or email.
- A voter is eligible to vote a late ballot if they will be out of the county of residence on election day due to a death in the immediate family (related within 2nd degree of consanguinity or affinity) that occurs on or after this day. The voter may submit the Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Death in the Family (PDF) starting Saturday, March 2, 2024 (the day after early voting in person ends). (Secs. 103.001, 103.003(b)). An application may be submitted after the last day of the period for early voting by personal appearance and before the close of business on the day before election day. (Sec. 103.003).
- Early voting clerk must post Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials (PDF) to the early voting ballot board if materials are to be delivered to the board on March 1, 2024. Notice must be posted continuously for 24 hours preceding each delivery to the board. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.0222, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241).
- NOTE: The Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials serves as notice of the convening of the early voting ballot board. This notice should be posted every time the early voting ballot board reconvenes.

Friday, March 1, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Last day to vote early in person. (4th day before primary election day)

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).

Last day to publish notice of public test of automatic tabulating equipment, if test will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2024, and testing was not already completed. The public notice of the test of automatic tabulating equipment must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins.

NOTE: Section 127.096 requires that for a primary election, the custodian of election records must give the county chair 48 hours of notice prior to the test. The county chair is required to confirm receipt of the notice.

After the polls close at the end of early voting, the ballot board and/or central counting station may convene to perform the following activities, depending on the population size of the county:

Counties with a population of 100,000 or more that use electronic voting systems:

In an election conducted by an authority of a county with a population of 100,000 or more that uses electronic voting systems, or conducted jointly with such a county or conducted with such a county through a contract for election services, the early voting ballot board may begin counting at the end of the period for early voting by personal appearance. (Sec. 87.0241(b)(2)).

After the polls close at the end of early voting by personal appearance, counties with a population of 100,000 or more may convene their early voting ballot board and/or central counting station and begin counting ballots; however, the results may not be announced until after the polls close on election day. (Secs. 87.0222, 87.0241).

NOTE - If a party is conducting a joint primary or contracting with a county that has a population of 100,000 or more and is convening their early voting ballot board and/or central counting station early to begin counting ballots, the test of the tabulation equipment will need to be completed at least 48 hours before the equipment is used to count ballots. (Secs. 87.0222, 87.0241, 127.096).

NOTE - If ballots are to be delivered before Election Day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. (Secs. 87.0221(b), 87.023(b), 87.024(b)).

NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more (or political subdivisions contracting with a county with a population of 100,000 or more), the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

Counties with a population of less than 100,000:

These counties may convene their early voting ballot board for processing and qualifying mail ballots, but cannot begin counting the ballots until the polls open on election day. These counties can meet whenever they have ballots, but at the very least have to meet at some point on or before the 9th day before election day. These counties cannot begin counting ballots until the polls open on election day. The early voting clerk shall continuously post notice for 24 hours preceding each delivery of voting materials that is to be made before the time for opening the polls on election day. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241). See Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials (PDF).

NOTE - For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17.

Saturday, March 2, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Starts & Other (day after last day of early voting in person; 3rd day before primary election day) (Texas Independence Day)
First day to submit an Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Death in the Family (PDF) because of a death in the immediate family that occurred on or after Thursday, February 29, 2024 ("the day before the last day of the period for early voting by personal appearance"), and will require absence from the county of residence on election day. The application may be submitted through the close of business on Monday, March 4, 2024, the day before primary election day. (Secs. 103.001, 103.003(b)).

Last day to conduct public test of automatic tabulation equipment. Per Section 127.093, the test shall be conducted at least 48 hours before the automatic tabulating equipment is used to count ballots voted in an election and was not previously tested. We highly recommend that this test is done on an earlier date to allow time for corrections to programming, if necessary. (See Note 12 above).

Monday, March 4, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (day before primary election day)
Last day for early voting clerk to mark the precinct list of registered voters with a notation beside each name of voter who voted early, and deliver the list to election judges. The early voting clerk must also deliver the precinct early voting list. The list may be delivered electronically if the county will be using an electronic pollbook. (Sec. 87.122).

Last day to submit Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Death in the Family (PDF) and vote a late ballot by personal appearance due to death in immediate family that occurred on or after Thursday, February 29, 2024. (Sec. 103.003).

Deadline for county election officer to post notice (PDF) of changed polling places. The notice must be posted at the entrance of the polling place used in the last primary election and must provide the location of the new polling place. (Sec. 43.062).

Delivery of Provisional Ballots and Forms: If the voter registrar wants to take possession of the provisional ballots and forms on election night, the voter registrar must inform the custodian of the election records and post a Notice of Election Night Transfer (PDF) no later than Monday, March 4, 2024, 24 hours before election day. (1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.174(d)(3)).

NOTE: Under this type of delivery, the county voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian of election records and pick up the provisional ballots and forms.

NOTE: The general custodian of election records (or the early voting clerk, if applicable) must also post a Notice of Delivery of Provisional Ballots (PDF) at least 24 hours before delivery will occur. (1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.174(b)(1)).

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - PRIMARY ELECTION DAY - Notes

NOTE - Section 61.002 provides that immediately before the opening of the polls on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall confirm that the public counters on each voting machine are set to zero and shall print the tape that shows that there are zero votes for each candidate or measure on the ballot. Immediately after the closing of the polls on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall print the tape to show the number of votes cast for each candidate or measure. Each election judge and alternate judge shall sign the printed tapes. (Sec. 61.002).

NOTE - The presiding judge of the central counting station must provide and attest to a written reconciliation (PDF) of votes and voters at the close of tabulation for election day and again after the central counting station meets for the last time to process late-arriving ballots by mail and provisional ballots. (Sec. 127.131). Preliminary Election Reconciliation (PDF) Unofficial Totals form (Election Day). Election Reconciliation Form (PDF) Official Results (Canvass Form). See Note on Reconciliation.

NOTE: Receipt of Mail Ballots: All early voting ballots sent by mail from inside the United States that are received by 7:00 PM on election day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, must be counted on

election night. If the carrier envelope does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark, the ballot must arrive before the time the polls are required to close on election day. (Sec. 86.007(a)(1)). If the early voting clerk cannot determine whether a ballot arrived before that deadline, the ballot is considered to have arrived at the time the place at which the carrier envelopes are deposited was last inspected for removal of returned ballots. (Sec. 86.007(b)). The early voting clerk must check the mailbox for early voting mail ballots at least once after the time for regular mail delivery. (Sec. 86.007(b)).

NOTE: An early voting mail ballot that is not received by 7:00 pm on election day may not be counted unless the ballot may be counted late, which applies to late domestic ballots (Sec. 86.007(a)(2)), ballots mailed from outside the United States (Sec. 86.007(d)), and ballots from members of the armed forces and merchant marine of the United States, Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or members of the Reserves, as well as their spouses and dependents (Sec. 101.057). See entry for Wednesday, March 6, 2024, and entry for Monday, March 11, 2024.

NOTE - Delivery of Early Voting by Personal Appearance and Mail Ballots: The early voting clerk delivers the voted ballots, the key to the double-locked ballot box, etc., to the early voting ballot board at the time or times specified by the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board, during the hours the polls are open or as soon after the polls close as practicable. (Secs. 87.021, 87.022). The custodian of the key to the second lock of the double-locked early voting ballot box delivers his or her key to the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board on request of the presiding judge. (Secs. 85.032(d), 87.025). The custodian is the sheriff for county elections, elections ordered by the governor, and a primary election (or the county judge in a year when the office of sheriff is on the ballot). (Sec. 66.060). The county judge may delegate the custody of the keys to their staff. Alternatively, if the county judge does not have enough staff that can assist with this function, the county judge may designate the county auditor or members of the county auditor's staff if the county has a designated county auditor. If ballots are to be delivered before election day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. However, see the note below. See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

NOTE: If ballots are to be delivered before election day, the early voting clerk must post Notice of Delivery (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. (Secs. 87.021, 87.022).

NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more (or political subdivisions contracting with a county with a population of 100,000 or more), the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

Note on Manual Examination of Ballots Before Processing on Automatic Counting Equipment: The central counting station manager shall direct the manual examination of all electronic voting system ballots to ascertain whether the ballots can be processed in the usual manner or if the ballots need to be duplicated to clearly reflect the voter's intent. (Sec. 127.125).

Note on Testing Tabulating Equipment: The second test of automatic tabulating equipment used for counting ballots at a central counting station must be conducted immediately before the counting of ballots with equipment begins. The third test must be conducted immediately after the counting is completed. (Secs. 127.093, 127.097, 127.098). (See Note 12 above).

After the polling place is officially closed and the last person has voted, the presiding judge may from time to time make an unofficial announcement of the total number of votes counted for each candidate and/or for or against each proposition in the order that they appear on the ballot. (Sec. 65.015(a)).

announcement shall be made at the entrance to the polling place. (Sec. 65.015(c)).

NOTE: The authority conducting the election may require or prohibit such announcements. (Sec. 65.015(b)). Unofficial election results must be released by the central counting station as soon as they are available after the polls close, but the presiding judge of the central counting station, in cooperation with the county election officer, may choose to withhold the release of vote totals until the last voter has voted. (Sec. 127.1311).

Note on Precinct Election Returns: Precinct election returns are delivered to the appropriate authorities after completion. (Secs. 66.053(a), 127.065, 127.066, 127.067).

Transfer of Provisional Ballots to Voter Registrar Election Night: The county voter registrar may take possession of the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) containing the provisional ballots (or provisional ballot affidavits when DRE systems are used) on election night (instead of on the next business day) by informing the custodian of election records and posting a notice of such election night transfer no later than 24 hours before election day. Under this type of delivery, the voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian and pick up the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) and associated forms. (Sec. 65.052; 1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172, 81.174, 81.176). See Verification of Provisional Ballots and Serial Numbers (PDF).

NOTE - Section 65.016 of the Code requires a county that holds an election or provides election services for an election for a public entity to post certain information on their website. 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. While these statutory web posting requirements do not specifically apply to primary elections, we strongly recommend that you post this information for any primary election in which the county has contracted to provide election services. 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 county'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. Counties may choose to make older election results information available on their website. See Note 3.

Counties with a Population of 250,000 or more: Per Section 127.009 of the Election Code, counties with a population of 250,000 or more must forward a copy of the audit logs from the central counting station to the Secretary of State no later than the fifth day after voting is completed. The information may be forwarded to the Secretary of State by email, use of a thumb drive, or by mail.

▲	Time 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
	Subject P24 - PRIMARY ELECTION DAY - Polls Open Polls open. (Sec. 41.031). Voter registrar's office is open. (Sec. 12.004(c)). Early voting clerk's office is open for early voting activities. (Sec. 83.011). A voter may deliver a marked ballot by mail to the early voting clerk's office while the polls are open on election day. The voter must provide an acceptable form of identification under Section 63.0101 upon delivery. The identification procedure is the same as that used for personal appearance voting. (Secs. 63.0101, 86.006).
▲	Time 5:00 PM – 5:15 PM
	Subject P24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Ends Deadline for receiving Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Sickness or Physical Disability (PDF) for late ballots to be voted by persons who became sick or disabled on or after Thursday, February 22, 2024 (12th day before election day). (Sec. 102.003(b)). See entry at Thursday, February 22, 2024.
▲	Time 7:00 PM – 7:15 PM

Subject P24 - ABBM Receive Deadline

Regular deadline for receiving early voting ballots by mail. BUT see entry for Wednesday, March 6, 2024 on "late domestic ballots" and entry for Monday, March 11, 2024 on other "late" ballots.

This is also the deadline to receive late ballots cast by voters who became sick or disabled on or after Thursday, February 22, 2024 (12th day before election day). (Secs. 86.007(a), 102.006(c)). See entry at Thursday, February 22, 2024.



Time 7:00 PM – 7:15 PM

Subject P24 - County election officer begins transmitting results to Secretary of State
County election officer begins transmitting results to Secretary of State and transmits continuously until results are final. (Sec. 68.034).

Wednesday, March 6, 2024



Time All Day

Subject P24 - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" & Other (1st business day after primary election day)
5:00 PM - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" mailed within the United States from non-military voters and from any military voters who submitted an Application for Ballot by Mail ("ABBM") (not a Federal Postcard Application "FPCA"), if the carrier envelope was placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier AND bears a cancellation mark of a postal service or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier indicating a time not later than 7:00 PM at the location of the election on election day, March 5, 2024. (Sec. 86.007(a)(2)). A late domestic ballot cannot be counted if it does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark. (Sec. 86.007(c), (e), (f)).

First day independent candidates for offices not involved in runoff primary election may collect signatures for petitions in connection with applications. (Sec. 142.009).

NOTE - Because of the deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" it is imperative that you check your mail at 5:00 p.m.

NOTE: This deadline does not apply to ballots sent by non-military voters who are overseas but applied for a ballot using an ABBM; these voters have until the 5th day after primary election day to return their ballots (or the next business day if the 5th day falls on a weekend or legal state or federal holiday). This deadline also does not apply to ballots mailed (domestically or from overseas) by certain members of the military who applied for a ballot using an FPCA; those voters have until the 6th day after primary election day to return their ballots. See entry for March 11, 2024.

Unless the county voter registrar has already taken possession of the provisional ballots prior to this date, the general custodian of election records must deliver the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) containing the provisional ballots (or provisional ballot affidavits when DRE systems are used), along with the Summary of Provisional Ballots and the List of Provisional Voters for each precinct to the voter registrar by this day. The general custodian of election records makes this delivery to the voter registrar during the voter registrar office's regular business hours. (Secs. 65.052, 65.053; 1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 – 81.174, 81.176).

NOTE: For the primary election, if the voter registrar wants to take possession of the provisional ballots and forms on election night (Tuesday, March 5, 2024), the voter registrar must inform the custodian of the election records and post a notice of the election night transfer no later than 24 hours before election day. However, under this type of delivery, the voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian of election records and pick up the provisional ballots and forms. Also, note that the voter registrar may take possession of provisional ballots prior to election night if ballots are kept separate and may be provided without unlawful entry into ballot box. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 – 81.174).

Friday, March 8, 2024



Time All Day

Subject P24 - PMR Deadline Date (3rd day after primary election day)

Last day to begin the partial manual count for entities using electronic voting systems for the counting of ballots. This is the last day to begin manual recount of ballots in three precincts or one percent of precincts, whichever is greater. (Sec. 127.201(a), (g)). The count must be completed not later than the 21st day after election day. Results of the manual count must be delivered to the Secretary of State not later than the 3rd day after the manual count is completed. (Sec. 127.201(e)). No partial manual count needs to be done of ballots cast on DRE voting machines, but partial manual count must be completed for mail ballots. (Sec. 127.201(g)).

NOTE: For information on how to begin the partial manual count, please see Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2018-30.

Monday, March 11, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - ABBM Cure Deadline & FPCA Ballot Deadline (6th day after primary election day)
NOTE - Last day a voter may come to the early voting clerk's office in person to correct certain defects on their carrier envelope. (Secs. 87.0271, 87.0411). See Note 17.

Deadline for ID related provisional voter to: (1) present acceptable photo identification to county voter registrar; or (2) if the voter does not possess and cannot reasonably obtain acceptable photo identification, follow the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the county voter registrar; or (3) execute an affidavit relative to "natural disaster" or "religious objection" in presence of county voter registrar, if applicable; or (4) qualify for the disability exemption, if applicable, with the county voter registrar. (Secs. 65.054, 65.0541).

Deadline for county voter registrar to complete the review of provisional ballots. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.175, 81.176).

Last day to receive ballots from non-military and any military voters casting ballots from outside of the United States, who submitted an ABBM (not an FPCA) AND who placed their ballots in delivery by 7:00 PM on primary election day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, as evidenced by a postal service cancellation mark or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier. (Sec. 86.007(d)). A late overseas ballot sent by a voter who applied for a ballot using an ABBM (not an FPCA) cannot be counted if it does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark. (Sec. 86.007(c), (e), (f)). The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, March 11, 2024 due to the 5th day falling on a Sunday. (Sec. 86.007(d-1)).

NOTE: The delivery is considered timely if the carrier envelope or, if applicable, the envelope containing the carrier envelope is properly addressed with postage or handling charges prepaid and bears a cancellation mark of a recognized postal service or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier indicating a time by 7:00 PM on primary election day.

Last day to receive ballots from non-military voters casting ballots from overseas, who submitted a FPCA, AND who placed their ballots in delivery by 7:00 PM on primary election day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024. (Sec. 86.007(d), (e)). The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, March 11, 2024 due to the 5th day falling on a Sunday. (Sec. 86.007(d-1)).

Last day to receive carrier envelopes mailed domestically (within the United States) OR overseas from voters who submitted a FPCA AND who are members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves. (Secs. 101.057, 101.001).

NOTE - Section 101.057 provides that carrier envelopes mailed domestically or overseas from certain military voters (members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves. (Secs. 101.057, 101.001).

National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves) who submitted a FPCA may arrive on or before the 6th day after election day. (Secs. 86.007, 101.057, 101.001).

NOTE: The carrier envelope or, if applicable, the envelope containing the carrier envelope sent by the military members listed above who applied to vote by mail using the FPCA does NOT need to bear a cancellation or receipt mark in order to be counted.

Last day to post notice of the county chair (or county chair's designee) and at least one member of the county executive committee's canvass of the returns for the primary election because canvass must take place on Thursday, March 14, 2024. This notice must be posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. (Sec. 172.116; Secs. 551.002, 551.041, 551.043, Texas Government Code).

NOTE: Section 172.116 provides that a county chair may designate another individual to conduct the local canvass on the county chair's behalf. That designee must be a member of the county executive committee. If no member of the county executive committee is available to act as the county chair's designee, then any individual who is a resident of the county and is affiliated with the same political party may act as the county chair's designee.

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Precinct Conventions (7th day after primary election day; 2nd Tuesday in March)
Precinct conventions held for parties nominating by convention. (Secs. 181.061(c), 182.005).
- Deadline for custodian of election records or presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to retrieve provisional ballots from county voter registrar. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.175, 81.176).

Thursday, March 14, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Last day for EVBB & Other (2nd Thursday after primary election day, 9th day after Primary Election Day)
Last day for early voting ballot board to convene to qualify and count:
1. any late domestic ballots (from non-military and from any military voters who submitted an ABBM) that bear a cancellation mark or receipt mark indicating they were placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier not later than 7:00 PM on election day, March 5, 2024, and were received not later than 5:00 PM on the first business day after election day, Wednesday, March 6, 2024. (Secs. 86.007(a) & (d-1), 87.125(a)).
 2. any late ballots that were submitted from outside the United States by voters who applied for the ballot using an ABBM or by non-military voters who applied for the ballot using an FPCA, and which were received by the 6th day after election day, Monday, March 11, 2024. (Secs. 86.007(d) & (d-1), 87.125(a)). The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, March 11, 2024 due to the 5th day falling on a Sunday. (Sec. 86.007(d-1)).
 3. any ballots received by the 6th day after election day, Monday, March 11, 2024, from voters who are members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves, and who applied for a ballot using an FPCA. (Secs. 101.057, 87.125(a)).
 4. any provisional ballots that have been reviewed by the voter registrar. (Sec. 65.051(a)).
 5. ballots contained in defective carrier envelopes corrected by voters. (Sec. 86.011(d)).

NOTE: Ballots that do not qualify under 1-3 above should be treated as ballots not timely returned and should not be delivered to the ballot board. (Sec. 86.007).

NOTE: If the early voting ballot board needs to meet after this date, it will require a court order to do so. The time the board reconvenes is set by the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board. (Secs. 86.007(d), 87.125).

NOTE - Section 65.0581 provides that provisional voting records do not become public information until after the provisional ballots and other voting records have been delivered back to the custodian of election records. (Sec. 65.0581).

NOTE - The presiding judge of the central counting station is required to provide and attest to a written reconciliation (PDF) of votes and voters at the close of tabulation for election day and again after the central counting station meets for the last time to process late-arriving ballots by mail and provisional ballots. (Sec. 127.131). See Note 19 on Reconciliation.

Local canvass of the general primary election by county chair (or county chair's designee) and at least one member of the county executive committee must be conducted on this date. (Sec. 172.116(b)).

NOTE: Section 172.116 provides that a county chair may designate another individual to conduct the local canvass on the county chair's behalf. That designee must be a member of the county executive committee. If no member of the county executive committee is available to act as the county chairs designee, then any individual who is a resident of the county and is affiliated with the same political party may act as the county chair's designee.

NOTE: Section 172.084(a) requires that the order of candidates on the ballot for the runoff primary election be the same as the order of candidates on the ballot for the general primary election. Therefore, a second ballot drawing for ballot order for the runoff primary election is no longer required.

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Last day to post notice of state executive committee's meeting to canvass returns of primary election because state canvass must take place on Sunday, March 17, 2024, the deadline for state executive committees to conduct the state canvass for all races with potential runoffs (races with three or more candidates.) This notice must be posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. (Sec. 172.120; Secs. 551.002, 551.041, 551.043, Texas Government Code).

Friday, March 15, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - EVBB Notice of Reject Deadline, and Other (10th day after primary election day; 24 hours after local canvass)
Last day for the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to mail Notice of Rejected Ballot (PDF) to voters whose mail ballots were rejected. (Sec. 87.0431).

NOTE: Section 87.0431 requires notice to also be provided to email address of an overseas mail ballot voter if ballot was transmitted to the voter by email under Section 101.102.

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Deadline for state chairs and county chairs to submit itemized estimate and request for state funds to cover runoff primary expenses. (Sec. 173.081(e)). Notice of consolidation of county precincts, if any, must accompany the itemized estimate. (Sec. 173.081(f)).

Saturday, March 16, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - County Conventions (1st Saturday after 2nd Tuesday in March)
County convention for parties that are nominating candidates by convention for single-county district, county, or precinct offices. (Sec. 181.061(c)).

Sunday, March 17, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - State Canvass Deadline (2nd Sunday after the primary election day)
Deadline for state executive committee to conduct state canvass for all races with potential runoffs (races with three or more candidates). See entry under Wednesday, March 27, 2024. State chair must certify these candidates for statewide and district offices for placement on runoff primary election ballot to county chair as soon as practicable after canvass is completed. The certification will be posted to the Secretary of State's website. (Secs. 172.120(b)(1), 172.121).

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

NOTE: Section 172.121 requires the state chair to certify runoff candidates for state or district offices by posting the candidates and their respective outcomes to the Secretary of State's website.

NOTE: Section 172.084(a) requires that the order of candidates on the ballot for the runoff primary election be the same as the order of candidates on the ballot for the general primary election. Therefore, a second ballot drawing for ballot order for the runoff primary election is not required.

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Runoff Candidate Withdraw Deadline & Electronic Format Deadline (3rd day after state canvass of races with potential runoffs; 15th day after general primary election day)
5:00 PM - Last day runoff primary candidates may withdraw from ballot. (Sec. 172.059(a)).

Election records from the general primary election must be available in an electronic format no later than this day, for a fee of not more than \$50.00. (Sec. 1.012(e)).

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Thursday, March 21, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Recommended County Chair Ballot Date & Other (4th day after state canvass of races with potential runoffs; 68th day before runoff primary election day)
Recommended date for primary committee to approve runoff primary ballot format. (Sec. 172.083).

Recommended date for county chair to order runoff primary election ballots. (Sec. 172.083).

Monday, March 25, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - EVBB Provisional Notice Deadline (64th day before runoff primary election day, 11th day after local canvass)
Deadline for the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to notify provisional voters whether their ballots were counted and if not, the reason why they were not counted. (Sec. 65.059; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.176(e)). (The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, March 25, 2024 due to the 10th day falling on Sunday, March 24, 2024. (Sec. 1.006).)

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - State Chair Canvass (22nd day after primary election day)

Deadline for state chair to conduct the state canvass for races with no potential runoff. (Sec. 172.120(b)(2)). See entry under Sunday, March 17, 2024.

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Friday, March 29, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - Printer/Vendor Registration Deadline & Other (60th day before runoff primary election) (Good Friday)
Deadline for printers/vendors to register with the Secretary of State to print runoff primary ballots. (Sec. 51.013).
- Recommended last day to order any additional election supplies necessary for the runoff primary election.
- Recommended last day for the county chair of each political party to appoint presiding and alternate judges for each precinct in which the primary runoff election will be held in the county, presiding judge and alternate presiding judge for the early voting ballot board, presiding judge of the central counting station, and personnel for the central counting station, if judges have not been appointed for the primary runoff election. (Secs. 32.006, 32.008, 87.002, 127.002-127.005). Written notice of the appointments must be given to the judges in accordance with Section 32.009 of the Texas Election Code.
- NOTE - Section 87.002 requires the early voting ballot board to have an alternate judge. The alternate judge is appointed in the same manner as the presiding judge.
- Recommended last day for the county election officer to appoint presiding and alternate judges from the lists provided by each county chair and to appoint the election clerks in a joint primary election. (Sec. 172.126(c)). Written notice of the appointments must be given to the judges in accordance with Section 32.009 of the Texas Election Code.
- NOTE: General eligibility requirements for election judges and clerks are found in Subchapter C, Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code. General eligibility requirements for central counting station personnel are found in Sections 127.002-127.005 of the Texas Election Code. The presiding judge appoints the clerks, but not more than the maximum set by the political party, consistent with Secretary of State's primary finance rules; however, the alternate judge must serve as one of the clerks. (Secs. 32.032, 32.033).
- Recommended date to order the lists of registered voters from the county voter registrar. (Sec. 18.006).

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - County Chair SOS Deadline (20th day after local canvass of primary election)
Deadline for county chair to post notice on the Secretary of State's website of the names of the persons elected as county chair for the county. (Sec. 172.118).
- NOTE: Section 172.118 of the Code does not require the county chair to provide written notice to the state chair and county clerk of new party officers. Instead, the county chair will post this information on the Secretary of State's website.

Thursday, April 4, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - County Clerk SOS Deadline (30th day after primary election day)

Deadline for county clerk to deliver to Secretary of State precinct returns of primary election for all offices other than party offices, including precinct-by-precinct returns for early voting. The report must include early voting votes cast by mail and early voting votes cast by personal appearance. That delivery to the Secretary of State must be made through the electronic system for submission of the report. (Secs. 67.017, 172.124).

NOTE: Sections 67.017 and 172.124 of the Code requires this report to include all offices other than party offices in the precinct-by-precinct reports under this section. That report must include separate totals for early voting votes by mail and early voting votes by personal appearance.

Monday, April 8, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - L&A Notice Deadline & Other (50th day before runoff primary election day)
Recommended deadline for county chair of party holding a runoff primary election to procure from voter registrar a set of precinct lists of registered voters (also supplemental lists and correction lists, if necessary) to deliver to county election officer for use in conducting early voting by mail and in person in the party's runoff primary. (Secs. 18.001(d), 18.002-18.004).

Last day to publish notice for testing of automatic tabulation equipment testing and logic and accuracy testing (L&A testing) of a voting system if test will be completed by recommended deadline of Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Notice of the public tests must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096, 129.022, 129.023).

NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code provides that if logic and accuracy testing is being conducted for a primary election, the general custodian of election records shall notify the county chair of the test at least 48 hours before the date of the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. (Sec. 129.023(b-1)).

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Recommended L&A Date (48th day before runoff primary election day)
Recommended date to conduct the first test of the automatic tabulating equipment and for logic and accuracy (L&A test) test on voting system. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096, 129.022, 129.023). The Secretary of State recommends you complete your first round of testing prior to mailing your mail ballots if those ballots will be counted using automatic tabulation equipment. If you conduct your first round of testing by this date, you must publish notice of the test 48 hours prior to testing. See Note 12, above.

NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code requires the general custodian of election records to demonstrate, using a representative sample of voting system equipment, that the source code of the equipment has not been altered. (Sec. 129.023(c-1)). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-30.

Saturday, April 13, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - FPCA Mailout Deadline (45th day before runoff primary election day; 2nd Saturday in April)

Deadline to mail ballots to military or overseas voters who already submitted their ballot requests via a federal postcard application (FPCA) or via a standard application for ballot by mail (ABBM) and indicated that they are outside the United States. If the early voting clerk cannot meet this 45th-day deadline, the clerk must notify the Secretary of State within 24 hours. (Sec. 86.004(b)).

NOTE - A member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA. (Sec. 101.001).

NOTE: The 45th-day deadline under Section 86.004(b) is not extended by Section 1.006 to the next business day. The ballots covered by Section 86.004(b) should be sent out on or before Saturday, April 13, 2024.

Reminder Regarding FPCAs and Overseas ABBMs: If the early voting clerk receives an FPCA (from a military or non-military voter) or an ABBM from an overseas voter after the 45th day deadline, then the ballot must be mailed within seven days after the early voting clerk receives the FPCA or ABBM. (Secs. 86.004(b), 101.104).

Reminder: In regards to mail ballots for other voters (not military voters using an FPCA or overseas voters using an FPCA or ABBM), the early voting clerk must mail a ballot not later than the 7th day after the later of: (1) the date the early voting clerk has accepted a voter's application for a ballot by mail or (2) the date the ballots become available for mailing. However, if the 7th day falls earlier than the 37th day before election day (Sunday, April 21), the voter's mail ballot must be mailed no later than the 30th day (Sunday, April 28) before election day. (Sec. 86.004(a)). This means that for every application that is accepted by the early voting clerk before the 37th day before election day, the balloting materials must be mailed by the 30th day before election day. Any application that comes in after the 37th day before election day will follow the 7-day timeline in Section 86.004.

NOTE - Information on the early voting roster for both early voting in person and early voting by mail must be made available for public inspection and on the county's website if the county clerk or elections administrator is serving as the early voting clerk. The early voting roster shall be posted by 11:00 a.m. on the day after the information is entered on the roster (for early voting in person) or by 11:00 a.m. on the day after the early voting clerk receives a ballot voted by mail. If the entity does not maintain a website, the information must be made available on the bulletin board used for posting notices. (Sec. 87.121). See Note 21.

NOTE - Section 87.121 of the Code provides that 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. (Sec. 87.121).

Friday, April 26, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - EVC Recommended SVC Appointment (32nd day before runoff primary election day and 12th day before first day signature verification committee may convene)
Recommended date for early voting clerk to issue order (PDF) calling for appointment of signature verification committee. (Sec. 87.027).

If the signature verification committee will start meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, recommended date early voting clerk should post copy of the order calling for appointment of the signature verification committee. (Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28, 2024 are the 10th and 11th days before the first day the committee may meet.) The notice (PDF) must remain posted continuously for at least 10 days before the first day the committee meets. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. (Sec. 87.027).

Monday, April 29, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

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Subject PR24 - Last Day to Register to Vote (29th day before runoff primary election day)
Last day to register to vote or make a change of address effective for the Tuesday, May 28, 2024 primary runoff election. (Secs. 13.143, 15.025).

NOTE - A Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) also serves as an application for permanent registration under Texas law unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form). The early voting clerk should make a copy (for mailing ballots, keeping records, etc.), then should forward the original to the county voter registrar, as soon as practicable. (Sec. 101.055; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40(a), (c)(2)).

Deadline for early voting clerk to mail a ballot by mail to a voter if the voter's Application for Ballot by Mail (ABBM) was accepted by the early voting clerk on or before Sunday, April 21, 2024. (Sec. 86.004(a)).

Reminder: In regards to mail ballots for other voters (not military voters using an FPCA or overseas voters using an FPCA or ABBM), the early voting clerk must mail a ballot not later than the 7th day after the later of: (1) the date the early voting clerk has accepted a voter's application for a ballot by mail or (2) the date the ballots become available for mailing. However, if the 7th day falls earlier than the 37th day before election day (Sunday, April 21), the voter's mail ballot must be mailed no later than the 30th day (Sunday, April 28) before election day. (Sec. 86.004(a)). This means that for every application that is accepted by the early voting clerk before the 37th day before election day, the balloting materials must be mailed by the 30th day before election day. Any application that comes in after the 37th day before election day will follow the 7-day timeline in Section 86.004.

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - County Chair SVC Appointment Deadline (5th day after recommended date to order signature verification committee)
If the early voting clerk issues order calling for appointment of signature verification committee on the recommended date for issuing that order (Friday, April 26, 2024), this is the deadline for the county chair to appoint the members to the committee. See entry under Friday, April 26, 2024. (Sec. 87.027).

Sunday, May 5, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - First Day Ballot Box Key Return (61st day after primary election day)
First day the general custodian of election records may (1) require a person who has possession of a key that operates the lock on a ballot box containing voted ballots to return the key to the custodian; and (2) unlock the ballot box and transfer the voted ballots to another secure container for the remainder of the preservation period. (Sec. 66.058(b)). Please note that the custodian is not required by law to do this on Sunday, May 5, 2024; the custodian may choose to transfer the voted ballots to another secure container for the remainder of the preservation period on Monday, May 6, 2024 or a later date.

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the 61st day after election day, the general custodian of election records shall make the original voted ballots available for public inspection.

NOTE - Our office recommends that the county elections office work closely with its county attorney and its public information division in ensuring that records have been properly redacted before being made publicly available. Please direct any questions about the procedures for responding to a public information request, including the timeframes for such responses, to the Office of the Attorney General via its Open Government Hotline, (877) OPEN TEX (673- 6839). See Note 22 above.

NOTE - For guidance on retention of electronic voting system media, please see Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2019-23.

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - EVC General Primary Notice Deadline (21st day before runoff primary election day)

Last day for county election officer to post notice (PDF) of the runoff primary election on the county's website. The notice must also be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. (Secs. 4.003, 172.1112).

NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires the county to post the notice of election and notice of consolidated precincts on the county's website if the county maintains a website.

NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires that the county election officer, rather than the county chair, post the notice of election for the primary election.

NOTE - Section 4.009 of the Code requires a county to post certain information on its website for elections held by a county or elections for any local political subdivision in which the county has contracted to provide election services. While these statutory web posting requirements do not specifically apply to primary elections, we strongly recommend that you post this information for any primary election in which the county has contracted to provide election services. Accordingly, the following information should be posted on the county's website not later than the 21st day before election day:

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. (Sec. 4.009).

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Earliest SVC Date & Other (20th day before runoff primary election day)

First day that the signature verification committee, if one is appointed, may begin operating. (Sec. 87.027).

NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more, the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

NOTE - For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17.

Deadline for a person who is not permanently registered to vote to submit a postmarked FPCA, in order to receive a full ballot by mail for the May 28, 2024 primary runoff election. A person who is not permanently registered to vote and submits a postmarked FPCA after this date (20th day) and before the deadline to submit an application for ballot by mail, is not entitled to receive a ballot for any non-federal election. See Monday, May 13, 2024 entry for timeliness of an FPCA received without a postmark. (Secs. 101.052(e), 101.052(i)(2)).

An applicant for a ballot to be voted by mail (ABBM or FPCA) may submit the application by delivering it in person to the early voting clerk if the application is submitted not later than the close of regular business in the clerk's office on Friday, May 17, 2024. (Sec. 84.008).

NOTE - A member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA. (Sec. 101.001).

NOTE - Be sure to check the list of registered voters for permanent registration status. Also, state law authorizes an FPCA to also serve as an application for permanent registration; therefore, the person might be permanently registered based on a prior FPCA. Even if the FPCA arrives too late for a particular election, the early voting clerk will still need to forward the original FPCA to the county voter registrar, after making a copy for your early voting clerk's use (mailing ballots, etc.) and records unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form) in which case, it will not serve as a permanent registration. (Sec. 101.055; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40).

NOTE - Overseas (non-military) voters marking the FPCA "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form (PDF)) receive a federal ballot only regardless of the date filed. (Chapter 114). In a local (non-federal) election, this means there is no ballot to send the voter.

Thursday, May 9, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - FPCA Partial Ballot Period (19th - 11th day before runoff primary election day)

A person submitting an FPCA during this period who is not registered to vote is not entitled to receive a full ballot for the May 28, 2024 primary runoff election, meaning that a person submitting an FPCA during this period is entitled to receive a federal ballot only (no state, district, or county offices), if not already a permanent registered voter. (Secs. 101.052(f), 114.002, 114.004). See entry below under Monday, May 13, 2024 (FPCA without a postmark). (Secs. 101.052(f), 114.004(c)).

NOTE - The early voting clerk is required to maintain a copy of this application since it may be used for other elections and forward the original to the voter registrar. (Secs. 84.007; 101.052(e), (f)).

NOTE - Be sure to check the list of registered voters for permanent registration status. Also, state law authorizes an FPCA to also serve as an application for permanent registration; therefore, the person might be permanently registered based on a prior FPCA. Even if the FPCA arrives too late for a particular election, the early voting clerk will still need to forward the original FPCA to the county voter registrar, after making a copy for your early voting clerk's use (mailing ballots, etc.) and records unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), "return is uncertain" (2017 form) in which case, it will not serve as a permanent registration. (Sec. 101.055; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40).

NOTE - Overseas (non-military) voters marking the FPCA "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form (PDF)) receive a federal ballot only regardless of the date filed. (Chapter 114). In a local (non-federal) election, this means there is no ballot to send the voter.

Monday, May 13, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - FPCA Deadline & Writ Deadline (15th day before runoff primary election day)
Deadline to receive an FPCA without a postmark. If an FPCA is received by this date without a postmark to prove mailing date, the early voting clerk will accept the FPCA and mail the applicant a full ballot even if the applicant is not a permanently registered voter but meets the requirements under Title 2 of the Election Code (unless the voter marks the FPCA form "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form), in which case the voter receives a federal-only ballot). (Sec. 101.052(i)(1)). See note under entry for Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

Last day to notify election judges of duty to hold election (Writ of Election (PDF)). The Writ of Election must be given to each presiding judge and include:

The judge's duty to hold the election; The type and date of election; The polling place location at which the judge will serve; The polling place hours; and The maximum number of clerks the judge may appoint. (Sec. 4.007).

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - L&A Notice Deadline (13th day before runoff primary election day)
Last day to publish notice of L&A test if test is to be conducted on Friday, May 17, 2024, if testing was not already completed by Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Notice of the public L&A Test must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair is required to confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 129.001, 129.023). See Note 12, above.

Thursday, May 16, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Late ABBM Deadline (day before the last day to apply for a ballot by mail; 12th day before runoff primary election day)

First day a voter who becomes sick or disabled on or after this date may submit an application for a late ballot if the sickness or physical condition prevents the voter from appearing at the

polling place without the likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring his or her health. (Sec. 102.001). See Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Sickness or Physical Disability (PDF). Applications may continue to be submitted until 5:00 PM on Election Day. (Sec. 102.003).

Friday, May 17, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked) & Other (11th day before runoff primary election; last business day 48 hours before start of early voting in person)
Last day for early voting clerk to receive applications for a ballot to be voted by mail. (Sec. 84.007(c)). All applications to vote by mail must be received by the early voting clerk before the close of regular business or 12 noon, whichever is later. Applications to vote by mail must be submitted by mail, common or contract carrier, fax (if a fax machine is available in the office of the early voting clerk), or by electronic submission of a scanned application with an original signature. The early voting clerk's designated e-mail address for the receipt of applications for ballot by mail must be posted on the Secretary of State's website. (Sec. 84.007(e)).

Last day to receive an (FPCA)(PDF) from a registered voter. If the voter is not registered in the county (and/or marked intent to return "not certain", the voter is still eligible for a ballot containing federal offices only. In a local (non-federal) election, this means there is no ballot to send the voter. (Secs. 101.052(b), (f), 114.004(c)).

NOTE - A member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA. (Sec. 101.001).

NOTE - If an ABBM is faxed or emailed or if an FPCA is faxed, then the applicant must submit the ORIGINAL application BY MAIL to the early voting clerk so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than the 4th business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA. If the early voting clerk does not receive the original ABBM or FPCA by that deadline, then the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA will be considered incomplete, and the early voting clerk may NOT send the applicant a ballot. The early voting clerk should retain a copy of the FPCA for their own records, but should send the FPCA submitted by the voter to the voter registrar for registration purposes. (Sec. 84.007).

An applicant for a ballot to be voted by mail (ABBM or FPCA) may submit the application by delivering it in person to the early voting clerk if the application is submitted not later than the close of regular business in the clerk's office on Friday, May 17, 2024. (Sec. 84.008).

Last day to conduct public L&A test of a voting system. We highly recommend that this test is done on an earlier date to allow time for corrections to programming, if necessary. (See Note 12, above). Per Section 129.023, the L&A test shall be conducted not later than 48 hours before voting begins on such voting systems, assuming that the voting system will first be used for early voting in person.

NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code requires the general custodian of election records to demonstrate, using a representative sample of voting system equipment, that the source code of the equipment has not been altered. See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-30.

Saturday, May 18, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Notice of Delivery (10th day before runoff primary election day)
NOTE: The Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials serves as notice of the convening of the early voting ballot board. This notice should be posted every time the early voting ballot board reconvenes.

Monday, May 20, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

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Subject PR24 - First Day of Early Voting & Other (8th day before runoff primary election day) First day to vote early in person. (Sec. 85.001(b), (c)).

NOTE: The early voting period for the runoff primary election begins 10 days prior to election day, but because the first day of the early voting period falls on a weekend (Saturday, May 18, 2024), it is extended to the next regular business day, Monday, May 20, 2024. (Sec. 85.001(b), (c)).

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).

In a primary election, a certain number of temporary branch locations must be established depending on the population size of the county:

1. in a county with a population of 400,000 or more, the commissioners court must establish one or more temporary polling places, other than the main early voting polling place, in each state representative district containing territory covered by the election; in a county with a population of 120,000 or more but less than 400,000, the commissioners court must establish one or more temporary polling places, other than the main early voting polling place, in each commissioners precinct containing territory covered by the election; in a county with a population of 100,000 or more but less than 120,000, the early voting clerk must establish one or more early voting polling places in each commissioners precinct for which the early voting clerk receives a timely filed written request by at least 15 registered voters of that precinct. The temporary polling place(s) must remain open for each weekday of the early voting period that the main early voting polling place will be open. The temporary branch polling place(s) must be open at least eight hours each day. (Secs. 85.062, 85.064). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2023-10.

NOTE - Section 85.062 of the Code provides that the location of temporary branch polling places in an election in which countywide polling places are used must be determined with the same methodology that is used for the location of countywide polling places.

NOTE - Section 61.002 of the Code provides that immediately before the opening of the polls on the first day of early voting and on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall confirm that the public counters on each voting machine are set to zero and shall print the tape that shows that there are zero votes for each candidate or measure on the ballot. Each election judge and alternate judge shall sign the printed tapes.

If early voting by personal appearance is required to be conducted for extended hours, the county voter registrar's office is required to remain open for providing voter registration information during the extended hours that the main early voting polling place is open for voting. (Secs. 12.004(d), 85.005(c), 85.006(e)).

If county election precincts are consolidated, the county election officer must post at the polling place used in the preceding general election for state and county officers a notice of consolidation and location of the polling place. For purposes of conducting a runoff primary election, the "preceding general election" is the preceding primary election. (Secs. 4.003(b), 172.1112). (The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, May 20, 2024 due to the 10th day falling on Saturday, May 18, 2024. (Sec. 1.006).

NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires the county to post the notice of election and notice of consolidated precincts on the county's website if the county maintains a website.



Time 5/20/2024 12:00 AM – 5/25/2024 12:00 AM

Subject PR24 - Extended EV Period (8th - 4th day before runoff primary election day)
NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 1217 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 85.005(c) of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to require that in ALL counties (regardless of population), voting in a primary election runoff shall be conducted at the main early voting polling place for at least 12 consecutive hours on each day between May 20, 2024 and May 24, 2024. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. Sec. 85.005(c)). For additional information, see Note 7 regarding extended early voting hours. (Secs. 85.005(c), 85.067). For more information regarding early voting rosters, see Note 21 and Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2023-10.

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (4th business day before runoff primary election day)
Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours each weekday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).
- Last day for Secretary of State to receive a Request for Election Inspectors for the runoff primary election. The request must be a written request by 15 or more registered voters of the county for which the inspector is requested. (Sec. 34.001).
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Thursday, May 23, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (day before the last day of early voting in person; 5th day before runoff primary)
Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours each weekday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).
- A voter is eligible to vote a late ballot if they will be out of the county of residence on election day due to a death in the immediate family (related within 2nd degree of consanguinity or affinity) that occurs on or after this day. The voter may submit the Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Death in the Family (PDF) starting Saturday, May 25, 2024 (the day after early voting in person ends). (Secs. 103.001, 103.003(b)). An application may be submitted after the last day of the period for early voting by personal appearance and before the close of business on the day before election day. (Sec. 103.003).
- Early voting clerk must post Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials (PDF) to the early voting ballot board if materials are to be delivered to the board on Friday, May 24, 2024. Notice must be posted continuously for 24 hours preceding each delivery to the board. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.0222, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241).
- Last day to publish notice of the public L&A test of a voting system that will be used for the first time on election day, if test will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2024. The last date to perform this test for voting systems that will be used for the first time on election day is Saturday, May 25, 2024. Notice of the public L&A test must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 1.006, 129.001, 129.023).
- NOTE: The Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials serves as notice of the convening of the early voting ballot board. This notice should be posted every time the early voting ballot board reconvenes.
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Friday, May 24, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (4th day before runoff primary election day)
Last day to vote early in person in the runoff primary election. (Sec. 85.001(b)).
- Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).
- First day for voter registrar or elections administrator to return the list of registered voters used in first primary to the county chair if it is to be used for the runoff primary election. (Sec. 172.115(b)).
- Deadline to publish notice of the first test of the automatic tabulating equipment, if the test is to be conducted as

recommended on Sunday, May 26, 2024. The notice must be published at least 48 hours before the test. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096).

After the polls close at the end of early voting, the ballot board and/or central counting station may convene to perform the following activities, depending on the population size of the county:

Counties with a population of 100,000 or more that use electronic voting systems:

In an election conducted by an authority of a county with a population of 100,000 or more that uses electronic voting systems, or conducted jointly with such a county or conducted with such a county through a contract for election services, the early voting ballot board may begin counting at the end of the period for early voting by personal appearance. (Sec. 87.0241(b)(2)).

After the polls close at the end of early voting by personal appearance, counties with a population of 100,000 or more may convene their early voting ballot board and/or central counting station and begin counting ballots; however, the results may not be announced until after the polls close on election day. (Secs. 87.0222, 87.0241).

NOTE - If a party is conducting a joint primary or contracting with a county that has a population of 100,000 or more and is convening their early voting ballot board and/or central counting station early to begin counting ballots, the test of the tabulation equipment will need to be completed at least 48 hours before the equipment is used to count ballots. (Secs. 87.0222, 87.0241, 127.096).

NOTE - If ballots are to be delivered before Election Day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. (Secs. 87.0221(b), 87.023(b), 87.024(b)).

NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more (or political subdivisions contracting with a county with a population of 100,000 or more), the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

Counties with a population of less than 100,000:

Counties may begin convening their early voting ballot board as the county has received voted ballots by mail from voters and those materials are delivered to the ballot board, but cannot begin counting the ballots until the polls open on election day. The early voting clerk shall continuously post notice for 24 hours preceding each delivery of voting materials that is to be made before the time for opening the polls on election day. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241). See Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials (PDF).

NOTE - The county elections officer must ensure that photocopies or electronic recordings of annual applications for ballot by mail have been delivered to the early voting clerk of every political subdivision holding an election before the ballots by mail are delivered to the early voting ballot board.

NOTE - For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17.

Saturday, May 25, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Begin & Other (day after last day of early voting in person; 3rd day before runoff primary election day)

NOTE - Monday, May 27, 2024 is a holiday (Memorial Day).

First day to submit an application for and vote a late ballot because of a death in the immediate family that occurred on or after Thursday, May 23, 2024 ("the day before the last day of the period for early voting by personal appearance"), and will require absence from the county of residence on election day. The application may be submitted through the close of business on May 27, 2024, the day before runoff primary election day. (Secs. 103.001, 103.003(b)).

Because the deadline for the early voting clerk to mark the precinct list of registered voters with a notation beside each name of voter who voted early, and delivery of the list to election judges lands on Monday, May 27, 2024 (Memorial Day and the day before Election Day), our office recommends marking the precinct list no later than today. The early voting clerk must also deliver the precinct early voting list. The list may be delivered electronically if the county will be using an electronic pollbook. (Sec. 87.122).

Because the deadline for county election officer to post notices of changed polling places falls on Monday, May 27, 2024 (Memorial Day and the day before Election Day), our office recommends the county chair post the notices no later than today. The notice must be posted at the entrance of the polling place used in the last primary election and must provide the location of the new polling place. (Sec. 43.062).

Sunday, May 26, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Last day to conduct L&A (2nd day before runoff primary election day)
Last day to conduct first test of automatic tabulating equipment, if not done already. The test must be conducted at least 48 hours before ballots will be counted. The notice of the test must be published at least 48 hours before the test. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096).

Monday, May 27, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Ends & Other (day before runoff primary election day) (Memorial Day)
Last day to submit an Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Death in the Family (PDF) to the county election officer and vote a late ballot by personal appearance due to death in immediate family that occurred on or after Thursday, May 23, 2024. (Sec. 103.003).
- Last day for early voting clerk to mark the precinct list of registered voters with a notation beside each name of voter who voted early, and deliver the list to election judges. The early voting clerk must also deliver the precinct early voting list. The list may be delivered electronically if the county will be using an electronic pollbook. (Sec. 87.122).
- Deadline for county election officer to post notices of changed polling places. The notice must be posted at the entrance of the polling place used in the last primary election and must provide the location of the new polling place. (Sec. 43.062).
- Delivery of Provisional Ballots and Forms: If the voter registrar wants to take possession of the provisional ballots and forms on election night, the voter registrar must inform the custodian of the election records and post a Notice of Election Night Transfer (PDF) no later than Monday, May 27, 2024, 24 hours before election day. (1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.174(d)(3)).
- NOTE: Under this type of delivery, the county voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian of election records and pick up the provisional ballots and forms.
- NOTE: The general custodian of election records (or the early voting clerk, if applicable) must also post a Notice of Delivery of Provisional Ballots (PDF) at least 24 hours before delivery will occur. (1T.A.C. Â§ 81.174(b)(1)).

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Party Chair Petition Deadline & Other (4th Tuesday in May), RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
Deadline for convention party chairs to submit petitions and precinct convention lists to Secretary of State and to the

appropriate county clerk (or other county election official) for placement on the ballot. (Secs. 181.005(a), 181.006(b)(3), 182.003, 182.004). (This date is extended to Tuesday, May 28, 2024 by Section 1.006 because the 75th day after the date of the precinct conventions is Sunday, May 26, 2024, and Monday, May 27, 2024 is Memorial Day.)

NOTE - Section 61.002 provides that immediately before the opening of the polls on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall confirm that the public counters on each voting machine are set to zero and shall print the tape that shows that there are zero votes for each candidate or measure on the ballot. Immediately after the closing of the polls on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall print the tape to show the number of votes cast for each candidate or measure. Each election judge and alternate judge shall sign the printed tapes. (Sec. 61.002).

NOTE - The presiding judge of the central counting station must provide and attest to a written reconciliation (PDF) of votes and voters at the close of tabulation for election day and again after the central counting station meets for the last time to process late-arriving ballots by mail and provisional ballots. (Sec. 127.131). Preliminary Election Reconciliation (PDF) â€œ Unofficial Totals form (Election Day). Election Reconciliation Form (PDF) â€œ Official Results (Canvass Form). See Note on Reconciliation.

NOTE - Receipt of Mail Ballots: All early voting ballots sent by mail from inside the United States that are received by 7:00 p.m. on election day, May 28, 2024 must be counted on election night. If the carrier envelope does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark, the ballot must arrive before the time the polls are required to close on election day. (Sec. 86.007(a)(1)). If the early voting clerk cannot determine whether a ballot arrived before the deadline, the ballot is considered to have arrived at the time the place at which the carrier envelopes are deposited was last inspected for removal of returned ballots. (Sec. 86.007(b)). The early voting clerk must check the mailbox for early voting mail ballots at least once after the time for regular mail delivery. (Sec. 86.007(b)).

NOTE - An early voting mail ballot that is not received by 7:00 p.m. on election day may not be counted unless the ballot may be counted late, which applies to late domestic ballots (Sec. 86.007(a)(2)), ballots mailed from outside the United States (Sec. 86.007(d)), and ballots from members of the armed forces and merchant marine of the United States, Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or members of the Reserves, as well as their spouses and dependents (Sec. 101.057). See entry for Wednesday, May 29, 2024, and entry for Monday, June 3, 2024.

Note on Delivery of Early Voting by Personal Appearance and Mail Ballots:

The early voting clerk delivers the voted ballots, the key to the double-locked ballot box, etc., to the early voting ballot board at the time or times specified by the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board, during the hours on election day that the polls are open or as soon after the polls close as practicable. (Secs. 87.021, 87.022). The custodian of the key to the second lock of the double-locked early voting ballot box delivers his or her key to the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board on request of the presiding judge. (Secs. 85.032(d), 87.025). The custodian is the sheriff for county elections, elections ordered by the governor, and a primary election (or the county judge in a year when the office of sheriff is on the ballot). (Sec. 66.060). The county judge may delegate the custody of the keys to their staff. Alternatively, if the county judge does not have enough staff that can assist with this function, the county judge may designate the county auditor or members of the county auditor's staff if the county has a designated county auditor. If ballots are to be delivered before election day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

Note on Delivery of Early Voting Ballots to Early Voting Ballot Board Before Election Day Any jacket envelopes of early voting ballots voted by mail returned after delivery of the ballots to the early voting ballot board may be delivered to the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board between the end of the ninth day before election day and the closing of the polls on election day, or as soon after closing as practicable, at the time or times specified by the presiding judge. Mail ballots may be qualified and processed (signatures verified, carrier envelopes opened, and the secrecy envelope containing the ballot placed in a secure location), but they may not be counted until election day. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.0222, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241). If ballots are to be

delivered before election day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place.

NOTE - Counties with a population of 100,000 or more, or entities that are having joint elections with counties with a population of 100,000 or more or that are conducting an election through a contract for election services with such a county, may begin counting ballots no earlier than the end of the period for early voting by personal appearance; the results may not be released until the polls close on election day. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.0222, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241(b), 87.042). If ballots are to be delivered before Election Day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. (Secs. 87.0221(b), 87.023(b), 87.024(b)).

NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more (or political subdivisions contracting with a county with a population of 100,000 or more), the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

NOTE: If ballots are to be delivered before election day, the early voting clerk must post Notice of Delivery (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. (Secs. 87.021, 87.022).

Note on Manual Examination of Ballots Before Processing on Automatic Counting Equipment: The central counting station manager shall direct the manual examination of all electronic voting system ballots to ascertain whether the ballots can be processed in the usual manner or if the ballots need to be duplicated to clearly reflect the voter's intent. (Sec. 127.125).

Note on Testing Tabulating Equipment: The second test of automatic tabulating equipment used for counting ballots at a central counting station must be conducted immediately before the counting of ballots with equipment begins. The third test must be conducted immediately after the counting is completed. (Secs. 127.093, 127.097, 127.098).

After the polling place is officially closed and the last person has voted, the presiding judge may from time to time make an unofficial announcement of the total number of votes counted for each candidate and/or for or against each proposition in the order that they appear on the ballot. (Sec. 65.015(a)). The announcement shall be made at the entrance to the polling place. (Sec. 65.015(c)).

NOTE: The authority conducting the election may require or prohibit such announcements. (Sec. 65.015(b)) Unofficial election results must be released by the central counting station as soon as they are available after the polls close, but the presiding judge of the central counting station, in cooperation with the county election officer, may choose to withhold the release of vote totals until the last voter has voted. (Sec. 127.1311).

Note on Precinct Election Returns: Precinct election returns are delivered to the appropriate authorities after completion. (Secs. 66.053(a), 127.065, 127.066, 127.067).

Transfer of Provisional Ballots to Voter Registrar Election Night: The county voter registrar may take possession of the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) containing the provisional ballots (or provisional ballot affidavits when DRE systems are used) on election night (instead of on the next business day) by informing the custodian of election records and posting a notice of such election night transfer no later than 24 hours before election day. Under this type of delivery, the voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian and pick up the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) and associated forms. (Sec. 65.052; 1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 - 81.174, 81.176). See Verification of Provisional Ballots and Serial Numbers (PDF).

NOTE - Section 65.016 of the Code requires a county that holds

an election or provides election services for an election for a public entity to post certain information on their website. 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. While these statutory web posting requirements do not specifically apply to primary elections, we strongly recommend that you post this information for any primary election in which the county has contracted to provide election services. 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).

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- ▲ **Time** 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Subject PR24 - PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION DAY - Polls Open
Polls are open. (Sec. 41.031(a)).

Voter registrar's office is open. (Sec. 12.004(c)).

Early voting clerk's office is open for early voting activities. A voter may deliver a marked ballot by mail to the early voting clerk's office while the polls are open on election day. The voter must provide an acceptable form of identification under Section 63.0101 upon delivery. The identification procedure is the same as that used for personal appearance voting. (Secs. 63.0101, 83.011, 86.006).
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- ▲ **Time** 5:00 PM – 5:15 PM
Subject PR24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Ends
Deadline for receiving Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Sickness or Physical Disability (PDF) for late ballots to be voted by persons who became sick or disabled on or after Thursday, May 16, 2024 (12th day before election day). (Sec. 102.003(b)). See entry at Thursday, May 16, 2024.
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- ▲ **Time** 7:00 PM – 7:15 PM
Subject PR24 - ABBM Receive Deadline
Regular deadline for receiving early voting ballots by mail. BUT see entry for Wednesday, May 29, 2024 on "late domestic ballots" and entry for Monday, June 3, 2024 on other "late" ballots.

This is also the deadline to receive late ballots cast by voters who became sick or disabled on or after Thursday, May 16, 2024 (12th day before election day). (Secs. 86.007(a), 102.006(c)). See entry at Thursday, May 16, 2024.
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- ▲ **Time** 7:00 PM – 7:15 PM
Subject PR24 - County election officer begins transmitting results to Secretary of State
County election officer begins transmitting results to Secretary of State and transmits continuously until results are final. (Sec. 68.034).

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" & Other (1st business day after runoff primary election day)

5:00 PM - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" mailed within the United States from non- military voters and from any military voters who submitted an Application for Ballot by Mail ("ABBM") (not a Federal Postcard Application "FPCA"), if the carrier envelope was placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier AND bears a cancellation mark of a postal service or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier indicating a time not later than 7:00 PM at the location of the election on runoff primary election day, May 28, 2024. (Sec. 86.007(a)(2)). A late domestic ballot cannot be counted if it does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark. (Sec. 86.007(c), (e), (f)).

NOTE - Because of the deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" it is imperative that you check your mail at 5:00 p.m.

NOTE - Section 86.007 provides that a marked ballot voted by mail that a voter received due to submitting an ABBM may arrive at the address on the carrier envelope not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after election day, if the carrier envelope was placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier from within the United States and bears a cancellation mark of a postal service or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier from not later than 7:00p.m. at the location of the election on election day.

First day independent candidates for offices involved in runoff elections may collect signatures for applications. (Sec. 142.009).

NOTE: This deadline does not apply to ballots sent by non-military voters who are overseas but applied for a ballot using an ABBM; these voters have until the 5th day after election day to return their ballots (or the next business day if the 5th day falls on a weekend or legal state or federal holiday). This deadline also does not apply to ballots mailed (domestically or from overseas) by certain members of the military who applied for a ballot using an FPCA; those voters have until the 6th day after election day to return their ballots. See entry for June 3, 2024.

Unless the county voter registrar has already taken possession of the provisional ballots prior to this date, the general custodian of election records must deliver the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) containing the provisional ballots (or provisional ballot affidavits when DRE systems are used), along with the Summary of Provisional Ballots and the List of Provisional Voters for each precinct to the voter registrar by this day. The general custodian of election records makes this delivery to the voter registrar during the voter registrar office's regular business hours. (Secs. 65.052, 65.053; 1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 - 81.174, 81.176).

NOTE: If the voter registrar wants to take possession of the provisional ballots and forms on election night (Tuesday, May 28, 2024), the voter registrar must inform the custodian of the election records and post a notice of the election night transfer no later than 24 hours before election day. However, under this type of delivery, the voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian of election records and pick up the provisional ballots and forms. Also, note that the voter registrar may take possession of provisional ballots prior to election night if ballots are kept separate and may be provided without unlawful entry into ballot box. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 - 81.174).

Friday, May 31, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - PMR Deadline Date (3rd day after primary election day)
Last day to begin the partial manual count for entities using electronic voting systems for the counting of ballots. This is the last day to begin manual recount of ballots in three precincts or one percent of precincts, whichever is greater. (Sec. 127.201(a), (g)). The count must be completed not later than the 21st day after election day. Results of the manual count must be delivered to the Secretary of State not later than the 3rd day after the manual count is completed. (Sec. 127.201(e)). No partial manual count needs to be done of ballots cast on DRE voting machines, but partial manual count must be completed for mail ballots. (Sec. 127.201(g)).

NOTE: For information on how to begin the partial manual count, please see Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2018-30.

Monday, June 3, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - ABBM Cure Deadline, FPCA Ballot Deadline & Other (6th day after primary election day)

NOTE - Last day a voter may come to the early voting clerk's office in person to correct certain defects on their carrier envelope. (Secs. 87.0271, 87.0411; 1 T.A.C. §§ 81.175, 81.176). See Note 17.

Deadline for ID related provisional voter to: (1) present acceptable photo identification to county voter registrar; or (2) if the voter does not possess and cannot reasonably obtain acceptable photo identification, follow the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the county voter registrar; or (3) execute an affidavit relative to "natural disaster" or "religious objection" in presence of county voter registrar, if applicable; or (4) qualify for the disability exemption, if applicable, with the county voter registrar. (Secs. 65.054, 65.0541).

Deadline for county voter registrar to complete the review of provisional ballots. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 - 81.175, 81.176).

Last day to post notice of county chair (or county chair's designee) and at least one member of county executive committee's canvass of the returns for the runoff primary election because canvass must take place on Thursday, June 6, 2024. This notice must be posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. (Sec. 172.116; Secs. 551.002, 551.041, 551.043, Texas Government Code).

NOTE: Section 172.116 provides that a county chair may designate another individual to conduct the local canvass on the county chair's behalf. That designee must be a member of the county executive committee. If no member of the county executive committee is available to act as the county chair's designee, then any individual who is a resident of the county and is affiliated with the same political party may act as the county chair's designee.

Last day to receive ballots from non-military and any military voters casting ballots from outside of the United States, who submitted an ABBM (not an FPCA) AND who placed their ballots in delivery by 7:00 PM on runoff primary election day, Tuesday, May 28, 2024 as evidenced by a postal service cancellation mark or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier. (Sec. 86.007(d)). A late overseas ballot sent by a voter who applied for a ballot using an ABBM (not an FPCA) cannot be counted if it does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark. (Sec. 86.007(c), (e), & (f)). The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, June 3, 2024, due to the 5th day falling on Sunday, June 2, 2024. (Sec. 86.007(d-1)).

Last day to receive carrier envelopes mailed domestically (within the United States) OR overseas from voters who submitted a FPCA AND who are members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves. (Secs. 101.057, 101.001).

NOTE - Section 101.057 provides that carrier envelopes mailed domestically or overseas from certain military voters (members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves) who submitted a FPCA may arrive on or before the 6th day after election day. (Secs. 86.007, 101.057, 101.001).

NOTE: The carrier envelope or, if applicable, the envelope containing the carrier envelope sent by the military members listed above who applied to vote by mail using the FPCA does NOT need to bear a cancellation or receipt mark in order to be counted.

Thursday, June 6, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Last day for EVBB & Other (9th day after runoff primary election day; 2nd Thursday after runoff primary election day)

Local canvass of the runoff primary election by county chair (or county chair's designee) and at least one member of the county executive committee must be conducted on this date. (Sec. 172.116(b)).

Deadline for custodian of election records or presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to retrieve provisional ballots from county voter registrar. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 - 81.175, 81.176).

Last day for early voting ballot board to convene to qualify and count:

any late domestic ballots (from non-military and from any military voters who submitted an ABBM) that bear a cancellation mark or receipt mark indicating they were placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier not later than 7:00 PM on election day, May 28, 2024, and were received not later than 5:00 PM on the first business day after election day, Wednesday, May 29, 2024. (Secs. 86.007(a), 87.125(a)).

any late ballots that were submitted from outside the United States by voters who applied for the ballot using an ABBM or by non-military voters who applied for the ballot using an FPCA, and which were received by the 5th day after election day, Monday, June 3, 2024. (Secs. 86.007(d) & (d-1), 87.125(a)).

any ballots received by the 6th day after election day, Monday, June 3, 2024 from voters who are members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves, and who applied for a ballot using an FPCA. (Secs. 101.057, 87.125(a)).

any provisional ballots that have been reviewed by the voter registrar. (Sec. 65.051(a)).

ballots contained in defective carrier envelopes corrected by voters. (Sec. 86.011(d)).

NOTE: Ballots that do not qualify under 1-3 above should be treated as ballots not timely returned and should not be delivered to the ballot board. (Sec. 86.007).

NOTE: If the early voting ballot board needs to meet after this date, it will require a court order to do so.

The time the board reconvenes is set by the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board. (Secs. 86.007(d), 87.125).

NOTE - The presiding judge of the central counting station is required to provide and attest to a written reconciliation (PDF) of votes and voters at the close of tabulation for election day and again after the central counting station meets for the last time to process late-arriving ballots by mail and provisional ballots. (Sec. 127.131). See Note 19 on Reconciliation.

NOTE: Section 172.116 provides that a county chair may designate another individual to conduct the local canvass on the county chair's behalf. That designee must be a member of the county executive committee. If no member of the county executive committee is available to act as the county chair's designee, then any individual who is a resident of the county and is affiliated with the same political party may act as the county chair's designee.

Friday, June 7, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- ▲ **Subject** PR24 - EVBB Notice of Reject Deadline (10th day after runoff primary election day; 24 hours after local canvass)
The presiding judge of the early voting ballot board shall mail a Notice of Rejected Ballot (PDF) to voters whose mail ballots were rejected no later than the 10th day after election day or as soon as practicable, depending on when the early voting ballot board last convenes. (Sec. 87.0431).

NOTE: Section 87.0431 requires notice to also be provided to email address of an overseas mail ballot voter if ballot was transmitted to the voter by email under Section 101.102.

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- ▲ **Subject** PR24 - Electronic Records Deadline & Other (15th day after runoff primary election day)

Election records from the runoff primary election must be available in an electronic format no later than this day, for a fee of not more than \$50.00. (Sec. 1.012(e)).

Last day to post notice of state executive committee's meeting to canvass returns of runoff primary election if state canvass takes place on June 15, 2024. Notice must be posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. (Sec. 172.120; Secs. 551.002, 551.041, 551.043, Texas Government Code).

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Saturday, June 15, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - State Canvass Deadline (3rd Saturday after runoff primary election day)
Deadline for state executive committee to conduct state canvass. (Sec. 172.120).

Monday, June 17, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - EVBB Provisional Notice Deadline & Other (11th day after local canvass; 20th day after runoff primary election day)
New party officers take office. (Sec. 171.022(c)).

Deadline for the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to notify provisional voters whether their ballots were counted and if not, the reason why they were not counted. (Sec. 65.059; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.176). (The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, June 17, 2024 due to the 10th day falling on Sunday, June 16, 2024. (Sec. 1.006).)

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that images of voted ballots, if maintained, and cast vote records shall be made available for public inspection beginning on the first day after the date of the final canvass of an election is completed. The bill also provides that original voted ballots shall be made available for public inspection beginning on the 61st day after election day. The bill requires the general custodian of election records to adopt procedures to ensure the redaction of any personally identifiable information of the voter that is contained on the voted ballot, ballot images, or cast vote records before making them available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - PMR Deadline Date (21st day after election day)
Last day to complete the partial manual count. (Sec. 127.201(a)).

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - County Chair SOS Deadline (20th day after local canvass)
Deadline for county chair to post notice to the Secretary of State's website of the names of the persons elected as county chair and precinct chairs for the county. The notice must include (1) each party officer's address, (2) each precinct chair's precinct number, and (3) each precinct officer's phone number and email address, if supplied by the officer. (Sec. 172.118).

Thursday, June 27, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - County Clerk SOS Deadline & Other (30th day after runoff primary election day)

Deadline for county election officer to deliver to Secretary of State precinct returns of primary election for all offices other than party offices, including precinct-by-precinct returns for early voting. The report must include early voting votes cast by mail and early voting votes cast by personal appearance. That delivery to the Secretary of State must be made through the electronic system for submission of the report. (Secs. 67.017, 172.124).

NOTE: Sections 67.017 and 172.124 require this report to include all offices other than party offices in the precinct-by-precinct reports under this section. That report must include separate totals for early voting votes by mail and early voting votes by personal appearance.

Last day independent candidates may file applications and petitions (5 p.m.). (Sec. 142.006).

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - County Chair Bank Transfer (30th day after term of party office starts)
Deadline by which former county chair must transfer party bank accounts and records to new county chair; it is a Class C misdemeanor if the former county chair fails to transfer the records. (Sec. 171.028).

Sunday, July 28, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - First Day Ballot Box Key Return (61st day after runoff primary election day)
First day the general custodian of election records may (1) require a person who has possession of a key that operates the lock on a ballot box containing voted ballots to return the key to the custodian; and (2) unlock the ballot box and transfer the voted ballots to another secure container for the remainder of the preservation period. (Sec. 66.058(b)). Please note that the custodian is not required by law to do this on Sunday, July 28, 2024; the custodian may choose to transfer the voted ballots to another secure container for the remainder of the preservation period on Monday, July 29, 2024 or a later date.

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - County Chair Expense Deadline
Deadline for county chair to file report of the actual expenses of the general primary election and runoff primary election (Final Cost Report) with the Secretary of State. (Sec. 173.084). Any surplus remaining in a county primary fund account after payment of approved expenses must be remitted to the Secretary of State on request. (Sec. 173.0851). The county chair is not entitled to final payment unless precinct-by-precinct returns have been received by the Secretary of State.

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Surveillance Hold Ends (1st day after end of calendar year 2024)
First day that surveillance video of areas containing voted ballots from the May 28, 2024 election may be destroyed IF there is no unresolved election contest.

NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more (or political subdivisions contracting with a county with a population of 100,000 or more), the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec. of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

Thursday, January 1, 2026

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - January 2026 (Twenty-two (22) months after 2024 primary election day)
Contents of ballot box(es) may be destroyed IF no contest or criminal investigation has arisen (Secs. 1.013, 66.058), and IF no open records request has been filed (Tex. Att’y Gen. ORD-505 (1988)).

All election records must be preserved for 22 months from election day, even when there is no federal office on the ballot. (Sec. 66.058).

Notable Exceptions:
Permanent Records: Election results must be permanently maintained in the election register. (Sec. 67.006).

Electronic Voting Systems: See advisories on our website for preservation procedures for electronic voting systems. (See Tex. Sec’y of State Election Advisory No. 2019-23.)

Sunday, March 1, 2026

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - March 2026 (Twenty-two (22) months after 2024 runoff primary election day; two years after 2024 primary election day)
Contents of ballot box(es) may be destroyed IF no contest or criminal investigation has arisen (Secs. 1.013, 66.058), and IF no open records request has been filed (Tex. Att’y Gen. ORD-505 (1988)).

All election records must be preserved for 22 months from election day, even when there is no federal office on the ballot. (Sec. 66.058).

Notable Exceptions:
Permanent Records: Election results must be permanently maintained in the election register. (Sec. 67.006).

Electronic Voting Systems: See advisories on our website for preservation procedures for electronic voting systems. (See Tex. Sec’y of State Election Advisory No. 2019-23.)

Candidate applications must be retained by the county chair for two years (24 months) after date of primary election. (Sec. 141.036).

Wednesday, March 1, 2028

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - March 2028 (Four years after 2024 election day)
Voter registrar must retain list of registered voters for the primary election for four years after election day. (Sec. 18.011(b)).

Monday, May 1, 2028

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - May 2028 (Four years after 2024 runoff primary election day)
Voter registrar must retain list of registered voters for the runoff primary election for four years after election day. (Sec. 18.011(b))

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Subject: 2024 Primary Election Law Calendar

Hi Victoria,

Attached is the Election Law Calendar for you to share with Dyana. You should be able to just forward this email (with attachment).

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,



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2024 Primary Election Law Calendar

Saturday, November 11, 2023 – Monday, May 1, 2028

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▲	P24 - Recommended L&A Date (48th day before election day)	Wed, Jan 17
▲	P24 - FPCA Mailout Deadline (45th day before primary election day)	Sat, Jan 20
▲	P24 - State / County Chair Expense Deadline (43rd day before primary election day)	Mon, Jan 22
▲	P24 - EV Clerk Recommended SVC Appointment (32nd day before primary election day and 12th day before first day signature verification committee may convene)	Fri, Feb 2
▲	P24 - Last Day to Register to Vote (29th day before primary election day)	Mon, Feb 5
▲	P24 - County Chair SVC Appointment Deadline (5th day after recommended date to order signature verification committee)	Wed, Feb 7
▲	P24 - EVC General Primary Notice Deadline & Other (21st day before primary election day)	Tue, Feb 13

▲	P24 - FPCA New Voter Full Ballot Deadline, Notice deadlines, & 1st SVC Meeting Date (20th day before primary election day; 5th day before the first day of early voting)	Wed, Feb 14
▲	P24 - FPCA Partial Ballot Period (19th - 11th day before primary election day)	Thu, Feb 15 to Fri, Feb 23
▲	P24 - Last day to conduct L&A (17th day before primary election; 48 hours before start of early voting in person)	Sat, Feb 17
▲	P24 - President's Day (15th day before primary election day)	Mon, Feb 19
▲	P24 - First Day of Early Voting, FPCA Deadline, & Writ Deadline (14th day before primary election day)	Tue, Feb 20
▲	P24 - Notice Deadline for Saturday EV (72 hours preceding first hour Saturday early voting will be conducted; 13th day before primary election day)	Wed, Feb 21
▲	P24 - Notice Deadline for Sunday EV, & Other (72 hours preceding first hour Sunday early voting will be conducted; 12th day before primary election day)	Thu, Feb 22
▲	P24 - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked) (11th day before primary election day)	Fri, Feb 23
▲	P24 - Extended Weekend EV & Other (10th day before primary election day)	Sat, Feb 24
▲	P24 - Extended Weekend EV & Other (9th day before primary election day)	Sun, Feb 25
▲	P24 - Extended Weekday EV& Other (8th day - 4th day before primary election day)	Mon, Feb 26 to Fri, Mar 1
	P24 - Extended Weekday EV& Other (8th day before primary election day)	Mon, Feb 26
▲	P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (7th day before primary election day)	Tue, Feb 27
▲	P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (4th business day before primary election day)	Wed, Feb 28
▲	P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (day before the last day of early voting in person)	Thu, Feb 29
▲	P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Last day to vote early in person. (4th day before primary election day)	Fri, Mar 1

▲	P24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Starts & Other (day after last day of early voting in person; 3rd day before primary election day) (Texas Independence Day)	Sat, Mar 2	
▲	P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (day before primary election day)	Mon, Mar 4	
▲	P24 - PRIMARY ELECTION DAY - Notes	Tue, Mar 5	
	P24 - PRIMARY ELECTION DAY - Polls Open	Tue, Mar 5	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
	P24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Ends		5:00 PM – 5:15 PM
	P24 - ABBM Receive Deadline		7:00 PM – 7:15 PM
	P24 - County election officer begins transmitting results to Secretary of State		7:00 PM – 7:15 PM
▲	P24 - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" & Other (1st business day after primary election day)	Wed, Mar 6	
▲	P24 - PMR Deadline Date (3rd day after primary election day)	Fri, Mar 8	
▲	P24 - ABBM Cure Deadline & FPCA Ballot Deadline (6th day after primary election day)	Mon, Mar 11	
▲	P24 - Precinct Conventions (7th day after primary election day; 2nd Tuesday in March)	Tue, Mar 12	
▲	P24 - Last day for EVBB & Other (2nd Thursday after primary election day, 9th day after Primary Election Day)	Thu, Mar 14	
▲	P24 - EVBB Notice of Reject Deadline, and Other (10th day after primary election day; 24 hours after local canvass)	Fri, Mar 15	
▲	P24 - County Conventions (1st Saturday after 2nd Tuesday in March)	Sat, Mar 16	
▲	P24 - State Canvass Deadline (2nd Sunday after the primary election day)	Sun, Mar 17	
▲	PR24 - Runoff Candidate Withdraw Deadline & Electronic Format Deadline (3rd day after state canvass of races with potential runoffs; 15th day after general primary election day)	Wed, Mar 20	
▲	PR24 - Recommended County Chair Ballot Date & Other (4th day after state canvass of races with potential runoffs; 68th day before runoff primary election day)	Thu, Mar 21	

▲	PR24 - EVBB Provisional Notice Deadline (64th day before runoff primary election day, 11th day after local canvass)	Mon, Mar 25
▲	P24 - State Chair Canvass (22nd day after primary election day)	Wed, Mar 27
▲	PR24 - Printer/Vendor Registration Deadline & Other (60th day before runoff primary election) (Good Friday)	Fri, Mar 29
▲	P24 - County Chair SOS Deadline (20th day after local canvass of primary election)	Wed, Apr 3
▲	P24 - County Clerk SOS Deadline (30th day after primary election day)	Thu, Apr 4
▲	PR24 - L&A Notice Deadline & Other (50th day before runoff primary election day)	Mon, Apr 8
▲	PR24 - Recommended L&A Date (48th day before runoff primary election day)	Wed, Apr 10
▲	PR24 - FPCA Mailout Deadline (45th day before runoff primary election day; 2nd Saturday in April)	Sat, Apr 13
▲	PR24 - EVC Recommended SVC Appointment (32nd day before runoff primary election day and 12th day before first day signature verification committee may convene)	Fri, Apr 26
▲	PR24 - Last Day to Register to Vote (29th day before runoff primary election day)	Mon, Apr 29
▲	PR24 - County Chair SVC Appointment Deadline (5th day after recommended date to order signature verification committee)	Wed, May 1
▲	P24 - First Day Ballot Box Key Return (61st day after primary election day)	Sun, May 5
▲	PR24 - EVC General Primary Notice Deadline (21st day before runoff primary election day)	Tue, May 7
▲	PR24 - Earliest SVC Date & Other (20th day before runoff primary election day)	Wed, May 8
▲	PR24 - FPCA Partial Ballot Period (19th - 11th day before runoff primary election day)	Thu, May 9
▲	PR24 - FPCA Deadline & Writ Deadline (15th day before runoff primary election day)	Mon, May 13
▲	PR24 - L&A Notice Deadline (13th day before runoff primary election day)	Wed, May 15

▲	PR24 - Late ABBM Deadline (day before the last day to apply for a ballot by mail; 12th day before runoff primary election day)	Thu, May 16	
▲	PR24 - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked) & Other (11th day before runoff primary election; last business day 48 hours before start of early voting in person)	Fri, May 17	
▲	PR24 - Notice of Delivery (10th day before runoff primary election day)	Sat, May 18	
▲	PR24 - Extended EV Period (8th - 4th day before runoff primary election day)	Mon, May 20 to Fri, May 24	
	PR24 - First Day of Early Voting & Other (8th day before runoff primary election day) First day to vote early in person. (Sec. 85.001(b), (c)).	Mon, May 20	
▲	PR24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (4th business day before runoff primary election day)	Tue, May 21	
▲	PR24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (day before the last day of early voting in person; 5th day before runoff primary)	Thu, May 23	
▲	PR24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (4th day before runoff primary election day)	Fri, May 24	
▲	PR24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Begin & Other (day after last day of early voting in person; 3rd day before runoff primary election day)	Sat, May 25	
▲	PR24 - Last day to conduct L&A (2nd day before runoff primary election day)	Sun, May 26	
▲	PR24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Ends & Other (day before runoff primary election day) (Memorial Day)	Mon, May 27	
▲	PR24 - Party Chair Petition Deadline & Other (4th Tuesday in May). RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION DAY	Tue, May 28	
	PR24 - PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION DAY - Polls Open	Tue, May 28	7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
	PR24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Ends		5:00 PM – 5:15 PM
	PR24 - ABBM Receive Deadline		7:00 PM – 7:15 PM
	PR24 - County election officer begins transmitting results to Secretary of State		7:00 PM – 7:15 PM
▲	PR24 - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" & Other (1st business day after runoff primary election day)	Wed, May 29	

▲	PR24 - PMR Deadline Date (3rd day after primary election day)	Fri, May 31
▲	PR24 - ABBM Cure Deadline, FPCA Ballot Deadline & Other (6th day after primary election day)	Mon, Jun 3
▲	PR24 - Last day for EVBB & Other (9th day after runoff primary election day; 2nd Thursday after runoff primary election day)	Thu, Jun 6
▲	PR24 - EVBB Notice of Reject Deadline (10th day after runoff primary election day; 24 hours after local canvass)	Fri, Jun 7
▲	PR24 - Electronic Records Deadline & Other (15th day after runoff primary election day)	Wed, Jun 12
▲	PR24 - State Canvass Deadline (3rd Saturday after runoff primary election day)	Sat, Jun 15
▲	PR24 - EVBB Provisional Notice Deadline & Other (11th day after local canvass; 20th day after runoff primary election day)	Mon, Jun 17
▲	PR24 - PMR Deadline Date (21st day after election day)	Tue, Jun 18
▲	PR24 - County Chair SOS Deadline (20th day after local canvass)	Wed, Jun 26
▲	PR24 - County Clerk SOS Deadline & Other (30th day after runoff primary election day)	Thu, Jun 27
▲	PR24 - County Chair Bank Transfer (30th day after term of party office starts)	Wed, Jul 17
▲	PR24 - First Day Ballot Box Key Return (61st day after runoff primary election day)	Sun, Jul 28
▲	P24 - County Chair Expense Deadline	Wed, Sep 4
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▲	P24 - Surveillance Hold Ends (1st day after end of calendar year 2024)	Wed, Jan 1
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▲	P24 - January 2026 (Twenty-two (22) months after 2024 primary election day)	Thu, Jan 1
▲	PR24 - March 2026 (Twenty-two (22) months after 2024 runoff primary election day; two years after 2024 primary election day)	Sun, Mar 1
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▲ [P24 - March 2028 \(Four years after 2024 election day\)](#) Wed, Mar 1

▲ [PR24 - May 2028 \(Four years after 2024 runoff primary election day\)](#) Mon, May 1

Details

Saturday, November 11, 2023

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - First day to file for all other candidates for offices that are regularly scheduled to be on the Primary ballot; first day for independent candidates to file declaration of intent. (30th day before statutory regular filing deadline)
Saturday, November 11, 2023 (30th day before statutory regular filing deadline)
First day to file an application for a place on the primary ballot (PDF) for an office other than precinct chair. (Sec. 172.023(b)).

NOTE - Candidates must provide an indication on their candidate application that the candidate has either not been finally convicted of a felony, or if so convicted, has been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities. A person who has been convicted of a felony will need to include with the application proof that the person has been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities. The application form must include a statement informing candidates of the requirement to submit this information. Further, the official application form will need to include a statement informing candidates that knowingly providing false information on their application related to their final felony conviction status is a Class B misdemeanor. (Secs. 141.031, 141.039).

NOTE - Sections 143.004 and 144.003 of the Code provide that candidate applications, other than those that must be accompanied by a filing fee, may be filed via email. The application must be a scanned copy of the candidate application and must be sent to the filing authority's designated email address for accepting applications. (Secs. 143.004, 144.003).

NEW LAW: Pursuant to HB 2384 (2023, R.S.), effective September 1, 2023, candidates for certain judicial offices have a different candidate application. For more information, please see our 2024 Candidate's Guide.

First day to file a Declaration of Intent to Run as an Independent Candidate (PDF) with appropriate filing authority. (Sec. 142.002).

Friday, November 17, 2023

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - Notice of County Chair Meeting Deadline (72 hours before meeting date of county election officer and county chair)
Deadline to provide notice of meeting under Section 31.124, if the meeting is to be held on Monday, November 20, 2023, as recommended. The county election officer must deliver written notice of time and place of meeting between county election officer and county chair on or before this date. See entry under Monday, November 20, 2023. Notice may be delivered by U.S. mail, electronic mail, or other method of written communication. (Sec. 31.124).

Saturday, November 18, 2023

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - First day to file a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (30th day before write-in candidate filing deadline)
First day to file a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy for the Office of County and/or Precinct Chair as a write-in candidate for the office of precinct chair or county chair, if the county executive committee has decided to authorize write-in candidates. (Secs. 171.0231, 146.025).

Monday, November 20, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Recommended County Chair Meeting & Other
Recommended day by which the county election officer in each county should hold the mandatory meeting with the county chair of each political party to discuss for the primary election whether a joint primary election will be held and the plan for implementation of Subchapters A, B, C, and D of Chapter 87 concerning the establishment of the early voting ballot board, the delivery of materials to the early voting ballot board, the acceptance of mail ballots, and the manual counting of early voting ballots. (Sec. 31.124).
- NOTE - Section 31.124 of the Code requires that the mandatory meeting between the county election officer and the county chair include a discussion of whether to hold a joint primary election in the county.
- Recommended date by which county chairs who wish to conduct a joint primary should meet with the county election officer to determine whether to enter into a joint resolution to conduct the primary, and if the determination is in the affirmative, to discuss potential consolidation of election precincts, to determine the estimated number of election judges and clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, and central counting station personnel to be appointed from the parties, and to decide which voting system and ballot formats are to be used. (Sec. 172.126).
- Recommended date by which county chairs should meet with the county election officer to discuss whether a contract for election services should be entered into, even if a joint primary will not be conducted. The terms of such a contract, potential consolidation of election precincts, the estimated number of election judges and clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, and central counting station personnel that will be needed and how they will be obtained, and which voting system and ballot formats will be used should be discussed. (Secs. 31.092, 31.094, 172.1113).
- Recommended date by which county chairs should submit names of persons eligible to serve as deputy early voting clerks for the primary election. (Sec. 85.0091). The early voting clerk will select elections officers for the main and branch early voting polling places from lists provided by the county chair. However, the early voting clerk will set the actual deadline for the submission of those lists. This recommended deadline serves to provide adequate time for chairs to compile lists and the election officials to be notified.

Saturday, December 2, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Vacancy Extended Filing Deadline (day after 10th day before date of regular filing deadline)
If a vacancy for an unexpired term in an office of the state or county government occurs after the 10th day before the date of the regular filing deadline, but on or before the 5th day before the date of the regular filing deadline (on or after December 2 and on or before December 6), an application for the unexpired term is subject to an extended filing deadline. See entry at Monday, December 18, 2023. (Sec. 202.004(a), (c)).

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Vacancy Deadline (5th day before regular filing deadline)
Last day a vacancy for an unexpired term in an office of the state or county government may occur and appear on the primary ballot. (Sec. 202.004(a)). An application for such a vacancy is subject to an extended filing deadline. See entry at Monday, December 18, 2023. (Sec. 202.004(a), (c)).

Thursday, December 7, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Recommended Commissioner Court Approval
Recommended time frame in which the commissioners court should approve resolution to have a joint primary. See entry under Monday, November 20, 2023. (Sec. 172.126(a)).

Sunday, December 10, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - County Chair Candidate Deadline (last day before regular filing deadline)

Deadline for the county chair (or secretary of the county executive committee) to post on the political party's Internet website or in the location where a candidate files for a place on the ballot a notice (PDF) containing the address at which the county chair and secretary of the county executive committee will be available to receive applications on the last day for filing an application. This deadline is not extended under Section 1.006. (Sec. 172.022(b)).

NOTE: If the party secretary is accepting applications at a second location in addition to the county chair, the notice must include both locations.

Monday, December 11, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - County Chair Filing deadline for primary candidates; filing deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of intent. (2nd Monday in December)
6:00 PM - Deadline for applications for a place on the general primary election ballot to be received by the state or county chair, as applicable to the office. (Secs. 172.022(a), 172.023(a)).
Postmark by this deadline without actual receipt by the state or county chair is not sufficient. (Sec. 172.021(c)).
- NOTE - Sections 141.031 and 141.039 of the Code require that candidates provide an indication on their candidate application that the candidate has either not been finally convicted of a felony, or if so convicted, has been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities. A person who has been convicted of a felony will need to include with the application proof that the person has been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities. The application form must include a statement informing candidates of the requirement to submit this information. Further, the official application form will need to include a statement informing candidates that knowingly providing false information on their application related to their final felony conviction status is a Class B misdemeanor. (Secs. 141.031, 141.039).
- NOTE - Sections 143.004 and 144.003 of the Code provide that candidate applications, other than those that must be accompanied by a filing fee, may be filed via email. The application must be a scanned copy of the candidate application and must be sent to the filing authority's designated email address for accepting applications. (Secs. 143.004, 144.003).
- NOTE: This deadline is also applicable to applications for a place on the primary election ballot to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in an office of the state or county government that occurred on or before the 10th day before the date of the regular filing deadline (December 1, 2023). (Sec. 202.004(b)).
- 6:00 PM - Deadline for convention party candidates to file applications to be nominated by convention. (Sec. 181.033(a)).
- 6:00 PM - Deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of independent candidacy with appropriate filing authority. (Sec. 142.002).
- Deadline for each party chair to deliver lists of names of election judges and clerks, early voting ballot board members, and central counting station personnel (if applicable) to the county election officer if joint primary election is going to be conducted. (Sec. 172.126(c); 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.148).

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - County Chair Withdraw Omission Date (1st day after the regular filing deadline)
If a candidate withdraws, dies, or is declared ineligible by this date, their name is omitted from the primary ballot. (Secs. 172.057, 172.058(a)).

Monday, December 18, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - County Chair Candidate Deadline (7th day after regular filing deadline)

6:00 PM - Deadline for the state or county chair, as applicable, to receive applications for a place on the general primary election ballot for an unexpired term for a vacancy in an office of the state or county government that occurs after the 10th day (December 1, 2023) before the date of the regular filing deadline, but on or before the 5th day (December 6, 2023) before the date of the regular filing deadline. (Secs. 1.006, 202.004(a), (c)). (The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, December 18, 2023 due to the 5th day after the regular candidate filing deadline falling on Saturday, December 16, 2023. (Sec. 1.006).)

6:00 PM - Extended deadline for the state or county chair to receive an application for a place on the general primary election ballot for an office if a candidate who has made an application that complies with the applicable requirements (Sec. 172.054(b)):

- dies on or after the fifth day before the date of the regular filing deadline (December 6, 2023) and on or before the first day after the date of the regular filing deadline (December 12, 2023);
- holds the office for which the application was made and withdraws or is declared ineligible on the date of the regular filing deadline (December 11, 2023) or on the first day after the date of the regular filing deadline (December 12, 2023);
- or withdraws or is declared ineligible on the date of the regular filing deadline (December 11, 2023) or on the first day after the date of the regular filing deadline (December 12, 2023), and at the time of the withdrawal or declaration of ineligibility no other candidate has made an application that complies with the applicable requirements for the office sought by the withdrawn or ineligible candidate.

(The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, December 18, 2023 due to the 5th day after the regular candidate filing deadline falling on Saturday, December 16, 2023. (Sec. 1.006).)

NOTE: An application filed by mail with the state chair in a situation where the deadline is extended due to death, withdrawal, or ineligibility of a candidate under the circumstances outlined above is not timely if received later than 5:00 PM on the extended deadline. (Sec. 172.054(b)).

6:00 PM - Deadline to file a declaration of write-in candidacy for county chair or precinct chair if authorized by the county executive committee. (Secs. 171.0231, 1.006).

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - County / State Deadline to post Candidate info on SOS (8th day after regular filing deadline)
Deadline for county and state chairs to electronically submit candidate information and status for posting on the Secretary of State's website. (Sec. 172.029(c)).

Recommended deadline for each state chair to certify to Secretary of State for placement on the general primary election ballot the name of each candidate who files with the chair an application that complies with Section 172.021(b). (Sec. 172.028(a)).

Wednesday, December 20, 2023

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Candidate Posting Deadline (9th day after regular filing deadline)
Deadline for state chair to notify county chair in each county in which the candidate's name is to appear on the ballot that the certification of candidates has been posted by the Secretary of State. (Sec. 172.028(b)).

Date by which Secretary of State anticipates posting on Secretary of State's Internet website that is viewable by the public the certified list of candidates who filed, provided by each chair. (Sec. 172.028(a)).

Deadline for chair to post notice on the party's website 24 hours preceding the date, hour, and place of ballot drawing if ballot drawing is conducted on December 21, 2023. If the party does not maintain an Internet website, the party must post notice on the commissioners court bulletin board. All candidates who provide an email address on their filing form must be notified electronically of drawing. (Sec. 172.082(e)).

Deadline for state executive committee to set date, hour, and place for convening state convention. (Sec. 174.092(b)). (See Note 13.)

Thursday, December 21, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - County Chair Drawing Order Deadline (10th day after regular filing deadline)
Deadline for county chair or county chair's designee to conduct drawing for candidate order on ballot (unless committee provides by resolution that the county executive committee is to conduct drawing). (Sec. 172.082(c)).
- NOTE: Section 172.082(b) allows the county chair to designate another individual to conduct the ballot drawing. To be eligible to act as the county chair's designee, the individual must be a member of the county executive committee. If no member of the county executive committee is available, then a resident of the county who is affiliated with the same political party may serve as the county chair's designee.
- Recommended deadline for the state chair to certify to the Secretary of State the list of candidates who filed an application that complies with Section 172.021(b) of the Code after December 11, 2023 and on or before December 18, 2023. (Secs. 172.028(a), 172.029).
- NOTE - The purpose of this recommendation is to ensure that candidates whose applications are filed in accordance with the extended deadlines under Sections 172.054(b) and 202.004(a) of the Code are added to the list of certified candidates previously submitted by the state chair to the Secretary of State. See entries at December 18, 2023 and December 27, 2023.

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - SOS Anticipated Posting of Certified Candidates
Date by which Secretary of State anticipates posting on Secretary of State's Internet website that is viewable by the public additions to the certified list of candidates provided by state chair that are the result of the additional candidates who filed on or before December 18, 2023 in accordance with the extended deadlines. (Secs. 172.028(a), 172.029).
- Recommended date for state chair to notify county chair in each county in which the candidate's name is to appear on the ballot that the certification of additional candidates who filed by the extended deadline on or before December 18, 2023 has been posted by the Secretary of State. (Secs. 172.028(b), 172.056). See entries at December 18, 2023 and December 21, 2023.

Monday, January 1, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (64th day before election day; New Year's Day)
First day for voters to submit a regular application for ballot by mail for an election in 2024. The application is considered submitted at the time of receipt. (Secs. 84.001(e), 84.007).
- First day for voters to submit an annual application for ballot by mail for all elections in calendar year 2024. The voter must be 65 years of age or older on election day or disabled in order to submit an annual application. The application is considered submitted at the time of receipt. (Secs. 84.001(e), 84.007, 86.0015).

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Recommended County Chair Ballot Date & Other (62nd day before election day)
Recommended date for county chair to submit the ballot format to primary committee for its approval, if primary committee has been established. (Sec. 172.083).
- Recommended date for primary committee to approve ballot format, if primary committee has been established. (Sec. 172.083).
- Recommended date for county chair to order ballots. (Sec. 51.003).
- Recommended last day to order election supplies (other than ballots). (Sec. 51.003).
- Recommended date to order the lists of registered voters from the county voter registrar. (Sec. 18.006).

Friday, January 5, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Printer/Vendor Registration Deadline & Other (60th day before election day)
Deadline for printers/vendors to register with the Secretary of State to print primary ballots. (Sec. 51.013).

Recommended last day for the county chair of each political party to appoint presiding and alternate judges for each precinct in which the primary election will be held in the county, presiding judge and alternate presiding judge for the early voting ballot board, presiding judge of the central counting station, and personnel for the central counting station. (Secs. 32.006, 32.008, 87.002, 127.002-127.005). Written notice of the appointments must be given to the judges. (Sec. 32.009).

NOTE - Section 87.002 of the Code requires the early voting ballot board to have an alternate judge. The alternate judge is appointed in the same manner as the presiding judge.

Recommended last day for the county election officer to appoint presiding and alternate judges from the lists provided by each county chair and to appoint the election clerks in a joint primary election. (Sec. 172.126(c)). Written notice of the appointments must be given to the judges. (Sec. 32.009).

NOTE - General eligibility requirements for election judges and clerks are found in Subchapter C, Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code. General eligibility requirements for central counting station personnel are found in Sections 127.002-127.006 of the Texas Election Code. The presiding judge appoints the clerks, but not more than the maximum set by the political party, consistent with Secretary of State's primary finance rules; however, the alternate judge must serve as one of the clerks. (Secs. 32.031, 32.032, 32.033; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.117).

Monday, January 15, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - L&A Notice Deadline & Other (50th day before election day) (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
Last day to publish notice for testing of automatic tabulation equipment testing and logic and accuracy testing (L&A testing) of a voting system if test will be completed by recommended deadline of Wednesday, January 17, 2024. Notice (PDF) of the public tests must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096, 129.022, 129.023).

Recommended deadline for county chair of party holding a primary election to procure from voter registrar a set of precinct lists of registered voters (also supplemental lists and correction lists, if necessary) to deliver to county election officer for use in conducting early voting by mail and in person in the party's general primary. (Secs. 18.001(d), 18.002-18.004).

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Challenge filing Deadline (49th day before election day)
Deadline to challenge the filing of an application for a place on the ballot as to form, content, and procedure. (The deadline is extended to the next regular business day, due to the 50th day before primary election day falling on Monday, January 15, 2024 which is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a legal holiday. (Secs. 172.0223, 1.006).

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Recommended L&A Date (48th day before election day)

Recommended date to conduct the first test of the automatic tabulating equipment and for logic and accuracy (L&A test) test on voting system. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096, 129.022, 129.023). The Secretary of State recommends you complete your first round of testing prior to mailing your mail ballots if those ballots will be counted using automatic tabulation equipment. If you conduct your first round of testing by this date, you must publish notice of the test 48 hours prior to testing. See Note 12 above and Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2019-23.

NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code provides that if logic and accuracy testing is being conducted for a primary election, the general custodian of election records shall notify the county chair of the test at least 48 hours before the date of the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice.

NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code requires the general custodian of election records to demonstrate, using a representative sample of voting system equipment, that the source code of the equipment has not been altered. See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-30.

Saturday, January 20, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - FPCA Mailout Deadline (45th day before primary election day)

Deadline to mail ballots to military or overseas voters who already submitted their ballot requests via a federal postcard application (FPCA) or via a standard application for ballot by mail (ABBM) and indicated that they are outside the United States. If the early voting clerk cannot meet this 45th-day deadline, the clerk must notify the Secretary of State within 24 hours. (Sec. 86.004(b)).

NOTE: The 45th-day deadline under Section 86.004(b) is not extended by Section 1.006 to the next business day. The ballots covered by Section 86.004(b) should be sent out on or before Saturday, January 20, 2024.

Reminder Regarding FPCAs and Overseas ABBMs: If the early voting clerk receives an FPCA (from a military or non-military voter) or an ABBM from an overseas voter after the 45th day deadline, then the ballot must be mailed within seven days after the early voting clerk receives the FPCA or ABBM. (Secs. 86.004(b), 101.104).

NOTE - Section 101.052 of the Code sets out that an FPCA may be submitted by in-person delivery by the voter in accordance with Section 84.008 of the Code or by common or contract carrier.

NOTE - Section 101.001 of the Code sets out that a member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA.

Reminder: In regards to mail ballots for other voters (not military voters using an FPCA or overseas voters using an FPCA or ABBM), the early voting clerk must mail a ballot not later than the 7th day after the later of: (1) the date the early voting clerk has accepted a voter's application for a ballot by mail or (2) the date the ballots become available for mailing. However, if the 7th day falls earlier than the 37th day before election day (Sunday, January 28), the voter's mail ballot must be mailed no later than the 30th day (Sunday, February 4) before election day. (Sec. 86.004(a)). This means that for every application that is accepted by the early voting clerk before the 37th day before election day, the balloting materials must be mailed by the 30th day before election day. Any application that comes in after the 37th day before election day will follow the 7-day timeline in Section 86.004.

NOTE: Information on the early voting roster for both early voting in person and early voting by mail must be made available for public inspection and on the county's website if the county clerk or elections administrator is serving as the early voting clerk. The early voting roster shall be posted by 11:00 AM on the day after the information is entered on the roster (for early voting in person) or by 11:00 AM on the day after the early voting clerk receives a ballot voted by mail. (Sec. 87.121).

NOTE - Section 87.121 of the Code provides that 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.

Monday, January 22, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - State / County Chair Expense Deadline (43rd day before primary election day)
Deadline for state chairs and county chairs to submit itemized estimate and request for state funds to cover general primary expenses. (Sec. 173.081(c)(2)). Notice of consolidation of county election precincts, if any, must accompany the itemized estimate. (Sec. 173.081(f)).

NOTE: The state chair (or the state chair's designee) may submit this statement on behalf of the county chair if the county chair (1) requests the state chair to submit the statement on the county chair's behalf, or (2) fails to submit the statement by the deadline. (Sec. 173.081(g)).

Friday, February 2, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - EV Clerk Recommended SVC Appointment (32nd day before primary election day and 12th day before first day signature verification committee may convene)

Recommended date for early voting clerk to issue order calling for appointment of signature verification committee for the primary election, if the early voting clerk determines that a committee is to be appointed. (Sec. 87.027).

If the signature verification committee will start meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, recommended date early voting clerk should post copy of the order calling for appointment of the signature verification committee. (Saturday, February 3, and Sunday, February 4, 2024 are the 10th and 11th days before the first day the committee may meet.) The notice must remain posted continuously for at least 10 days before the first day the committee meets. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. (Sec. 87.027).

Monday, February 5, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - Last Day to Register to Vote (29th day before primary election day)

Last day to register to vote or make a change of address effective for the Tuesday, March 5, 2024 primary election. (Secs. 13.143, 15.025).

NOTE - A Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) also serves as an application for permanent registration under Texas law unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form). The early voting clerk should make a copy (for mailing ballots, keeping records, etc.), then should forward the original to the county voter registrar, as soon as practicable. (Sec. 101.055; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40(a), (c)(2)).

Deadline for early voting clerk to mail a ballot by mail to a voter if the voter's Application for Ballot by Mail (ABBM) was accepted by the early voting clerk on or before Sunday, January 28, 2024. (Sec. 86.004(a)).

Note - In regards to mail ballots for other voters (not military voters using an FPCA or overseas voters using an FPCA or ABBM), the early voting clerk must mail a ballot not later than the 7th day after the later of: (1) the date the early voting clerk has accepted a voter's application for a ballot by mail or (2) the date the ballots become available for mailing. However, if the 7th day falls earlier than the 37th day before election day (Sunday, January 28), the voter's mail ballot must be mailed no later than the 30th day (Sunday, February 4) before election day. (Sec. 86.004(a)). This means that for every application that is accepted by the early voting clerk before the 37th day before election day, the balloting materials must be mailed by the 30th day before election day. Any application that comes in after the 37th day before election day will follow the 7-day timeline in Section 86.004.

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - County Chair SVC Appointment Deadline (5th day after recommended date to order signature verification committee)

If the early voting clerk issues order calling for appointment of signature verification committee, this is the deadline for the county chair to appoint the members to the committee. See entry under Friday, February 2, 2024. (Sec. 87.027).

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - EVC General Primary Notice Deadline & Other (21st day before primary election day)

Last day for county clerk to post notice (PDF) of the general primary election on the county's website. The notice must also be posted on the party's website if the party maintains a website. If the party does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. (Secs. 4.003, 172.1112).

NOTE - The recommended time to include the notice of accepting voters with certain disabilities on a county's website is when the notice of election is also posted on the website. (Secs. 63.0015, 85.007(d)). See Note 15 regarding notice (PDF) on accepting voters with certain disabilities.

Last day to post notice of election on bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of governing body. (Sec. 4.003(b)). A Record of Posting Notice of Election (PDF) should be completed at the time of posting. (Sec. 4.005). See Note on Notice of Elections.

NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires the county to post the notice of election and notice of consolidated precincts on the county's website if the county maintains a website.

NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires that the county election officer, rather than the county chair, post the notice of election for the primary election.

NOTE - Section 4.009 of the Code requires a county to post certain information on its website for elections held by a county or elections for any local political subdivision in which the county has contracted to provide election services. While these statutory web posting requirements do not specifically apply to primary elections, we strongly recommend that you post this information for any primary election in which the county has contracted to provide election services. Accordingly, the following information should be posted on the county's website not later than the 21st day before election day:

- 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. (Sec. 4.009).

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - FPCA New Voter Full Ballot Deadline, Notice deadlines, & 1st SVC Meeting Date (20th day before primary election day; 5th day before the first day of early voting)

Deadline for a person who is not permanently registered to vote to submit a postmarked FPCA, in order to receive a full ballot by mail for the March 5, 2024 primary election. A person who is not permanently registered to vote and submits a postmarked FPCA after this date (20th day) and before the deadline to submit an application for ballot by mail, is not entitled to receive a ballot for any non-federal election. See Tuesday, February 20, 2024 entry for timeliness of an FPCA received without a postmark. (Secs. 101.052(e), 101.052(i)(2)).

NOTE - Section 101.052 of the Code provides that an FPCA may be submitted by in-person delivery by the voter in accordance with Section 84.008 of the Code or by common or contract carrier.

NOTE - Section 101.001 of the Code provides that a member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA.

NOTE - Be sure to check the list of registered voters for permanent registration status. Also, state law authorizes an FPCA to also serve as an application for permanent registration; therefore, the person might be permanently registered based on a prior FPCA. Even if the FPCA arrives too late for a particular election, the early voting clerk will still need to forward the original FPCA to the county voter registrar, after making a copy for your early voting clerk's use (mailing ballots, etc.) and records unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form) in which case, it will not serve as a permanent registration. (Sec. 101.055; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40).

NOTE - Overseas (non-military) voters marking the FPCA "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form (PDF)) receive a federal ballot only regardless of the date filed. (Chapter 114). In a local (non-federal) election, this means there is no ballot to send the voter.

Last day to publish notice of L&A test if test will be held on Friday, February 16, 2024, if testing was not already completed by January 17, 2024. Notice of the public L&A Test must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair is required to confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 129.001, 129.023). See Note 12, above.

First day that the signature verification committee, if one is appointed, may begin operating. (Sec. 87.027).

NOTE – For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17.

Last day to post branch early voting schedule, which should be posted continuously from the fifth day before the start of the early voting period until the last day of the early voting period. The schedule must include the location of each permanent and temporary branch early voting location, and the dates and hours that voting will be conducted at temporary branch locations. The schedule may also include the dates and hours of any weekend or extended early voting that will be conducted at permanent or temporary branch locations. (Sec. 85.067).

NOTE: This schedule may be amended after posting to include additional temporary branch locations or additional dates and hours at those locations. If any locations, dates, or hours are added, then the amended schedule must be posted at least five days before the start of voting at those additional locations or at least five days before the additional or extended hours at existing locations. (Sec. 85.067).

Thursday, February 15, 2024

- ▲ **Time** 2/15/2024 12:00 AM – 2/24/2024 12:00 AM
- Subject** P24 - FPCA Partial Ballot Period (19th - 11th day before primary election day)

A person submitting an FPCA (PDF) during this period who is not registered to vote is not entitled to receive a full ballot for the March 5, 2024 primary election. This means that a person submitting an FPCA during this period is entitled to receive a federal ballot only (no state, district, or county offices), if not already a permanent registered voter. (Secs. 101.052(f), 114.002, 114.004). See entry below under Tuesday, February 20, 2024 (FPCA without a postmark). (Secs. 101.052(f), 114.004(c)).

The early voting clerk is required to maintain a copy of this application since it may be used for other elections and forward the original to the voter registrar. (Secs. 84.007, 101.052(e), (f)).

NOTE - Be sure to check the list of registered voters for permanent registration status. Also, state law authorizes an FPCA to also serve as an application for permanent registration; therefore, the person might be permanently registered based on a prior FPCA. Even if the FPCA arrives too late for a particular election, the early voting clerk will still need to forward the original FPCA to the county voter registrar, after making a copy for your early voting clerk's use (mailing ballots, etc.) and records unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form) in which case, it will not serve as a permanent registration. (Sec. 101.055, 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40).

NOTE - Overseas (non-military) voters marking the FPCA "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form) receive a federal ballot only regardless of the date filed. (Chapter 114).

Saturday, February 17, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Last day to conduct L&A (17th day before primary election; 48 hours before start of early voting in person)
Last day to conduct public L&A test of a voting system. We highly recommend that this test is done on an earlier date to allow time for corrections to programming, if necessary. (See Note 12, above). Per Section 129.023, the L&A test shall be conducted not later than 48 hours before voting begins on such voting systems, assuming that the voting system will first be used for early voting in person.

NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code requires the general custodian of election records to demonstrate, using a representative sample of voting system equipment, that the source code of the equipment has not been altered. (Sec. 129.023(c-1)). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-30.

Monday, February 19, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - President's Day (15th day before primary election day)
Because Monday, February 19, 2024 is Presidents' Day, which is a legal holiday, early voting will not be conducted on this date. (Secs. 85.001(c), 85.005).

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - First Day of Early Voting, FPCA Deadline, & Writ Deadline (14th day before primary election day)
First day to vote early in person. (Sec. 85.001(a), (c)).

NOTE - The early voting period for the general primary election begins 17 days prior to election day, but because the first day of the early voting period falls on a legal state holiday (Monday, February 19, 2024), it is extended to the next regular business day, Tuesday, February 20, 2024. (Sec. 85.001(c)).

NOTE - Section 85.005 of the Code provides that early voting in person must be conducted at the main early voting location on each weekday of the early voting period that is not a legal state holiday and for a period of at least nine (9) hours, except that voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM.

NOTE - Voting by limited ballot must be done during the early voting period at the main early voting polling place (or by mail). (Sec. 112.002(a)).

In a primary election, a certain number of temporary branch locations must be established depending on the population size of the county:

- in a county with a population of 400,000 or more, the commissioners court must establish one or more temporary polling places, other than the main early voting polling place, in each state representative district containing territory covered by the election;

- in a county with a population of 120,000 or more but less than 400,000, the commissioners court must establish one or more temporary polling places, other than the main early voting polling place, in each commissioners precinct containing territory covered by the election;

- in a county with a population of 100,000 or more but less than 120,000, the early voting clerk must establish one or more early voting polling places in each commissioners precinct for which the early voting clerk receives a timely filed written request by at least 15 registered voters of that precinct. (Sec. 85.062(d)).

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 1217 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 85.064 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to establish uniform early voting requirements for all counties regardless of population size. Any established temporary branch location must remain open for at least 8 hours on each of the days that voting is required to be conducted at the main early voting location. See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2023-10.

NOTE - Section 85.062 of the Code provides that the location of temporary branch polling places in an election in which countywide polling places are used must be determined with the same methodology that is used for the location of countywide polling places.

NOTE - Section 61.002 of the Code provides that immediately before the opening of the polls on the first day of early voting and on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall confirm that the public counters on each voting machine are set to zero and shall print the tape that shows that there are zero votes for each candidate or measure on the ballot. Each election judge and alternate judge shall sign the printed tapes.

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 1217 (2023, R.S.) amended Sections 85.005 and 85.006 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to modify the required weekend days and hours for early voting by personal appearance at the main early voting polling place for counties. House Bill 1217 removed the population threshold that required only counties above a certain population to provide extended weekend early voting hours for the primary election and the general election for state and county officers. House Bill 1217 also repealed the provision that required counties below a certain population threshold to provide extended weekend early voting in these elections if the early voting clerk received a written request submitted by at least 15 registered voters of the county. As a result, the same extended weekend early voting hours now apply to ALL counties regardless of their population for the primary election and the general election for state and county officers. Therefore, the county voter registrar's office is required to remain open for providing voter registration information during the extended hours or weekend hours that the main early voting polling place is open for voting. (Secs. 12.004(d), 85.005(c), 85.006(e)). See Note 7 above.

NOTE - The notice of precinct conventions must be posted continuously during the early voting period. Prior to opening the polls, the presiding judge of each precinct must post at each entrance to the building a notice of the time and place for convening the precinct, county, senatorial, and state conventions. This notice must remain posted continuously during the early voting period and on election day. (Sec. 172.1111).

Deadline to receive an FPCA without a postmark. If an FPCA is received by this date without a postmark to prove mailing date, the early voting clerk will accept the FPCA and mail the applicant a full ballot even if the applicant is not a permanently registered voter but meets the requirements under Title 2 of the Election Code (unless the voter marks the FPCA form "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form), in which case the voter receives a federal-only ballot). (Secs. 101.052(i)(1), 1.006).

Last day to notify election judges of duty to hold election Writ of Election (PDF). Notice must be given by the 15th day before the election or the 7th day after the day the election is ordered, whichever is later. The Writ of Election must be given to each presiding judge and include:

The judge's duty to hold the election; The type and date of election; The polling place location at which the judge will serve; The polling place hours; and The maximum number of clerks the judge may appoint. (Sec. 4.007).

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Notice Deadline for Saturday EV (72 hours preceding first hour Saturday early voting will be conducted; 13th day before primary election day)
Deadline to post notice (PDF) of Saturday early voting on county website. The notice must be posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the first hour that early voting on Saturday, February 24, 2024 will be conducted. (Sec. 85.007(b), (c)).
- In counties with a population of 100,000 or more, deadline to post notice of Saturday early voting at any required temporary branch locations (created under Section 85.062(d) of the Texas Election Code). The notice must be posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the first hour that early voting on Saturday, February 24, 2024 will be conducted. (Secs. 85.006(e), 85.007(c), 85.062(d), 85.064(d), 85.068).

Thursday, February 22, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Notice Deadline for Sunday EV, & Other (72 hours preceding first hour Sunday early voting will be conducted; 12th day before primary election day)
Deadline to post notice (PDF) of Sunday early voting on county website. The notice must be posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the first hour that early voting on Sunday, February 25, 2024 will be conducted. (Sec. 85.007(b), (c)).
- In counties with a population of 100,000 or more, deadline to post notice of Sunday early voting at any required temporary branch locations (created under Section 85.062(d) of the Texas Election Code). The notice must be posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the first hour that early voting on Sunday, February 25, 2024 will be conducted. (Secs. 85.006(e), 85.007(c), 85.062(d), 85.064(d), 85.068).
- NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 1217 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 85.006(e) of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to require the early voting clerk to order early voting in accordance with Section 85.006(e) of the Code (extended weekend early voting) at each temporary branch location established under Section 85.062(d). Therefore, in a primary election, the general election for state and county officers, or a special election to fill a vacancy in the legislature or Congress, early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on the last Saturday and at least 6 consecutive hours on the last Sunday of the early voting period at the mandatory
- temporary branch polling places established under Section 85.062(d) of the Code. (Secs. 85.006, 85.062, 85.064). Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM on the last Saturday of the early voting period. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 9:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM on the last Sunday of the early voting period. (Sec. 85.006). See Note 7.
- First day a voter who becomes sick or disabled on or after this date may submit an application for a late ballot if the sickness or physical condition prevents the voter from appearing at the polling place without the likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring his or her health. (Sec. 102.001). See Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Sickness or Physical Disability (PDF). Applications may continue to be submitted until 5:00 PM on Election Day. (Sec. 102.003).
- NOTE - For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17.

Friday, February 23, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked) (11th day before primary election day)

Last day for early voting clerk to receive applications for a ballot to be voted by mail. (Sec. 84.007(c)). All applications to vote by mail must be received by the early voting clerk before the close of regular business or 12 noon, whichever is later. Applications to vote by mail must be submitted by mail, common or contract carrier, fax (if a fax machine is available in the office of the early voting clerk), or by electronic submission of a scanned application with an original signature. The early voting clerk's designated email address must be posted on the Secretary of State's website. (Sec. 84.007(e)).

Last day to receive an FPCA (PDF) from a registered voter. If the voter is not registered in the county (and/or marked intent to return "uncertain"), the voter is still eligible for a ballot containing federal offices only. In a local (non-federal) election, this means there is no ballot to send the voter. (Secs. 101.052(b), (f), 114.004(c)).

If an ABBM is faxed or emailed or if an FPCA is faxed, then the applicant must submit the ORIGINAL application BY MAIL to the early voting clerk so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than the 4th business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA. If the early voting clerk does not receive the original ABBM or FPCA by that deadline, then the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA will be considered incomplete, and the early voting clerk may NOT send the applicant a ballot. The requirement to mail the original application does not apply to an emailed FPCA.

NOTE - A member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA. (Sec. 101.001).

An applicant for a ballot to be voted by mail (ABBM or FPCA) may submit the application by delivering it in person to the early voting clerk if the application is submitted not later than the close of regular business in the clerk's office on Friday, February 23, 2024. (Sec. 84.008).

NOTE - An FPCA may be submitted by in-person delivery by the voter in accordance with Section 84.008 of the Code or by common or contract carrier. Further, an application is considered submitted in the following calendar year if: 1) the applicant is eligible to vote in an election occurring in January or February of the next calendar year; and 2) the application is submitted in the last 60 days of a calendar year but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election. (Sec. 101.052).

NOTE - Section 84.008 of the Code provides that an applicant for a ballot to be voted by mail may submit the application by delivering it in person to the early voting clerk if the application is submitted not later than the deadline provided by Section 84.007(c) of the Code. This means that voters may personally deliver their ABBM or FPCA to the early voting clerk not later than the close of regular business in the early voting clerk's office or 12 noon, whichever is later, on the 11th day before election day (unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, in which case the last day is the first preceding regular business day).

NOTE - NEW LAW: SB 1599 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 86.008 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to require that if the early voting clerk determines that it would not be possible for the applicant to correct certain defects in a mail ballot application and return an application form by mail before the deadline, the clerk may notify the applicant by telephone or e-mail of the defect, and inform the applicant that the applicant may come to the early voting clerk's office before the deadline and correct the defect in person. The clerk shall notify the applicant of a defect discovered and provide the information required to permit the applicant to correct the defect using the Secretary of State's online Ballot by Mail Tracker, if possible. See Note 17.

Saturday, February 24, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Extended Weekend EV & Other (10th day before primary election day)

Extended weekend early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on the last Saturday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. In counties with a population of 100,000 or more, early voting must be conducted for at least 12 hours on the last Saturday of the early voting period at any required temporary branch locations (created under Section 85.062(d) of the Texas Election Code). (Secs. 85.006(e), 85.062(d), 85.064(d)). See Note 7 and Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2023-10.

NOTE: The Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials serves as notice of the convening of the early voting ballot board. This notice should be posted every time the early voting ballot board reconvenes.

Sunday, February 25, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Extended Weekend EV & Other (9th day before primary election day)
Extended weekend early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 6 consecutive hours on the last Sunday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. In counties with a population of 100,000 or more, early voting must be conducted for at least 6 hours on the last Sunday of the early voting period at any required temporary branch locations (created under Section 85.062(d) of the Texas Election Code). (Secs. 85.006(e), 85.062(d), 85.064(d)).

NOTE: There is no petition process to require a county with a population less than 100,000 to conduct weekend early voting at temporary branch locations. However, the early voting clerk may voluntarily order weekend early voting at temporary branch locations by written order if they choose to do so.

NOTE: The Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials serves as notice of the convening of the early voting ballot board. This notice should be posted every time the early voting ballot board reconvenes.

Monday, February 26, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Extended Weekday EV& Other (8th day before primary election day)

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).

NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more, the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

NOTE - NEW LAW: SB 1599 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 87.0222 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that not later than the ninth day before election day, the jacket envelopes containing early voting ballots voted by mail MUST be delivered to the early voting ballot board. This requirement applies regardless of the county's population size. Any jacket envelopes of early voting ballots voted by mail returned after delivery of the ballots to the early voting ballot board may be delivered to the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board between the end of the ninth day before election day and the closing of the polls on election day, or as soon after closing as practicable, at the time or times specified by the presiding judge. The early voting clerk shall post notice of each delivery of balloting materials that is to be made before the time for opening the polls on election day. The notice must be posted at the main early voting polling place continuously for at least 24 hours immediately preceding the delivery.

Because the ninth day falls on Sunday, February 25, 2024, the deadline is extended to Monday, February 26, 2024. (Sec. 1.006).

NOTE - The early voting ballot board can meet as soon as the county has received voted ballots by mail from voters and those materials are delivered to the ballot board. The ballot board does not have to wait until this ninth-day deadline to meet.

▲ **Time** 2/26/2024 12:00 AM – 3/2/2024 12:00 AM
Subject P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (8th day - 4th day before primary election day)
Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (7th day before primary election day)

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).

If county election precincts are consolidated, the county election officer must post at the polling place used in the preceding general election for state and county officers a notice of consolidation and location of the polling place in the consolidated precinct. For purposes of conducting a primary election, the "preceding general election" is the preceding primary election. (Secs. 4.003(b), 172.1112).

NOTE: Section 172.1112 provides that the county election officer is required to post the notice of consolidation, if polling places are consolidated. The notice of consolidation should be posted on the county's website.

NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires the county to post the notice of election and notice of consolidated precincts on the county's website if the county maintains a website.

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (4th business day before primary election day)
- Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).
- Last day for Secretary of State to receive a Request for Election Inspectors (PDF) for the general primary election. The request must be a written request by 15 or more registered voters of the county for which the inspector is requested. (Sec. 34.001).

Thursday, February 29, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (day before the last day of early voting in person)
- Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).
- Deadline to receive a voter's original ABBM by mail or common or contract carrier if the voter submitted a copy of their application by fax or email.
- A voter is eligible to vote a late ballot if they will be out of the county of residence on election day due to a death in the immediate family (related within 2nd degree of consanguinity or affinity) that occurs on or after this day. The voter may submit the Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Death in the Family (PDF) starting Saturday, March 2, 2024 (the day after early voting in person ends). (Secs. 103.001, 103.003(b)). An application may be submitted after the last day of the period for early voting by personal appearance and before the close of business on the day before election day. (Sec. 103.003).
- Early voting clerk must post Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials (PDF) to the early voting ballot board if materials are to be delivered to the board on March 1, 2024. Notice must be posted continuously for 24 hours preceding each delivery to the board. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.0222, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241).
- NOTE: The Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials serves as notice of the convening of the early voting ballot board. This notice should be posted every time the early voting ballot board reconvenes.

Friday, March 1, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Last day to vote early in person. (4th day before primary election day)

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).

Last day to publish notice of public test of automatic tabulating equipment, if test will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2024, and testing was not already completed. The public notice of the test of automatic tabulating equipment must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins.

NOTE: Section 127.096 requires that for a primary election, the custodian of election records must give the county chair 48 hours of notice prior to the test. The county chair is required to confirm receipt of the notice.

After the polls close at the end of early voting, the ballot board and/or central counting station may convene to perform the following activities, depending on the population size of the county:

Counties with a population of 100,000 or more that use electronic voting systems:

In an election conducted by an authority of a county with a population of 100,000 or more that uses electronic voting systems, or conducted jointly with such a county or conducted with such a county through a contract for election services, the early voting ballot board may begin counting at the end of the period for early voting by personal appearance. (Sec. 87.0241(b)(2)).

After the polls close at the end of early voting by personal appearance, counties with a population of 100,000 or more may convene their early voting ballot board and/or central counting station and begin counting ballots; however, the results may not be announced until after the polls close on election day. (Secs. 87.0222, 87.0241).

NOTE - If a party is conducting a joint primary or contracting with a county that has a population of 100,000 or more and is convening their early voting ballot board and/or central counting station early to begin counting ballots, the test of the tabulation equipment will need to be completed at least 48 hours before the equipment is used to count ballots. (Secs. 87.0222, 87.0241, 127.096).

NOTE - If ballots are to be delivered before Election Day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. (Secs. 87.0221(b), 87.023(b), 87.024(b)).

NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more (or political subdivisions contracting with a county with a population of 100,000 or more), the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

Counties with a population of less than 100,000:

These counties may convene their early voting ballot board for processing and qualifying mail ballots, but cannot begin counting the ballots until the polls open on election day. These counties can meet whenever they have ballots, but at the very least have to meet at some point on or before the 9th day before election day. These counties cannot begin counting ballots until the polls open on election day. The early voting clerk shall continuously post notice for 24 hours preceding each delivery of voting materials that is to be made before the time for opening the polls on election day. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241). See Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials (PDF).

NOTE - For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17.

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Starts & Other (day after last day of early voting in person; 3rd day before primary election day) (Texas Independence Day)
First day to submit an Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Death in the Family (PDF) because of a death in the immediate family that occurred on or after Thursday, February 29, 2024 ("the day before the last day of the period for early voting by personal appearance"), and will require absence from the county of residence on election day. The application may be submitted through the close of business on Monday, March 4, 2024, the day before primary election day. (Secs. 103.001, 103.003(b)).

Last day to conduct public test of automatic tabulation equipment. Per Section 127.093, the test shall be conducted at least 48 hours before the automatic tabulating equipment is used to count ballots voted in an election and was not previously tested. We highly recommend that this test is done on an earlier date to allow time for corrections to programming, if necessary. (See Note 12 above).

Monday, March 4, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (day before primary election day)
Last day for early voting clerk to mark the precinct list of registered voters with a notation beside each name of voter who voted early, and deliver the list to election judges. The early voting clerk must also deliver the precinct early voting list. The list may be delivered electronically if the county will be using an electronic pollbook. (Sec. 87.122).

Last day to submit Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Death in the Family (PDF) and vote a late ballot by personal appearance due to death in immediate family that occurred on or after Thursday, February 29, 2024. (Sec. 103.003).

Deadline for county election officer to post notice (PDF) of changed polling places. The notice must be posted at the entrance of the polling place used in the last primary election and must provide the location of the new polling place. (Sec. 43.062).

Delivery of Provisional Ballots and Forms: If the voter registrar wants to take possession of the provisional ballots and forms on election night, the voter registrar must inform the custodian of the election records and post a Notice of Election Night Transfer (PDF) no later than Monday, March 4, 2024, 24 hours before election day. (1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.174(d)(3)).

NOTE: Under this type of delivery, the county voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian of election records and pick up the provisional ballots and forms.

NOTE: The general custodian of election records (or the early voting clerk, if applicable) must also post a Notice of Delivery of Provisional Ballots (PDF) at least 24 hours before delivery will occur. (1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.174(b)(1)).

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - PRIMARY ELECTION DAY - Notes
NOTE - Section 61.002 provides that immediately before the opening of the polls on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall confirm that the public counters on each voting machine are set to zero and shall print the tape that shows that there are zero votes for each candidate or measure on the ballot. Immediately after the closing of the polls on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall print the tape to show the number of votes cast for each candidate or measure. Each election judge and alternate judge shall sign the printed tapes. (Sec. 61.002).

NOTE - The presiding judge of the central counting station must provide and attest to a written reconciliation (PDF) of votes and voters at the close of tabulation for election day and again after the central counting station meets for the last time to process late-arriving ballots by mail and provisional ballots. (Sec. 127.131). Preliminary Election Reconciliation (PDF) Unofficial Totals form (Election Day). Election Reconciliation Form (PDF) Official Results (Canvass Form). See Note on Reconciliation.

NOTE: Receipt of Mail Ballots: All early voting ballots sent by mail from inside the United States that are received by 7:00 PM on election day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, must be counted on

election night. If the carrier envelope does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark, the ballot must arrive before the time the polls are required to close on election day. (Sec. 86.007(a)(1)). If the early voting clerk cannot determine whether a ballot arrived before that deadline, the ballot is considered to have arrived at the time the place at which the carrier envelopes are deposited was last inspected for removal of returned ballots. (Sec. 86.007(b)). The early voting clerk must check the mailbox for early voting mail ballots at least once after the time for regular mail delivery. (Sec. 86.007(b)).

NOTE: An early voting mail ballot that is not received by 7:00 pm on election day may not be counted unless the ballot may be counted late, which applies to late domestic ballots (Sec. 86.007(a)(2)), ballots mailed from outside the United States (Sec. 86.007(d)), and ballots from members of the armed forces and merchant marine of the United States, Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or members of the Reserves, as well as their spouses and dependents (Sec. 101.057). See entry for Wednesday, March 6, 2024, and entry for Monday, March 11, 2024.

NOTE - Delivery of Early Voting by Personal Appearance and Mail Ballots: The early voting clerk delivers the voted ballots, the key to the double-locked ballot box, etc., to the early voting ballot board at the time or times specified by the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board, during the hours the polls are open or as soon after the polls close as practicable. (Secs. 87.021, 87.022). The custodian of the key to the second lock of the double-locked early voting ballot box delivers his or her key to the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board on request of the presiding judge. (Secs. 85.032(d), 87.025). The custodian is the sheriff for county elections, elections ordered by the governor, and a primary election (or the county judge in a year when the office of sheriff is on the ballot). (Sec. 66.060). The county judge may delegate the custody of the keys to their staff. Alternatively, if the county judge does not have enough staff that can assist with this function, the county judge may designate the county auditor or members of the county auditor's staff if the county has a designated county auditor. If ballots are to be delivered before election day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. However, see the note below. See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

NOTE: If ballots are to be delivered before election day, the early voting clerk must post Notice of Delivery (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. (Secs. 87.021, 87.022).

NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more (or political subdivisions contracting with a county with a population of 100,000 or more), the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

Note on Manual Examination of Ballots Before Processing on Automatic Counting Equipment: The central counting station manager shall direct the manual examination of all electronic voting system ballots to ascertain whether the ballots can be processed in the usual manner or if the ballots need to be duplicated to clearly reflect the voter's intent. (Sec. 127.125).

Note on Testing Tabulating Equipment: The second test of automatic tabulating equipment used for counting ballots at a central counting station must be conducted immediately before the counting of ballots with equipment begins. The third test must be conducted immediately after the counting is completed. (Secs. 127.093, 127.097, 127.098). (See Note 12 above).

After the polling place is officially closed and the last person has voted, the presiding judge may from time to time make an unofficial announcement of the total number of votes counted for each candidate and/or for or against each proposition in the order that they appear on the ballot. (Sec. 65.015(a)).

announcement shall be made at the entrance to the polling place. (Sec. 65.015(c)).

NOTE: The authority conducting the election may require or prohibit such announcements. (Sec. 65.015(b)). Unofficial election results must be released by the central counting station as soon as they are available after the polls close, but the presiding judge of the central counting station, in cooperation with the county election officer, may choose to withhold the release of vote totals until the last voter has voted. (Sec. 127.1311).

Note on Precinct Election Returns: Precinct election returns are delivered to the appropriate authorities after completion. (Secs. 66.053(a), 127.065, 127.066, 127.067).

Transfer of Provisional Ballots to Voter Registrar Election Night: The county voter registrar may take possession of the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) containing the provisional ballots (or provisional ballot affidavits when DRE systems are used) on election night (instead of on the next business day) by informing the custodian of election records and posting a notice of such election night transfer no later than 24 hours before election day. Under this type of delivery, the voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian and pick up the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) and associated forms. (Sec. 65.052; 1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172, 81.174, 81.176). See Verification of Provisional Ballots and Serial Numbers (PDF).

NOTE - Section 65.016 of the Code requires a county that holds an election or provides election services for an election for a public entity to post certain information on their website. 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. While these statutory web posting requirements do not specifically apply to primary elections, we strongly recommend that you post this information for any primary election in which the county has contracted to provide election services. 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 county'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. Counties may choose to make older election results information available on their website. See Note 3.

Counties with a Population of 250,000 or more: Per Section 127.009 of the Election Code, counties with a population of 250,000 or more must forward a copy of the audit logs from the central counting station to the Secretary of State no later than the fifth day after voting is completed. The information may be forwarded to the Secretary of State by email, use of a thumb drive, or by mail.

▲	Time 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
	Subject P24 - PRIMARY ELECTION DAY - Polls Open Polls open. (Sec. 41.031). Voter registrar's office is open. (Sec. 12.004(c)). Early voting clerk's office is open for early voting activities. (Sec. 83.011). A voter may deliver a marked ballot by mail to the early voting clerk's office while the polls are open on election day. The voter must provide an acceptable form of identification under Section 63.0101 upon delivery. The identification procedure is the same as that used for personal appearance voting. (Secs. 63.0101, 86.006).
▲	Time 5:00 PM – 5:15 PM
	Subject P24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Ends Deadline for receiving Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Sickness or Physical Disability (PDF) for late ballots to be voted by persons who became sick or disabled on or after Thursday, February 22, 2024 (12th day before election day). (Sec. 102.003(b)). See entry at Thursday, February 22, 2024.
▲	Time 7:00 PM – 7:15 PM

Subject P24 - ABBM Receive Deadline

Regular deadline for receiving early voting ballots by mail. BUT see entry for Wednesday, March 6, 2024 on "late domestic ballots" and entry for Monday, March 11, 2024 on other "late" ballots.

This is also the deadline to receive late ballots cast by voters who became sick or disabled on or after Thursday, February 22, 2024 (12th day before election day). (Secs. 86.007(a), 102.006(c)). See entry at Thursday, February 22, 2024.



Time 7:00 PM – 7:15 PM

Subject P24 - County election officer begins transmitting results to Secretary of State
County election officer begins transmitting results to Secretary of State and transmits continuously until results are final. (Sec. 68.034).

Wednesday, March 6, 2024



Time All Day

Subject P24 - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" & Other (1st business day after primary election day)
5:00 PM - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" mailed within the United States from non-military voters and from any military voters who submitted an Application for Ballot by Mail ("ABBM") (not a Federal Postcard Application "FPCA"), if the carrier envelope was placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier AND bears a cancellation mark of a postal service or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier indicating a time not later than 7:00 PM at the location of the election on election day, March 5, 2024. (Sec. 86.007(a)(2)). A late domestic ballot cannot be counted if it does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark. (Sec. 86.007(c), (e), (f)).

First day independent candidates for offices not involved in runoff primary election may collect signatures for petitions in connection with applications. (Sec. 142.009).

NOTE - Because of the deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" it is imperative that you check your mail at 5:00 p.m.

NOTE: This deadline does not apply to ballots sent by non-military voters who are overseas but applied for a ballot using an ABBM; these voters have until the 5th day after primary election day to return their ballots (or the next business day if the 5th day falls on a weekend or legal state or federal holiday). This deadline also does not apply to ballots mailed (domestically or from overseas) by certain members of the military who applied for a ballot using an FPCA; those voters have until the 6th day after primary election day to return their ballots. See entry for March 11, 2024.

Unless the county voter registrar has already taken possession of the provisional ballots prior to this date, the general custodian of election records must deliver the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) containing the provisional ballots (or provisional ballot affidavits when DRE systems are used), along with the Summary of Provisional Ballots and the List of Provisional Voters for each precinct to the voter registrar by this day. The general custodian of election records makes this delivery to the voter registrar during the voter registrar office's regular business hours. (Secs. 65.052, 65.053; 1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 – 81.174, 81.176).

NOTE: For the primary election, if the voter registrar wants to take possession of the provisional ballots and forms on election night (Tuesday, March 5, 2024), the voter registrar must inform the custodian of the election records and post a notice of the election night transfer no later than 24 hours before election day. However, under this type of delivery, the voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian of election records and pick up the provisional ballots and forms. Also, note that the voter registrar may take possession of provisional ballots prior to election night if ballots are kept separate and may be provided without unlawful entry into ballot box. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 – 81.174).

Friday, March 8, 2024



Time All Day

Subject P24 - PMR Deadline Date (3rd day after primary election day)

Last day to begin the partial manual count for entities using electronic voting systems for the counting of ballots. This is the last day to begin manual recount of ballots in three precincts or one percent of precincts, whichever is greater. (Sec. 127.201(a), (g)). The count must be completed not later than the 21st day after election day. Results of the manual count must be delivered to the Secretary of State not later than the 3rd day after the manual count is completed. (Sec. 127.201(e)). No partial manual count needs to be done of ballots cast on DRE voting machines, but partial manual count must be completed for mail ballots. (Sec. 127.201(g)).

NOTE: For information on how to begin the partial manual count, please see Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2018-30.

Monday, March 11, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - ABBM Cure Deadline & FPCA Ballot Deadline (6th day after primary election day)
NOTE - Last day a voter may come to the early voting clerk's office in person to correct certain defects on their carrier envelope. (Secs. 87.0271, 87.0411). See Note 17.

Deadline for ID related provisional voter to: (1) present acceptable photo identification to county voter registrar; or (2) if the voter does not possess and cannot reasonably obtain acceptable photo identification, follow the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the county voter registrar; or (3) execute an affidavit relative to "natural disaster" or "religious objection" in presence of county voter registrar, if applicable; or (4) qualify for the disability exemption, if applicable, with the county voter registrar. (Secs. 65.054, 65.0541).

Deadline for county voter registrar to complete the review of provisional ballots. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.175, 81.176).

Last day to receive ballots from non-military and any military voters casting ballots from outside of the United States, who submitted an ABBM (not an FPCA) AND who placed their ballots in delivery by 7:00 PM on primary election day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, as evidenced by a postal service cancellation mark or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier. (Sec. 86.007(d)). A late overseas ballot sent by a voter who applied for a ballot using an ABBM (not an FPCA) cannot be counted if it does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark. (Sec. 86.007(c), (e), (f)). The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, March 11, 2024 due to the 5th day falling on a Sunday. (Sec. 86.007(d-1)).

NOTE: The delivery is considered timely if the carrier envelope or, if applicable, the envelope containing the carrier envelope is properly addressed with postage or handling charges prepaid and bears a cancellation mark of a recognized postal service or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier indicating a time by 7:00 PM on primary election day.

Last day to receive ballots from non-military voters casting ballots from overseas, who submitted a FPCA, AND who placed their ballots in delivery by 7:00 PM on primary election day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024. (Sec. 86.007(d), (e)). The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, March 11, 2024 due to the 5th day falling on a Sunday. (Sec. 86.007(d-1)).

Last day to receive carrier envelopes mailed domestically (within the United States) OR overseas from voters who submitted a FPCA AND who are members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves. (Secs. 101.057, 101.001).

NOTE - Section 101.057 provides that carrier envelopes mailed domestically or overseas from certain military voters (members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves. (Secs. 101.057, 101.001).

National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves) who submitted a FPCA may arrive on or before the 6th day after election day. (Secs. 86.007, 101.057, 101.001).

NOTE: The carrier envelope or, if applicable, the envelope containing the carrier envelope sent by the military members listed above who applied to vote by mail using the FPCA does NOT need to bear a cancellation or receipt mark in order to be counted.

Last day to post notice of the county chair (or county chair's designee) and at least one member of the county executive committee's canvass of the returns for the primary election because canvass must take place on Thursday, March 14, 2024. This notice must be posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. (Sec. 172.116; Secs. 551.002, 551.041, 551.043, Texas Government Code).

NOTE: Section 172.116 provides that a county chair may designate another individual to conduct the local canvass on the county chair's behalf. That designee must be a member of the county executive committee. If no member of the county executive committee is available to act as the county chair's designee, then any individual who is a resident of the county and is affiliated with the same political party may act as the county chair's designee.

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
 - Subject** P24 - Precinct Conventions (7th day after primary election day; 2nd Tuesday in March)
Precinct conventions held for parties nominating by convention. (Secs. 181.061(c), 182.005).
- Deadline for custodian of election records or presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to retrieve provisional ballots from county voter registrar. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.175, 81.176).

Thursday, March 14, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - Last day for EVBB & Other (2nd Thursday after primary election day, 9th day after Primary Election Day)
Last day for early voting ballot board to convene to qualify and count:
 1. any late domestic ballots (from non-military and from any military voters who submitted an ABBM) that bear a cancellation mark or receipt mark indicating they were placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier not later than 7:00 PM on election day, March 5, 2024, and were received not later than 5:00 PM on the first business day after election day, Wednesday, March 6, 2024. (Secs. 86.007(a) & (d-1), 87.125(a)).
 2. any late ballots that were submitted from outside the United States by voters who applied for the ballot using an ABBM or by non-military voters who applied for the ballot using an FPCA, and which were received by the 6th day after election day, Monday, March 11, 2024. (Secs. 86.007(d) & (d-1), 87.125(a)). The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, March 11, 2024 due to the 5th day falling on a Sunday. (Sec. 86.007(d-1)).
 3. any ballots received by the 6th day after election day, Monday, March 11, 2024, from voters who are members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves, and who applied for a ballot using an FPCA. (Secs. 101.057, 87.125(a)).
 4. any provisional ballots that have been reviewed by the voter registrar. (Sec. 65.051(a)).
 5. ballots contained in defective carrier envelopes corrected by voters. (Sec. 86.011(d)).

NOTE: Ballots that do not qualify under 1-3 above should be treated as ballots not timely returned and should not be delivered to the ballot board. (Sec. 86.007).

NOTE: If the early voting ballot board needs to meet after this date, it will require a court order to do so. The time the board reconvenes is set by the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board. (Secs. 86.007(d), 87.125).

NOTE - Section 65.0581 provides that provisional voting records do not become public information until after the provisional ballots and other voting records have been delivered back to the custodian of election records. (Sec. 65.0581).

NOTE - The presiding judge of the central counting station is required to provide and attest to a written reconciliation (PDF) of votes and voters at the close of tabulation for election day and again after the central counting station meets for the last time to process late-arriving ballots by mail and provisional ballots. (Sec. 127.131). See Note 19 on Reconciliation.

Local canvass of the general primary election by county chair (or county chair's designee) and at least one member of the county executive committee must be conducted on this date. (Sec. 172.116(b)).

NOTE: Section 172.116 provides that a county chair may designate another individual to conduct the local canvass on the county chair's behalf. That designee must be a member of the county executive committee. If no member of the county executive committee is available to act as the county chairs designee, then any individual who is a resident of the county and is affiliated with the same political party may act as the county chair's designee.

NOTE: Section 172.084(a) requires that the order of candidates on the ballot for the runoff primary election be the same as the order of candidates on the ballot for the general primary election. Therefore, a second ballot drawing for ballot order for the runoff primary election is no longer required.

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Last day to post notice of state executive committee's meeting to canvass returns of primary election because state canvass must take place on Sunday, March 17, 2024, the deadline for state executive committees to conduct the state canvass for all races with potential runoffs (races with three or more candidates.) This notice must be posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. (Sec. 172.120; Secs. 551.002, 551.041, 551.043, Texas Government Code).

Friday, March 15, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - EVBB Notice of Reject Deadline, and Other (10th day after primary election day; 24 hours after local canvass)
Last day for the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to mail Notice of Rejected Ballot (PDF) to voters whose mail ballots were rejected. (Sec. 87.0431).

NOTE: Section 87.0431 requires notice to also be provided to email address of an overseas mail ballot voter if ballot was transmitted to the voter by email under Section 101.102.

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Deadline for state chairs and county chairs to submit itemized estimate and request for state funds to cover runoff primary expenses. (Sec. 173.081(e)). Notice of consolidation of county precincts, if any, must accompany the itemized estimate. (Sec. 173.081(f)).

Saturday, March 16, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - County Conventions (1st Saturday after 2nd Tuesday in March)
County convention for parties that are nominating candidates by convention for single-county district, county, or precinct offices. (Sec. 181.061(c)).

Sunday, March 17, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject P24 - State Canvass Deadline (2nd Sunday after the primary election day)
Deadline for state executive committee to conduct state canvass for all races with potential runoffs (races with three or more candidates). See entry under Wednesday, March 27, 2024. State chair must certify these candidates for statewide and district offices for placement on runoff primary election ballot to county chair as soon as practicable after canvass is completed. The certification will be posted to the Secretary of State's website. (Secs. 172.120(b)(1), 172.121).

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

NOTE: Section 172.121 requires the state chair to certify runoff candidates for state or district offices by posting the candidates and their respective outcomes to the Secretary of State's website.

NOTE: Section 172.084(a) requires that the order of candidates on the ballot for the runoff primary election be the same as the order of candidates on the ballot for the general primary election. Therefore, a second ballot drawing for ballot order for the runoff primary election is not required.

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Runoff Candidate Withdraw Deadline & Electronic Format Deadline (3rd day after state canvass of races with potential runoffs; 15th day after general primary election day)
5:00 PM - Last day runoff primary candidates may withdraw from ballot. (Sec. 172.059(a)).

Election records from the general primary election must be available in an electronic format no later than this day, for a fee of not more than \$50.00. (Sec. 1.012(e)).

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Thursday, March 21, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Recommended County Chair Ballot Date & Other (4th day after state canvass of races with potential runoffs; 68th day before runoff primary election day)
Recommended date for primary committee to approve runoff primary ballot format. (Sec. 172.083).

Recommended date for county chair to order runoff primary election ballots. (Sec. 172.083).

Monday, March 25, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - EVBB Provisional Notice Deadline (64th day before runoff primary election day, 11th day after local canvass)
Deadline for the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to notify provisional voters whether their ballots were counted and if not, the reason why they were not counted. (Sec. 65.059; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.176(e)). (The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, March 25, 2024 due to the 10th day falling on Sunday, March 24, 2024. (Sec. 1.006).)

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - State Chair Canvass (22nd day after primary election day)

Deadline for state chair to conduct the state canvass for races with no potential runoff. (Sec. 172.120(b)(2)). See entry under Sunday, March 17, 2024.

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Friday, March 29, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - Printer/Vendor Registration Deadline & Other (60th day before runoff primary election) (Good Friday)
Deadline for printers/vendors to register with the Secretary of State to print runoff primary ballots. (Sec. 51.013).
- Recommended last day to order any additional election supplies necessary for the runoff primary election.
- Recommended last day for the county chair of each political party to appoint presiding and alternate judges for each precinct in which the primary runoff election will be held in the county, presiding judge and alternate presiding judge for the early voting ballot board, presiding judge of the central counting station, and personnel for the central counting station, if judges have not been appointed for the primary runoff election. (Secs. 32.006, 32.008, 87.002, 127.002-127.005). Written notice of the appointments must be given to the judges in accordance with Section 32.009 of the Texas Election Code.
- NOTE - Section 87.002 requires the early voting ballot board to have an alternate judge. The alternate judge is appointed in the same manner as the presiding judge.
- Recommended last day for the county election officer to appoint presiding and alternate judges from the lists provided by each county chair and to appoint the election clerks in a joint primary election. (Sec. 172.126(c)). Written notice of the appointments must be given to the judges in accordance with Section 32.009 of the Texas Election Code.
- NOTE: General eligibility requirements for election judges and clerks are found in Subchapter C, Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code. General eligibility requirements for central counting station personnel are found in Sections 127.002-127.005 of the Texas Election Code. The presiding judge appoints the clerks, but not more than the maximum set by the political party, consistent with Secretary of State's primary finance rules; however, the alternate judge must serve as one of the clerks. (Secs. 32.032, 32.033).
- Recommended date to order the lists of registered voters from the county voter registrar. (Sec. 18.006).

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - County Chair SOS Deadline (20th day after local canvass of primary election)
Deadline for county chair to post notice on the Secretary of State's website of the names of the persons elected as county chair for the county. (Sec. 172.118).
- NOTE: Section 172.118 of the Code does not require the county chair to provide written notice to the state chair and county clerk of new party officers. Instead, the county chair will post this information on the Secretary of State's website.

Thursday, April 4, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** P24 - County Clerk SOS Deadline (30th day after primary election day)

Deadline for county clerk to deliver to Secretary of State precinct returns of primary election for all offices other than party offices, including precinct-by-precinct returns for early voting. The report must include early voting votes cast by mail and early voting votes cast by personal appearance. That delivery to the Secretary of State must be made through the electronic system for submission of the report. (Secs. 67.017, 172.124).

NOTE: Sections 67.017 and 172.124 of the Code requires this report to include all offices other than party offices in the precinct-by-precinct reports under this section. That report must include separate totals for early voting votes by mail and early voting votes by personal appearance.

Monday, April 8, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - L&A Notice Deadline & Other (50th day before runoff primary election day)
Recommended deadline for county chair of party holding a runoff primary election to procure from voter registrar a set of precinct lists of registered voters (also supplemental lists and correction lists, if necessary) to deliver to county election officer for use in conducting early voting by mail and in person in the party's runoff primary. (Secs. 18.001(d), 18.002-18.004).

Last day to publish notice for testing of automatic tabulation equipment testing and logic and accuracy testing (L&A testing) of a voting system if test will be completed by recommended deadline of Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Notice of the public tests must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096, 129.022, 129.023).

NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code provides that if logic and accuracy testing is being conducted for a primary election, the general custodian of election records shall notify the county chair of the test at least 48 hours before the date of the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. (Sec. 129.023(b-1)).

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Recommended L&A Date (48th day before runoff primary election day)
Recommended date to conduct the first test of the automatic tabulating equipment and for logic and accuracy (L&A test) test on voting system. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096, 129.022, 129.023). The Secretary of State recommends you complete your first round of testing prior to mailing your mail ballots if those ballots will be counted using automatic tabulation equipment. If you conduct your first round of testing by this date, you must publish notice of the test 48 hours prior to testing. See Note 12, above.

NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code requires the general custodian of election records to demonstrate, using a representative sample of voting system equipment, that the source code of the equipment has not been altered. (Sec. 129.023(c-1)). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-30.

Saturday, April 13, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - FPCA Mailout Deadline (45th day before runoff primary election day; 2nd Saturday in April)

Deadline to mail ballots to military or overseas voters who already submitted their ballot requests via a federal postcard application (FPCA) or via a standard application for ballot by mail (ABBM) and indicated that they are outside the United States. If the early voting clerk cannot meet this 45th-day deadline, the clerk must notify the Secretary of State within 24 hours. (Sec. 86.004(b)).

NOTE - A member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA. (Sec. 101.001).

NOTE: The 45th-day deadline under Section 86.004(b) is not extended by Section 1.006 to the next business day. The ballots covered by Section 86.004(b) should be sent out on or before Saturday, April 13, 2024.

Reminder Regarding FPCAs and Overseas ABBMs: If the early voting clerk receives an FPCA (from a military or non-military voter) or an ABBM from an overseas voter after the 45th day deadline, then the ballot must be mailed within seven days after the early voting clerk receives the FPCA or ABBM. (Secs. 86.004(b), 101.104).

Reminder: In regards to mail ballots for other voters (not military voters using an FPCA or overseas voters using an FPCA or ABBM), the early voting clerk must mail a ballot not later than the 7th day after the later of: (1) the date the early voting clerk has accepted a voter's application for a ballot by mail or (2) the date the ballots become available for mailing. However, if the 7th day falls earlier than the 37th day before election day (Sunday, April 21), the voter's mail ballot must be mailed no later than the 30th day (Sunday, April 28) before election day. (Sec. 86.004(a)). This means that for every application that is accepted by the early voting clerk before the 37th day before election day, the balloting materials must be mailed by the 30th day before election day. Any application that comes in after the 37th day before election day will follow the 7-day timeline in Section 86.004.

NOTE - Information on the early voting roster for both early voting in person and early voting by mail must be made available for public inspection and on the county's website if the county clerk or elections administrator is serving as the early voting clerk. The early voting roster shall be posted by 11:00 a.m. on the day after the information is entered on the roster (for early voting in person) or by 11:00 a.m. on the day after the early voting clerk receives a ballot voted by mail. If the entity does not maintain a website, the information must be made available on the bulletin board used for posting notices. (Sec. 87.121). See Note 21.

NOTE - Section 87.121 of the Code provides that 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. (Sec. 87.121).

Friday, April 26, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - EVC Recommended SVC Appointment (32nd day before runoff primary election day and 12th day before first day signature verification committee may convene)
Recommended date for early voting clerk to issue order (PDF) calling for appointment of signature verification committee. (Sec. 87.027).

If the signature verification committee will start meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, recommended date early voting clerk should post copy of the order calling for appointment of the signature verification committee. (Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28, 2024 are the 10th and 11th days before the first day the committee may meet.) The notice (PDF) must remain posted continuously for at least 10 days before the first day the committee meets. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. (Sec. 87.027).

Monday, April 29, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

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Subject PR24 - Last Day to Register to Vote (29th day before runoff primary election day)
Last day to register to vote or make a change of address effective for the Tuesday, May 28, 2024 primary runoff election. (Secs. 13.143, 15.025).

NOTE - A Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) also serves as an application for permanent registration under Texas law unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form). The early voting clerk should make a copy (for mailing ballots, keeping records, etc.), then should forward the original to the county voter registrar, as soon as practicable. (Sec. 101.055; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40(a), (c)(2)).

Deadline for early voting clerk to mail a ballot by mail to a voter if the voter's Application for Ballot by Mail (ABBM) was accepted by the early voting clerk on or before Sunday, April 21, 2024. (Sec. 86.004(a)).

Reminder: In regards to mail ballots for other voters (not military voters using an FPCA or overseas voters using an FPCA or ABBM), the early voting clerk must mail a ballot not later than the 7th day after the later of: (1) the date the early voting clerk has accepted a voter's application for a ballot by mail or (2) the date the ballots become available for mailing. However, if the 7th day falls earlier than the 37th day before election day (Sunday, April 21), the voter's mail ballot must be mailed no later than the 30th day (Sunday, April 28) before election day. (Sec. 86.004(a)). This means that for every application that is accepted by the early voting clerk before the 37th day before election day, the balloting materials must be mailed by the 30th day before election day. Any application that comes in after the 37th day before election day will follow the 7-day timeline in Section 86.004.

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - County Chair SVC Appointment Deadline (5th day after recommended date to order signature verification committee)
If the early voting clerk issues order calling for appointment of signature verification committee on the recommended date for issuing that order (Friday, April 26, 2024), this is the deadline for the county chair to appoint the members to the committee. See entry under Friday, April 26, 2024. (Sec. 87.027).

Sunday, May 5, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - First Day Ballot Box Key Return (61st day after primary election day)
First day the general custodian of election records may (1) require a person who has possession of a key that operates the lock on a ballot box containing voted ballots to return the key to the custodian; and (2) unlock the ballot box and transfer the voted ballots to another secure container for the remainder of the preservation period. (Sec. 66.058(b)). Please note that the custodian is not required by law to do this on Sunday, May 5, 2024; the custodian may choose to transfer the voted ballots to another secure container for the remainder of the preservation period on Monday, May 6, 2024 or a later date.

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the 61st day after election day, the general custodian of election records shall make the original voted ballots available for public inspection.

NOTE - Our office recommends that the county elections office work closely with its county attorney and its public information division in ensuring that records have been properly redacted before being made publicly available. Please direct any questions about the procedures for responding to a public information request, including the timeframes for such responses, to the Office of the Attorney General via its Open Government Hotline, (877) OPEN TEX (673- 6839). See Note 22 above.

NOTE - For guidance on retention of electronic voting system media, please see Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2019-23.

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - EVC General Primary Notice Deadline (21st day before runoff primary election day)

Last day for county election officer to post notice (PDF) of the runoff primary election on the county's website. The notice must also be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. (Secs. 4.003, 172.1112).

NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires the county to post the notice of election and notice of consolidated precincts on the county's website if the county maintains a website.

NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires that the county election officer, rather than the county chair, post the notice of election for the primary election.

NOTE - Section 4.009 of the Code requires a county to post certain information on its website for elections held by a county or elections for any local political subdivision in which the county has contracted to provide election services. While these statutory web posting requirements do not specifically apply to primary elections, we strongly recommend that you post this information for any primary election in which the county has contracted to provide election services. Accordingly, the following information should be posted on the county's website not later than the 21st day before election day:

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. (Sec. 4.009).

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Earliest SVC Date & Other (20th day before runoff primary election day)

First day that the signature verification committee, if one is appointed, may begin operating. (Sec. 87.027).

NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more, the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

NOTE - For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17.

Deadline for a person who is not permanently registered to vote to submit a postmarked FPCA, in order to receive a full ballot by mail for the May 28, 2024 primary runoff election. A person who is not permanently registered to vote and submits a postmarked FPCA after this date (20th day) and before the deadline to submit an application for ballot by mail, is not entitled to receive a ballot for any non-federal election. See Monday, May 13, 2024 entry for timeliness of an FPCA received without a postmark. (Secs. 101.052(e), 101.052(i)(2)).

An applicant for a ballot to be voted by mail (ABBM or FPCA) may submit the application by delivering it in person to the early voting clerk if the application is submitted not later than the close of regular business in the clerk's office on Friday, May 17, 2024. (Sec. 84.008).

NOTE - A member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA. (Sec. 101.001).

NOTE - Be sure to check the list of registered voters for permanent registration status. Also, state law authorizes an FPCA to also serve as an application for permanent registration; therefore, the person might be permanently registered based on a prior FPCA. Even if the FPCA arrives too late for a particular election, the early voting clerk will still need to forward the original FPCA to the county voter registrar, after making a copy for your early voting clerk's use (mailing ballots, etc.) and records unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form) in which case, it will not serve as a permanent registration. (Sec. 101.055; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40).

NOTE - Overseas (non-military) voters marking the FPCA "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form (PDF)) receive a federal ballot only regardless of the date filed. (Chapter 114). In a local (non-federal) election, this means there is no ballot to send the voter.

Thursday, May 9, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - FPCA Partial Ballot Period (19th - 11th day before runoff primary election day)

A person submitting an FPCA during this period who is not registered to vote is not entitled to receive a full ballot for the May 28, 2024 primary runoff election, meaning that a person submitting an FPCA during this period is entitled to receive a federal ballot only (no state, district, or county offices), if not already a permanent registered voter. (Secs. 101.052(f), 114.002, 114.004). See entry below under Monday, May 13, 2024 (FPCA without a postmark). (Secs. 101.052(f), 114.004(c)).

NOTE - The early voting clerk is required to maintain a copy of this application since it may be used for other elections and forward the original to the voter registrar. (Secs. 84.007; 101.052(e), (f)).

NOTE - Be sure to check the list of registered voters for permanent registration status. Also, state law authorizes an FPCA to also serve as an application for permanent registration; therefore, the person might be permanently registered based on a prior FPCA. Even if the FPCA arrives too late for a particular election, the early voting clerk will still need to forward the original FPCA to the county voter registrar, after making a copy for your early voting clerk's use (mailing ballots, etc.) and records unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), "return is uncertain" (2017 form) in which case, it will not serve as a permanent registration. (Sec. 101.055; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40).

NOTE - Overseas (non-military) voters marking the FPCA "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form (PDF)) receive a federal ballot only regardless of the date filed. (Chapter 114). In a local (non-federal) election, this means there is no ballot to send the voter.

Monday, May 13, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - FPCA Deadline & Writ Deadline (15th day before runoff primary election day)
Deadline to receive an FPCA without a postmark. If an FPCA is received by this date without a postmark to prove mailing date, the early voting clerk will accept the FPCA and mail the applicant a full ballot even if the applicant is not a permanently registered voter but meets the requirements under Title 2 of the Election Code (unless the voter marks the FPCA form "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form), in which case the voter receives a federal-only ballot). (Sec. 101.052(i)(1)). See note under entry for Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

Last day to notify election judges of duty to hold election (Writ of Election (PDF)). The Writ of Election must be given to each presiding judge and include:

The judge's duty to hold the election; The type and date of election; The polling place location at which the judge will serve; The polling place hours; and The maximum number of clerks the judge may appoint. (Sec. 4.007).

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - L&A Notice Deadline (13th day before runoff primary election day)
Last day to publish notice of L&A test if test is to be conducted on Friday, May 17, 2024, if testing was not already completed by Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Notice of the public L&A Test must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair is required to confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 129.001, 129.023). See Note 12, above.

Thursday, May 16, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Late ABBM Deadline (day before the last day to apply for a ballot by mail; 12th day before runoff primary election day)

First day a voter who becomes sick or disabled on or after this date may submit an application for a late ballot if the sickness or physical condition prevents the voter from appearing at the

polling place without the likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring his or her health. (Sec. 102.001). See Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Sickness or Physical Disability (PDF). Applications may continue to be submitted until 5:00 PM on Election Day. (Sec. 102.003).

Friday, May 17, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked) & Other (11th day before runoff primary election; last business day 48 hours before start of early voting in person)
Last day for early voting clerk to receive applications for a ballot to be voted by mail. (Sec. 84.007(c)). All applications to vote by mail must be received by the early voting clerk before the close of regular business or 12 noon, whichever is later. Applications to vote by mail must be submitted by mail, common or contract carrier, fax (if a fax machine is available in the office of the early voting clerk), or by electronic submission of a scanned application with an original signature. The early voting clerk's designated e-mail address for the receipt of applications for ballot by mail must be posted on the Secretary of State's website. (Sec. 84.007(e)).

Last day to receive an (FPCA)(PDF) from a registered voter. If the voter is not registered in the county (and/or marked intent to return "not certain", the voter is still eligible for a ballot containing federal offices only. In a local (non-federal) election, this means there is no ballot to send the voter. (Secs. 101.052(b), (f), 114.004(c)).

NOTE - A member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA. (Sec. 101.001).

NOTE - If an ABBM is faxed or emailed or if an FPCA is faxed, then the applicant must submit the ORIGINAL application BY MAIL to the early voting clerk so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than the 4th business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA. If the early voting clerk does not receive the original ABBM or FPCA by that deadline, then the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA will be considered incomplete, and the early voting clerk may NOT send the applicant a ballot. The early voting clerk should retain a copy of the FPCA for their own records, but should send the FPCA submitted by the voter to the voter registrar for registration purposes. (Sec. 84.007).

An applicant for a ballot to be voted by mail (ABBM or FPCA) may submit the application by delivering it in person to the early voting clerk if the application is submitted not later than the close of regular business in the clerk's office on Friday, May 17, 2024. (Sec. 84.008).

Last day to conduct public L&A test of a voting system. We highly recommend that this test is done on an earlier date to allow time for corrections to programming, if necessary. (See Note 12, above). Per Section 129.023, the L&A test shall be conducted not later than 48 hours before voting begins on such voting systems, assuming that the voting system will first be used for early voting in person.

NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code requires the general custodian of election records to demonstrate, using a representative sample of voting system equipment, that the source code of the equipment has not been altered. See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-30.

Saturday, May 18, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Notice of Delivery (10th day before runoff primary election day)
NOTE: The Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials serves as notice of the convening of the early voting ballot board. This notice should be posted every time the early voting ballot board reconvenes.

Monday, May 20, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day

Subject PR24 - First Day of Early Voting & Other (8th day before runoff primary election day) First day to vote early in person. (Sec. 85.001(b), (c)).

NOTE: The early voting period for the runoff primary election begins 10 days prior to election day, but because the first day of the early voting period falls on a weekend (Saturday, May 18, 2024), it is extended to the next regular business day, Monday, May 20, 2024. (Sec. 85.001(b), (c)).

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).

In a primary election, a certain number of temporary branch locations must be established depending on the population size of the county:

1. in a county with a population of 400,000 or more, the commissioners court must establish one or more temporary polling places, other than the main early voting polling place, in each state representative district containing territory covered by the election; in a county with a population of 120,000 or more but less than 400,000, the commissioners court must establish one or more temporary polling places, other than the main early voting polling place, in each commissioners precinct containing territory covered by the election; in a county with a population of 100,000 or more but less than 120,000, the early voting clerk must establish one or more early voting polling places in each commissioners precinct for which the early voting clerk receives a timely filed written request by at least 15 registered voters of that precinct. The temporary polling place(s) must remain open for each weekday of the early voting period that the main early voting polling place will be open. The temporary branch polling place(s) must be open at least eight hours each day. (Secs. 85.062, 85.064). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2023-10.

NOTE - Section 85.062 of the Code provides that the location of temporary branch polling places in an election in which countywide polling places are used must be determined with the same methodology that is used for the location of countywide polling places.

NOTE - Section 61.002 of the Code provides that immediately before the opening of the polls on the first day of early voting and on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall confirm that the public counters on each voting machine are set to zero and shall print the tape that shows that there are zero votes for each candidate or measure on the ballot. Each election judge and alternate judge shall sign the printed tapes.

If early voting by personal appearance is required to be conducted for extended hours, the county voter registrar's office is required to remain open for providing voter registration information during the extended hours that the main early voting polling place is open for voting. (Secs. 12.004(d), 85.005(c), 85.006(e)).

If county election precincts are consolidated, the county election officer must post at the polling place used in the preceding general election for state and county officers a notice of consolidation and location of the polling place. For purposes of conducting a runoff primary election, the "preceding general election" is the preceding primary election. (Secs. 4.003(b), 172.1112). (The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, May 20, 2024 due to the 10th day falling on Saturday, May 18, 2024. (Sec. 1.006).

NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires the county to post the notice of election and notice of consolidated precincts on the county's website if the county maintains a website.



Time 5/20/2024 12:00 AM – 5/25/2024 12:00 AM

Subject PR24 - Extended EV Period (8th - 4th day before runoff primary election day)
NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 1217 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 85.005(c) of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to require that in ALL counties (regardless of population), voting in a primary election runoff shall be conducted at the main early voting polling place for at least 12 consecutive hours on each day between May 20, 2024 and May 24, 2024. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. Sec. 85.005(c)). For additional information, see Note 7 regarding extended early voting hours. (Secs. 85.005(c), 85.067). For more information regarding early voting rosters, see Note 21 and Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2023-10.

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (4th business day before runoff primary election day)
Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours each weekday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).
- Last day for Secretary of State to receive a Request for Election Inspectors for the runoff primary election. The request must be a written request by 15 or more registered voters of the county for which the inspector is requested. (Sec. 34.001).
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Thursday, May 23, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (day before the last day of early voting in person; 5th day before runoff primary)
Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours each weekday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).
- A voter is eligible to vote a late ballot if they will be out of the county of residence on election day due to a death in the immediate family (related within 2nd degree of consanguinity or affinity) that occurs on or after this day. The voter may submit the Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Death in the Family (PDF) starting Saturday, May 25, 2024 (the day after early voting in person ends). (Secs. 103.001, 103.003(b)). An application may be submitted after the last day of the period for early voting by personal appearance and before the close of business on the day before election day. (Sec. 103.003).
- Early voting clerk must post Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials (PDF) to the early voting ballot board if materials are to be delivered to the board on Friday, May 24, 2024. Notice must be posted continuously for 24 hours preceding each delivery to the board. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.0222, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241).
- Last day to publish notice of the public L&A test of a voting system that will be used for the first time on election day, if test will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2024. The last date to perform this test for voting systems that will be used for the first time on election day is Saturday, May 25, 2024. Notice of the public L&A test must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 1.006, 129.001, 129.023).
- NOTE: The Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials serves as notice of the convening of the early voting ballot board. This notice should be posted every time the early voting ballot board reconvenes.
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Friday, May 24, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (4th day before runoff primary election day)
Last day to vote early in person in the runoff primary election. (Sec. 85.001(b)).
- Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).
- First day for voter registrar or elections administrator to return the list of registered voters used in first primary to the county chair if it is to be used for the runoff primary election. (Sec. 172.115(b)).

Deadline to publish notice of the first test of the automatic tabulating equipment, if the test is to be conducted as

recommended on Sunday, May 26, 2024. The notice must be published at least 48 hours before the test. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096).

After the polls close at the end of early voting, the ballot board and/or central counting station may convene to perform the following activities, depending on the population size of the county:

Counties with a population of 100,000 or more that use electronic voting systems:

In an election conducted by an authority of a county with a population of 100,000 or more that uses electronic voting systems, or conducted jointly with such a county or conducted with such a county through a contract for election services, the early voting ballot board may begin counting at the end of the period for early voting by personal appearance. (Sec. 87.0241(b)(2)).

After the polls close at the end of early voting by personal appearance, counties with a population of 100,000 or more may convene their early voting ballot board and/or central counting station and begin counting ballots; however, the results may not be announced until after the polls close on election day. (Secs. 87.0222, 87.0241).

NOTE - If a party is conducting a joint primary or contracting with a county that has a population of 100,000 or more and is convening their early voting ballot board and/or central counting station early to begin counting ballots, the test of the tabulation equipment will need to be completed at least 48 hours before the equipment is used to count ballots. (Secs. 87.0222, 87.0241, 127.096).

NOTE - If ballots are to be delivered before Election Day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. (Secs. 87.0221(b), 87.023(b), 87.024(b)).

NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more (or political subdivisions contracting with a county with a population of 100,000 or more), the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

Counties with a population of less than 100,000:

Counties may begin convening their early voting ballot board as the county has received voted ballots by mail from voters and those materials are delivered to the ballot board, but cannot begin counting the ballots until the polls open on election day. The early voting clerk shall continuously post notice for 24 hours preceding each delivery of voting materials that is to be made before the time for opening the polls on election day. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241). See Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials (PDF).

NOTE - The county elections officer must ensure that photocopies or electronic recordings of annual applications for ballot by mail have been delivered to the early voting clerk of every political subdivision holding an election before the ballots by mail are delivered to the early voting ballot board.

NOTE - For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17.

Saturday, May 25, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Begin & Other (day after last day of early voting in person; 3rd day before runoff primary election day)

NOTE - Monday, May 27, 2024 is a holiday (Memorial Day).

First day to submit an application for and vote a late ballot because of a death in the immediate family that occurred on or after Thursday, May 23, 2024 ("the day before the last day of the period for early voting by personal appearance"), and will require absence from the county of residence on election day. The application may be submitted through the close of business on May 27, 2024, the day before runoff primary election day. (Secs. 103.001, 103.003(b)).

Because the deadline for the early voting clerk to mark the precinct list of registered voters with a notation beside each name of voter who voted early, and delivery of the list to election judges lands on Monday, May 27, 2024 (Memorial Day and the day before Election Day), our office recommends marking the precinct list no later than today. The early voting clerk must also deliver the precinct early voting list. The list may be delivered electronically if the county will be using an electronic pollbook. (Sec. 87.122).

Because the deadline for county election officer to post notices of changed polling places falls on Monday, May 27, 2024 (Memorial Day and the day before Election Day), our office recommends the county chair post the notices no later than today. The notice must be posted at the entrance of the polling place used in the last primary election and must provide the location of the new polling place. (Sec. 43.062).

Sunday, May 26, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Last day to conduct L&A (2nd day before runoff primary election day)
Last day to conduct first test of automatic tabulating equipment, if not done already. The test must be conducted at least 48 hours before ballots will be counted. The notice of the test must be published at least 48 hours before the test. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096).

Monday, May 27, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Ends & Other (day before runoff primary election day) (Memorial Day)
Last day to submit an Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Death in the Family (PDF) to the county election officer and vote a late ballot by personal appearance due to death in immediate family that occurred on or after Thursday, May 23, 2024. (Sec. 103.003).
- Last day for early voting clerk to mark the precinct list of registered voters with a notation beside each name of voter who voted early, and deliver the list to election judges. The early voting clerk must also deliver the precinct early voting list. The list may be delivered electronically if the county will be using an electronic pollbook. (Sec. 87.122).
- Deadline for county election officer to post notices of changed polling places. The notice must be posted at the entrance of the polling place used in the last primary election and must provide the location of the new polling place. (Sec. 43.062).
- Delivery of Provisional Ballots and Forms: If the voter registrar wants to take possession of the provisional ballots and forms on election night, the voter registrar must inform the custodian of the election records and post a Notice of Election Night Transfer (PDF) no later than Monday, May 27, 2024, 24 hours before election day. (1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.174(d)(3)).
- NOTE: Under this type of delivery, the county voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian of election records and pick up the provisional ballots and forms.
- NOTE: The general custodian of election records (or the early voting clerk, if applicable) must also post a Notice of Delivery of Provisional Ballots (PDF) at least 24 hours before delivery will occur. (1T.A.C. Â§ 81.174(b)(1)).

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Party Chair Petition Deadline & Other (4th Tuesday in May), RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION DAY
Deadline for convention party chairs to submit petitions and precinct convention lists to Secretary of State and to the

appropriate county clerk (or other county election official) for placement on the ballot. (Secs. 181.005(a), 181.006(b)(3), 182.003, 182.004). (This date is extended to Tuesday, May 28, 2024 by Section 1.006 because the 75th day after the date of the precinct conventions is Sunday, May 26, 2024, and Monday, May 27, 2024 is Memorial Day.)

NOTE - Section 61.002 provides that immediately before the opening of the polls on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall confirm that the public counters on each voting machine are set to zero and shall print the tape that shows that there are zero votes for each candidate or measure on the ballot. Immediately after the closing of the polls on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall print the tape to show the number of votes cast for each candidate or measure. Each election judge and alternate judge shall sign the printed tapes. (Sec. 61.002).

NOTE - The presiding judge of the central counting station must provide and attest to a written reconciliation (PDF) of votes and voters at the close of tabulation for election day and again after the central counting station meets for the last time to process late-arriving ballots by mail and provisional ballots. (Sec. 127.131). Preliminary Election Reconciliation (PDF) â€œ Unofficial Totals form (Election Day). Election Reconciliation Form (PDF) â€œ Official Results (Canvass Form). See Note on Reconciliation.

NOTE - Receipt of Mail Ballots: All early voting ballots sent by mail from inside the United States that are received by 7:00 p.m. on election day, May 28, 2024 must be counted on election night. If the carrier envelope does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark, the ballot must arrive before the time the polls are required to close on election day. (Sec. 86.007(a)(1)). If the early voting clerk cannot determine whether a ballot arrived before the deadline, the ballot is considered to have arrived at the time the place at which the carrier envelopes are deposited was last inspected for removal of returned ballots. (Sec. 86.007(b)). The early voting clerk must check the mailbox for early voting mail ballots at least once after the time for regular mail delivery. (Sec. 86.007(b)).

NOTE - An early voting mail ballot that is not received by 7:00 p.m. on election day may not be counted unless the ballot may be counted late, which applies to late domestic ballots (Sec. 86.007(a)(2)), ballots mailed from outside the United States (Sec. 86.007(d)), and ballots from members of the armed forces and merchant marine of the United States, Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or members of the Reserves, as well as their spouses and dependents (Sec. 101.057). See entry for Wednesday, May 29, 2024, and entry for Monday, June 3, 2024.

Note on Delivery of Early Voting by Personal Appearance and Mail Ballots:

The early voting clerk delivers the voted ballots, the key to the double-locked ballot box, etc., to the early voting ballot board at the time or times specified by the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board, during the hours on election day that the polls are open or as soon after the polls close as practicable. (Secs. 87.021, 87.022). The custodian of the key to the second lock of the double-locked early voting ballot box delivers his or her key to the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board on request of the presiding judge. (Secs. 85.032(d), 87.025). The custodian is the sheriff for county elections, elections ordered by the governor, and a primary election (or the county judge in a year when the office of sheriff is on the ballot). (Sec. 66.060). The county judge may delegate the custody of the keys to their staff. Alternatively, if the county judge does not have enough staff that can assist with this function, the county judge may designate the county auditor or members of the county auditor's staff if the county has a designated county auditor. If ballots are to be delivered before election day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

Note on Delivery of Early Voting Ballots to Early Voting Ballot Board Before Election Day Any jacket envelopes of early voting ballots voted by mail returned after delivery of the ballots to the early voting ballot board may be delivered to the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board between the end of the ninth day before election day and the closing of the polls on election day, or as soon after closing as practicable, at the time or times specified by the presiding judge. Mail ballots may be qualified and processed (signatures verified, carrier envelopes opened, and the secrecy envelope containing the ballot placed in a secure location), but they may not be counted until election day. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.0222, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241). If ballots are to be

delivered before election day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place.

NOTE - Counties with a population of 100,000 or more, or entities that are having joint elections with counties with a population of 100,000 or more or that are conducting an election through a contract for election services with such a county, may begin counting ballots no earlier than the end of the period for early voting by personal appearance; the results may not be released until the polls close on election day. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.0222, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241(b), 87.042). If ballots are to be delivered before Election Day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. (Secs. 87.0221(b), 87.023(b), 87.024(b)).

NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more (or political subdivisions contracting with a county with a population of 100,000 or more), the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

NOTE: If ballots are to be delivered before election day, the early voting clerk must post Notice of Delivery (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. (Secs. 87.021, 87.022).

Note on Manual Examination of Ballots Before Processing on Automatic Counting Equipment: The central counting station manager shall direct the manual examination of all electronic voting system ballots to ascertain whether the ballots can be processed in the usual manner or if the ballots need to be duplicated to clearly reflect the voter's intent. (Sec. 127.125).

Note on Testing Tabulating Equipment: The second test of automatic tabulating equipment used for counting ballots at a central counting station must be conducted immediately before the counting of ballots with equipment begins. The third test must be conducted immediately after the counting is completed. (Secs. 127.093, 127.097, 127.098).

After the polling place is officially closed and the last person has voted, the presiding judge may from time to time make an unofficial announcement of the total number of votes counted for each candidate and/or for or against each proposition in the order that they appear on the ballot. (Sec. 65.015(a)). The announcement shall be made at the entrance to the polling place. (Sec. 65.015(c)).

NOTE: The authority conducting the election may require or prohibit such announcements. (Sec. 65.015(b)) Unofficial election results must be released by the central counting station as soon as they are available after the polls close, but the presiding judge of the central counting station, in cooperation with the county election officer, may choose to withhold the release of vote totals until the last voter has voted. (Sec. 127.1311).

Note on Precinct Election Returns: Precinct election returns are delivered to the appropriate authorities after completion. (Secs. 66.053(a), 127.065, 127.066, 127.067).

Transfer of Provisional Ballots to Voter Registrar Election Night: The county voter registrar may take possession of the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) containing the provisional ballots (or provisional ballot affidavits when DRE systems are used) on election night (instead of on the next business day) by informing the custodian of election records and posting a notice of such election night transfer no later than 24 hours before election day. Under this type of delivery, the voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian and pick up the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) and associated forms. (Sec. 65.052; 1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 - 81.174, 81.176). See Verification of Provisional Ballots and Serial Numbers (PDF).

NOTE - Section 65.016 of the Code requires a county that holds

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an election or provides election services for an election for a public entity to post certain information on their website. 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. While these statutory web posting requirements do not specifically apply to primary elections, we strongly recommend that you post this information for any primary election in which the county has contracted to provide election services. 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).

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- ▲ **Time** 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Subject PR24 - PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION DAY - Polls Open
Polls are open. (Sec. 41.031(a)).

Voter registrar's office is open. (Sec. 12.004(c)).

Early voting clerk's office is open for early voting activities. A voter may deliver a marked ballot by mail to the early voting clerk's office while the polls are open on election day. The voter must provide an acceptable form of identification under Section 63.0101 upon delivery. The identification procedure is the same as that used for personal appearance voting. (Secs. 63.0101, 83.011, 86.006).
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- ▲ **Time** 5:00 PM – 5:15 PM
Subject PR24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Ends
Deadline for receiving Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Sickness or Physical Disability (PDF) for late ballots to be voted by persons who became sick or disabled on or after Thursday, May 16, 2024 (12th day before election day). (Sec. 102.003(b)). See entry at Thursday, May 16, 2024.
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- ▲ **Time** 7:00 PM – 7:15 PM
Subject PR24 - ABBM Receive Deadline
Regular deadline for receiving early voting ballots by mail. BUT see entry for Wednesday, May 29, 2024 on "late domestic ballots" and entry for Monday, June 3, 2024 on other "late" ballots.

This is also the deadline to receive late ballots cast by voters who became sick or disabled on or after Thursday, May 16, 2024 (12th day before election day). (Secs. 86.007(a), 102.006(c)). See entry at Thursday, May 16, 2024.
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- ▲ **Time** 7:00 PM – 7:15 PM
Subject PR24 - County election officer begins transmitting results to Secretary of State
County election officer begins transmitting results to Secretary of State and transmits continuously until results are final. (Sec. 68.034).

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" & Other (1st business day after runoff primary election day)

5:00 PM - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" mailed within the United States from non- military voters and from any military voters who submitted an Application for Ballot by Mail ("ABBM") (not a Federal Postcard Application "FPCA"), if the carrier envelope was placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier AND bears a cancellation mark of a postal service or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier indicating a time not later than 7:00 PM at the location of the election on runoff primary election day, May 28, 2024. (Sec. 86.007(a)(2)). A late domestic ballot cannot be counted if it does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark. (Sec. 86.007(c), (e), (f)).

NOTE - Because of the deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" it is imperative that you check your mail at 5:00 p.m.

NOTE - Section 86.007 provides that a marked ballot voted by mail that a voter received due to submitting an ABBM may arrive at the address on the carrier envelope not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after election day, if the carrier envelope was placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier from within the United States and bears a cancellation mark of a postal service or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier from not later than 7:00p.m. at the location of the election on election day.

First day independent candidates for offices involved in runoff elections may collect signatures for applications. (Sec. 142.009).

NOTE: This deadline does not apply to ballots sent by non-military voters who are overseas but applied for a ballot using an ABBM; these voters have until the 5th day after election day to return their ballots (or the next business day if the 5th day falls on a weekend or legal state or federal holiday). This deadline also does not apply to ballots mailed (domestically or from overseas) by certain members of the military who applied for a ballot using an FPCA; those voters have until the 6th day after election day to return their ballots. See entry for June 3, 2024.

Unless the county voter registrar has already taken possession of the provisional ballots prior to this date, the general custodian of election records must deliver the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) containing the provisional ballots (or provisional ballot affidavits when DRE systems are used), along with the Summary of Provisional Ballots and the List of Provisional Voters for each precinct to the voter registrar by this day. The general custodian of election records makes this delivery to the voter registrar during the voter registrar office's regular business hours. (Secs. 65.052, 65.053; 1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 - 81.174, 81.176).

NOTE: If the voter registrar wants to take possession of the provisional ballots and forms on election night (Tuesday, May 28, 2024), the voter registrar must inform the custodian of the election records and post a notice of the election night transfer no later than 24 hours before election day. However, under this type of delivery, the voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian of election records and pick up the provisional ballots and forms. Also, note that the voter registrar may take possession of provisional ballots prior to election night if ballots are kept separate and may be provided without unlawful entry into ballot box. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 - 81.174).

Friday, May 31, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - PMR Deadline Date (3rd day after primary election day)
Last day to begin the partial manual count for entities using electronic voting systems for the counting of ballots. This is the last day to begin manual recount of ballots in three precincts or one percent of precincts, whichever is greater. (Sec. 127.201(a), (g)). The count must be completed not later than the 21st day after election day. Results of the manual count must be delivered to the Secretary of State not later than the 3rd day after the manual count is completed. (Sec. 127.201(e)). No partial manual count needs to be done of ballots cast on DRE voting machines, but partial manual count must be completed for mail ballots. (Sec. 127.201(g)).

NOTE: For information on how to begin the partial manual count, please see Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2018-30.

Monday, June 3, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - ABBM Cure Deadline, FPCA Ballot Deadline & Other (6th day after primary election day)

NOTE - Last day a voter may come to the early voting clerk's office in person to correct certain defects on their carrier envelope. (Secs. 87.0271, 87.0411; 1 T.A.C. §§ 81.175, 81.176). See Note 17.

Deadline for ID related provisional voter to: (1) present acceptable photo identification to county voter registrar; or (2) if the voter does not possess and cannot reasonably obtain acceptable photo identification, follow the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the county voter registrar; or (3) execute an affidavit relative to "natural disaster" or "religious objection" in presence of county voter registrar, if applicable; or (4) qualify for the disability exemption, if applicable, with the county voter registrar. (Secs. 65.054, 65.0541).

Deadline for county voter registrar to complete the review of provisional ballots. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 - 81.175, 81.176).

Last day to post notice of county chair (or county chair's designee) and at least one member of county executive committee's canvass of the returns for the runoff primary election because canvass must take place on Thursday, June 6, 2024. This notice must be posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. (Sec. 172.116; Secs. 551.002, 551.041, 551.043, Texas Government Code).

NOTE: Section 172.116 provides that a county chair may designate another individual to conduct the local canvass on the county chair's behalf. That designee must be a member of the county executive committee. If no member of the county executive committee is available to act as the county chair's designee, then any individual who is a resident of the county and is affiliated with the same political party may act as the county chair's designee.

Last day to receive ballots from non-military and any military voters casting ballots from outside of the United States, who submitted an ABBM (not an FPCA) AND who placed their ballots in delivery by 7:00 PM on runoff primary election day, Tuesday, May 28, 2024 as evidenced by a postal service cancellation mark or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier. (Sec. 86.007(d)). A late overseas ballot sent by a voter who applied for a ballot using an ABBM (not an FPCA) cannot be counted if it does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark. (Sec. 86.007(c), (e), & (f)). The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, June 3, 2024, due to the 5th day falling on Sunday, June 2, 2024. (Sec. 86.007(d-1)).

Last day to receive carrier envelopes mailed domestically (within the United States) OR overseas from voters who submitted a FPCA AND who are members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves. (Secs. 101.057, 101.001).

NOTE - Section 101.057 provides that carrier envelopes mailed domestically or overseas from certain military voters (members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves) who submitted a FPCA may arrive on or before the 6th day after election day. (Secs. 86.007, 101.057, 101.001).

NOTE: The carrier envelope or, if applicable, the envelope containing the carrier envelope sent by the military members listed above who applied to vote by mail using the FPCA does NOT need to bear a cancellation or receipt mark in order to be counted.

Thursday, June 6, 2024

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - Last day for EVBB & Other (9th day after runoff primary election day; 2nd Thursday after runoff primary election day)

Local canvass of the runoff primary election by county chair (or county chair's designee) and at least one member of the county executive committee must be conducted on this date. (Sec. 172.116(b)).

Deadline for custodian of election records or presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to retrieve provisional ballots from county voter registrar. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 - 81.175, 81.176).

Last day for early voting ballot board to convene to qualify and count:

any late domestic ballots (from non-military and from any military voters who submitted an ABBM) that bear a cancellation mark or receipt mark indicating they were placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier not later than 7:00 PM on election day, May 28, 2024, and were received not later than 5:00 PM on the first business day after election day, Wednesday, May 29, 2024. (Secs. 86.007(a), 87.125(a)).

any late ballots that were submitted from outside the United States by voters who applied for the ballot using an ABBM or by non-military voters who applied for the ballot using an FPCA, and which were received by the 5th day after election day, Monday, June 3, 2024. (Secs. 86.007(d) & (d-1), 87.125(a)).

any ballots received by the 6th day after election day, Monday, June 3, 2024 from voters who are members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves, and who applied for a ballot using an FPCA. (Secs. 101.057, 87.125(a)).

any provisional ballots that have been reviewed by the voter registrar. (Sec. 65.051(a)).

ballots contained in defective carrier envelopes corrected by voters. (Sec. 86.011(d)).

NOTE: Ballots that do not qualify under 1-3 above should be treated as ballots not timely returned and should not be delivered to the ballot board. (Sec. 86.007).

NOTE: If the early voting ballot board needs to meet after this date, it will require a court order to do so.

The time the board reconvenes is set by the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board. (Secs. 86.007(d), 87.125).

NOTE - The presiding judge of the central counting station is required to provide and attest to a written reconciliation (PDF) of votes and voters at the close of tabulation for election day and again after the central counting station meets for the last time to process late-arriving ballots by mail and provisional ballots. (Sec. 127.131). See Note 19 on Reconciliation.

NOTE: Section 172.116 provides that a county chair may designate another individual to conduct the local canvass on the county chair's behalf. That designee must be a member of the county executive committee. If no member of the county executive committee is available to act as the county chair's designee, then any individual who is a resident of the county and is affiliated with the same political party may act as the county chair's designee.

Friday, June 7, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - EVBB Notice of Reject Deadline (10th day after runoff primary election day; 24 hours after local canvass)
The presiding judge of the early voting ballot board shall mail a Notice of Rejected Ballot (PDF) to voters whose mail ballots were rejected no later than the 10th day after election day or as soon as practicable, depending on when the early voting ballot board last convenes. (Sec. 87.0431).

NOTE: Section 87.0431 requires notice to also be provided to email address of an overseas mail ballot voter if ballot was transmitted to the voter by email under Section 101.102.

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - Electronic Records Deadline & Other (15th day after runoff primary election day)

Election records from the runoff primary election must be available in an electronic format no later than this day, for a fee of not more than \$50.00. (Sec. 1.012(e)).

Last day to post notice of state executive committee's meeting to canvass returns of runoff primary election if state canvass takes place on June 15, 2024. Notice must be posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. (Sec. 172.120; Secs. 551.002, 551.041, 551.043, Texas Government Code).

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Saturday, June 15, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - State Canvass Deadline (3rd Saturday after runoff primary election day)
Deadline for state executive committee to conduct state canvass. (Sec. 172.120).

Monday, June 17, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - EVBB Provisional Notice Deadline & Other (11th day after local canvass; 20th day after runoff primary election day)
New party officers take office. (Sec. 171.022(c)).

Deadline for the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to notify provisional voters whether their ballots were counted and if not, the reason why they were not counted. (Sec. 65.059; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.176). (The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, June 17, 2024 due to the 10th day falling on Sunday, June 16, 2024. (Sec. 1.006).)

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that images of voted ballots, if maintained, and cast vote records shall be made available for public inspection beginning on the first day after the date of the final canvass of an election is completed. The bill also provides that original voted ballots shall be made available for public inspection beginning on the 61st day after election day. The bill requires the general custodian of election records to adopt procedures to ensure the redaction of any personally identifiable information of the voter that is contained on the voted ballot, ballot images, or cast vote records before making them available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Tuesday, June 18, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - PMR Deadline Date (21st day after election day)
Last day to complete the partial manual count. (Sec. 127.201(a)).

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - County Chair SOS Deadline (20th day after local canvass)
Deadline for county chair to post notice to the Secretary of State's website of the names of the persons elected as county chair and precinct chairs for the county. The notice must include (1) each party officer's address, (2) each precinct chair's precinct number, and (3) each precinct officer's phone number and email address, if supplied by the officer. (Sec. 172.118).

Thursday, June 27, 2024

- ▲ **Time** All Day
- Subject** PR24 - County Clerk SOS Deadline & Other (30th day after runoff primary election day)

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - January 2026 (Twenty-two (22) months after 2024 primary election day)
Contents of ballot box(es) may be destroyed IF no contest or criminal investigation has arisen (Secs. 1.013, 66.058), and IF no open records request has been filed (Tex. Att’y Gen. ORD-505 (1988)).

All election records must be preserved for 22 months from election day, even when there is no federal office on the ballot. (Sec. 66.058).

Notable Exceptions:
Permanent Records: Election results must be permanently maintained in the election register. (Sec. 67.006).

Electronic Voting Systems: See advisories on our website for preservation procedures for electronic voting systems. (See Tex. Sec’y of State Election Advisory No. 2019-23.)

Sunday, March 1, 2026

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - March 2026 (Twenty-two (22) months after 2024 runoff primary election day; two years after 2024 primary election day)
Contents of ballot box(es) may be destroyed IF no contest or criminal investigation has arisen (Secs. 1.013, 66.058), and IF no open records request has been filed (Tex. Att’y Gen. ORD-505 (1988)).

All election records must be preserved for 22 months from election day, even when there is no federal office on the ballot. (Sec. 66.058).

Notable Exceptions:
Permanent Records: Election results must be permanently maintained in the election register. (Sec. 67.006).

Electronic Voting Systems: See advisories on our website for preservation procedures for electronic voting systems. (See Tex. Sec’y of State Election Advisory No. 2019-23.)

Candidate applications must be retained by the county chair for two years (24 months) after date of primary election. (Sec. 141.036).

Wednesday, March 1, 2028

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject P24 - March 2028 (Four years after 2024 election day)
Voter registrar must retain list of registered voters for the primary election for four years after election day. (Sec. 18.011(b)).

Monday, May 1, 2028

▲ **Time** All Day
Subject PR24 - May 2028 (Four years after 2024 runoff primary election day)
Voter registrar must retain list of registered voters for the runoff primary election for four years after election day. (Sec. 18.011(b))

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Subject: P24 - State / County Chair Expense Deadline (43rd day before primary election day)

Start: Sunday, January 21, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Monday, January 22, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Deadline for state chairs and county chairs to submit itemized estimate and request for state funds to cover general primary expenses. (Sec. 173.081(c)(2)). Notice of consolidation of county election precincts, if any, must accompany the itemized estimate. (Sec. 173.081(f)).NOTE: The state chair (or the state chair's designee) may submit this statement on behalf of the county chair if the county chair (1) requests the state chair to submit the statement on the county chair's behalf, or (2) fails to submit the statement by the deadline. (Sec. 173.081(g)).

Subject: P24 - County / State Deadline to post Candidate info on SOS (8th day after regular filing deadline)

Start: Monday, December 18, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Deadline for county and state chairs to electronically submit candidate information and status for posting on the Secretary of State's website. (Sec. 172.029(c)). Recommended deadline for each state chair to certify to Secretary of State for placement on the general primary election ballot the name of each candidate who files with the chair an application that complies with Section 172.021(b). (Sec. 172.028(a)).

Subject: P24 - Notice Deadline for Sunday EV, & Other (72 hours preceding first hour Sunday early voting will be conducted\; 12th day before primary election day)

Start: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Deadline to post notice (PDF) of Sunday early voting on county website. The notice must be posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the first hour that early voting on Sunday, February 25, 2024 will be conducted. (Sec. 85.007(b), (c)). In counties with a population of 100,000 or more, deadline to post notice of Sunday early voting at any required temporary branch locations (created under Section 85.062(d) of the Texas Election Code). The notice must be posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the first hour that early voting on Sunday, February 25, 2024 will be conducted. (Secs. 85.006(e), 85.007(c), 85.062(d), 85.064(d), 85.068). NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 1217 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 85.006(e) of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to require the early voting clerk to order early voting in accordance with Section 85.006(e) of the Code (extended weekend early voting) at each temporary branch location established under Section 85.062(d). Therefore, in a primary election, the general election for state and county officers, or a special election to fill a vacancy in the legislature or Congress, early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on the last Saturday and at least 6 consecutive hours on the last Sunday of the early voting period at the mandatory temporary branch polling places established under Section 85.062(d) of the Code. (Secs. 85.006, 85.062, 85.064). Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM on the last Saturday of the early voting period. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 9:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM on the last Sunday of the early voting period. (Sec. 85.006). See Note 7. First day a voter who becomes sick or disabled on or after this date may submit an application for a late ballot if the sickness or physical condition prevents the voter from appearing at the polling place without the likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring his or her health. (Sec. 102.001). See Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Sickness or Physical Disability (PDF). Applications may continue to be submitted until 5:00 PM on Election Day. (Sec. 102.003). NOTE - For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17.

Subject: PR24 - Late ABBM Deadline (day before the last day to apply for a ballot by mail; 12th day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Thursday, May 16, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

First day a voter who becomes sick or disabled on or after this date may submit an application for a late ballot if the sickness or physical condition prevents the voter from appearing at the polling place without the likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring his or her health. (Sec. 102.001). See Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Sickness or Physical Disability (PDF). Applications may continue to be submitted until 5:00 PM on Election Day. (Sec. 102.003).

Subject: P24 - Notice Deadline for Saturday EV (72 hours preceding first hour Saturday early voting will be conducted; 13th day before primary election day)

Start: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Deadline to post notice (PDF) of Saturday early voting on county website. The notice must be posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the first hour that early voting on Saturday, February 24, 2024 will be conducted. (Sec. 85.007(b), (c)). In counties with a population of 100,000 or more, deadline to post notice of Saturday early voting at any required temporary branch locations (created under Section 85.062(d) of the Texas Election Code). The notice must be posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the first hour that early voting on Saturday, February 24, 2024 will be conducted. (Secs. 85.006(e), 85.007(c), 85.062(d), 85.064(d), 85.068).

Subject: PR24 - Runoff Candidate Withdraw Deadline & Electronic Format Deadline (3rd day after state canvass of races with potential runoffs\; 15th day after general primary election day)

Start: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

5:00 PM - Last day runoff primary candidates may withdraw from ballot. (Sec. 172.059(a)). Election records from the general primary election must be available in an electronic format no later than this day, for a fee of not more than \$50.00. (Sec. 1.012(e)). NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Subject: PR24 - EVBB Provisional Notice Deadline & Other (11th day after local canvass\; 20th day after runoff primary election day)

Start: Sunday, June 16, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Monday, June 17, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

New party officers take office. (Sec. 171.022(c)).Deadline for the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to notify provisional voters whether their ballots were counted and if not, the reason why they were not counted. (Sec. 65.059; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.176). (The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, June 17, 2024 due to the 10th day falling on Sunday, June 16, 2024. (Sec. 1.006).)NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that images of voted ballots, if maintained, and cast vote records shall be made available for public inspection beginning on the first day after the date of the final canvass of an election is completed. The bill also provides that original voted ballots shall be made available for public inspection beginning on the 61st day after election day. The bill requires the general custodian of election records to adopt procedures to ensure the redaction of any personally identifiable information of the voter that is contained on the voted ballot, ballot images, or cast vote records before making them available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Subject: PR24 - EVBB Notice of Reject Deadline (10th day after runoff primary election day\; 24 hours after local canvass)

Start: Thursday, June 06, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Friday, June 07, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

The presiding judge of the early voting ballot board shall mail a Notice of Rejected Ballot (PDF) to voters whose mail ballots were rejected no later than the 10th day after election day or as soon as practicable, depending on when the early voting ballot board last convenes. (Sec. 87.0431).NOTE: Section 87.0431 requires notice to also be provided to email address of an overseas mail ballot voter if ballot was transmitted to the voter by email under Section 101.102.

Subject: P24 - EVBB Notice of Reject Deadline, and Other (10th day after primary election day\; 24 hours after local canvass)

Start: Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Friday, March 15, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Last day for the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to mail Notice of Rejected Ballot (PDF) to voters whose mail ballots were rejected. (Sec. 87.0431).NOTE: Section 87.0431 requires notice to also be provided to email address of an overseas mail ballot voter if ballot was transmitted to the voter by email under Section 101.102.NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.Deadline for state chairs and county chairs to submit itemized estimate and request for state funds to cover runoff primary expenses. (Sec. 173.081(e)). Notice of consolidation of county precincts, if any, must accompany the itemized estimate. (Sec. 173.081(f)).

Subject: PR24 - FPCA Mailout Deadline (45th day before runoff primary election day\; 2nd Saturday in April)

Start: Friday, April 12, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Saturday, April 13, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Deadline to mail ballots to military or overseas voters who already submitted their ballot requests via a federal postcard application (FPCA) or via a standard application for ballot by mail (ABBM) and indicated that they are outside the United States. If the early voting clerk cannot meet this 45th-day deadline, the clerk must notify the Secretary of State within 24 hours. (Sec. 86.004(b)).NOTE - A member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA. (Sec. 101.001).NOTE: The 45th-day deadline under Section 86.004(b) is not extended by Section 1.006 to the next business day. The ballots covered by Section 86.004(b) should be sent out on or before Saturday, April 13, 2024.Reminder Regarding FPCAs and Overseas ABBMs: If the early voting clerk receives an FPCA (from a military or non-military voter) or an ABBM from an overseas voter after the 45th day deadline, then the ballot must be mailed within seven days after the early voting clerk receives the FPCA or ABBM. (Secs. 86.004(b), 101.104).Reminder: In regards to mail ballots for other voters (not military voters using an FPCA or overseas voters using an FPCA or ABBM), the early voting clerk must mail a ballot not later than the 7th day after the later of: (1) the date the early voting clerk has accepted a voter's application for a ballot by mail or (2) the date the ballots become available for mailing. However, if the 7th day falls earlier than the 37th day before election day (Sunday, April 21), the voter's mail ballot must be mailed no later than the 30th day (Sunday, April 28) before election day. (Sec. 86.004(a)). This means that for every application that is accepted by the early voting clerk before the 37th day before election day, the balloting materials must be mailed by the 30th day before election day. Any application that comes in after the 37th day before election day will follow the 7-day timeline in Section 86.004.NOTE - Information on the early voting roster for both early voting in person and early voting by mail must be made available for public inspection and on the county's website if the county clerk or elections administrator is serving as the early voting clerk. The early voting roster shall be posted by 11:00 a.m. on the day after the information is entered on the roster (for early voting in person) or by 11:00 a.m. on the day after the early voting clerk receives a ballot voted by mail. If the entity does not maintain a website, the information must be made available on the bulletin board used for posting notices. (Sec. 87.121). See Note 21.NOTE - Section 87.121 of the Code provides that 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. (Sec. 87.121).

Subject: PR24 - Last day for EVBB & Other (9th day after runoff primary election day\; 2nd Thursday after runoff primary election day)

Start: Wednesday, June 05, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Thursday, June 06, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Local canvass of the runoff primary election by county chair (or county chair's designee) and at least one member of the county executive committee must be conducted on this date. (Sec. 172.116(b)).Deadline for custodian of election records or presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to retrieve provisional ballots from county voter registrar. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 – 81.175, 81.176).Last day for early voting ballot board to convene to qualify and count: any late domestic ballots (from non-military and from any military voters who submitted an ABBM) that bear a cancellation mark or receipt mark indicating they were placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier not later than 7:00 PM on election day, May 28, 2024, and were received not later than 5:00 PM on the first business day after election day, Wednesday, May 29, 2024. (Secs. 86.007(a), 87.125(a)).any late ballots that were submitted from outside the United States by voters who applied for the ballot using an ABBM or by non-military voters who applied for the ballot using an FPCA, and which were received by the 5th day after election day, Monday, June 3, 2024. (Secs. 86.007(d) & (d-1), 87.125(a)).any ballots received by the 6th day after election day, Monday, June 3, 2024 from voters who are members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves, and who applied for a ballot using an FPCA. (Secs. 101.057, 87.125(a)).any provisional ballots that have been reviewed by the voter registrar. (Sec. 65.051(a)).ballots contained in defective carrier envelopes corrected by voters. (Sec. 86.011(d)).NOTE: Ballots that do not qualify under 1-3 above should be treated as ballots not timely returned and should not be delivered to the ballot board. (Sec. 86.007).NOTE: If the early voting ballot board needs to meet after this date, it will require a court order to do so. The time the board reconvenes is set by the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board. (Secs. 86.007(d), 87.125).NOTE - The presiding judge of the central counting station is required to provide and attest to a written reconciliation (PDF) of votes and voters at the close of tabulation for election day and again after the central counting station meets for the last time to process late-arriving ballots by mail and provisional ballots. (Sec. 127.131). See Note 19 on Reconciliation.NOTE: Section 172.116 provides that a county chair may designate another individual to conduct the local canvass on the county chair's behalf. That designee must be a member of the county executive committee. If no member of the county executive committee is available to act as the county chair's designee, then any individual who is a resident of the county and is affiliated with the same political party may act as the county chair's designee.

Subject: P24 - Precinct Conventions (7th day after primary election day; 2nd Tuesday in March)

Start: Monday, March 11, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Precinct conventions held for parties nominating by convention. (Secs. 181.061(c), 182.005).Deadline for custodian of election records or presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to retrieve provisional ballots from county voter registrar. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.175, 81.176).

Subject: P24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Starts & Other (day after last day of early voting in person); 3rd day before primary election day) (Texas Independence Day)

Start: Friday, March 01, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Saturday, March 02, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

First day to submit an Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Death in the Family (PDF) because of a death in the immediate family that occurred on or after Thursday, February 29, 2024 ("the day before the last day of the period for early voting by personal appearance"), and will require absence from the county of residence on election day. The application may be submitted through the close of business on Monday, March 4, 2024, the day before primary election day. (Secs. 103.001, 103.003(b)). Last day to conduct public test of automatic tabulation equipment. Per Section 127.093, the test shall be conducted at least 48 hours before the automatic tabulating equipment is used to count ballots voted in an election and was not previously tested. We highly recommend that this test is done on an earlier date to allow time for corrections to programming, if necessary. (See Note 12 above).

Subject: PR24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Begin & Other (day after last day of early voting in person); 3rd day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Friday, May 24, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Saturday, May 25, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

NOTE - Monday, May 27, 2024 is a holiday (Memorial Day). First day to submit an application for and vote a late ballot because of a death in the immediate family that occurred on or after Thursday, May 23, 2024 ("the day before the last day of the period for early voting by personal appearance"), and will require absence from the county of residence on election day. The application may be submitted through the close of business on May 27, 2024, the day before runoff primary election day. (Secs. 103.001, 103.003(b)). Because the deadline for the early voting clerk to mark the precinct list of registered voters with a notation beside each name of voter who voted early, and delivery of the list to election judges lands on Monday, May 27, 2024 (Memorial Day and the day before Election Day), our office recommends marking the precinct list no later than today. The early voting clerk must also deliver the precinct early voting list. The list may be delivered electronically if the county will be using an electronic pollbook. (Sec. 87.122). Because the deadline for county election officer to post notices of changed polling places falls on Monday, May 27, 2024 (Memorial Day and the day before Election Day), our office recommends the county chair post the notices no later than today. The notice must be posted at the entrance of the polling place used in the last primary election and must provide the location of the new polling place. (Sec. 43.062).

Subject: P24 - Last day to conduct L&A (17th day before primary election\; 48 hours before start of early voting in person)

Start: Friday, February 16, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Saturday, February 17, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Last day to conduct public L&A test of a voting system. We highly recommend that this test is done on an earlier date to allow time for corrections to programming, if necessary. (See Note 12, above). Per Section 129.023, the L&A test shall be conducted not later than 48 hours before voting begins on such voting systems, assuming that the voting system will first be used for early voting in person. NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code requires the general custodian of election records to demonstrate, using a representative sample of voting system equipment, that the source code of the equipment has not been altered. (Sec. 129.023(c-1)). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-30.

Subject: PR24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (day before the last day of early voting in person\; 5th day before runoff primary)

Start: Wednesday, May 22, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Thursday, May 23, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours each weekday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)). A voter is eligible to vote a late ballot if they will be out of the county of residence on election day due to a death in the immediate family (related within 2nd degree of consanguinity or affinity) that occurs on or after this day. The voter may submit the Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Death in the Family (PDF) starting Saturday, May 25, 2024 (the day after early voting in person ends). (Secs. 103.001, 103.003(b)). An application may be submitted after the last day of the period for early voting by personal appearance and before the close of business on the day before election day. (Sec. 103.003). Early voting clerk must post Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials (PDF) to the early voting ballot board if materials are to be delivered to the board on Friday, May 24, 2024. Notice must be posted continuously for 24 hours preceding each delivery to the board. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.0222, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241). Last day to publish notice of the public L&A test of a voting system that will be used for the first time on election day, if test will be held on Saturday, May 25, 2024. The last date to perform this test for voting systems that will be used for the first time on election day is Saturday, May 25, 2024. Notice of the public L&A test must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 1.006, 129.001, 129.023). NOTE: The Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials serves as notice of the convening of the early voting ballot board. This notice should be posted every time the early voting ballot board reconvenes.

Subject: P24 - FPCA New Voter Full Ballot Deadline, Notice deadlines, & 1st SVC Meeting Date (20th day before primary election day\; 5th day before the first day of early voting)

Start: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Deadline for a person who is not permanently registered to vote to submit a postmarked FPCA, in order to receive a full ballot by mail for the March 5, 2024 primary election. A person who is not permanently registered to vote and submits a postmarked FPCA after this date (20th day) and before the deadline to submit an application for ballot by mail, is not entitled to receive a ballot for any non-federal election. See Tuesday, February 20, 2024 entry for timeliness of an FPCA received without a postmark. (Secs. 101.052(e), 101.052(i)(2)).NOTE - Section 101.052 of the Code provides that an FPCA may be submitted by in-person delivery by the voter in accordance with Section 84.008 of the Code or by common or contract carrier.NOTE - Section 101.001 of the Code provides that a member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA.NOTE - Be sure to check the list of registered voters for permanent registration status. Also, state law authorizes an FPCA to also serve as an application for permanent registration\; therefore, the person might be permanently registered based on a prior FPCA. Even if the FPCA arrives too late for a particular election, the early voting clerk will still need to forward the original FPCA to the county voter registrar, after making a copy for your early voting clerk's use (mailing ballots, etc.) and records unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form) in which case, it will not serve as a permanent registration. (Sec. 101.055\; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40).NOTE - Overseas (non-military) voters marking the FPCA "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form (PDF)) receive a federal ballot only regardless of the date filed. (Chapter 114). In a local (non-federal) election, this means there is no ballot to send the voter.Last day to publish notice of L&A test if test will be held on Friday, February 16, 2024, if testing was not already completed by January 17, 2024. Notice of the public L&A Test must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair is required to confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 129.001, 129.023). See Note 12, above.First day that the signature verification committee, if one is appointed, may begin operating. (Sec. 87.027).NOTE - For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17.Last day to post branch early voting schedule, which should be posted continuously from the fifth day before the start of the early voting period until the last day of the early voting period. The schedule must include the location of each permanent and temporary branch early voting location, and the dates and hours that voting will be conducted at temporary branch locations. The schedule may also include the dates and hours of any weekend or extended early voting that will be conducted at permanent or temporary branch locations. (Sec. 85.067).NOTE: This schedule may be amended after posting to include additional temporary branch locations or additional dates and hours at those locations. If any locations, dates, or hours are added, then the amended schedule must be posted at least five days before the start of voting at those additional locations or at least five days before the additional or extended hours at existing locations. (Sec. 85.067).

Subject: PR24 - Recommended County Chair Ballot Date & Other (4th day after state canvass of races with potential runoffs); 68th day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Thursday, March 21, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Recommended date for primary committee to approve runoff primary ballot format. (Sec. 172.083). Recommended date for county chair to order runoff primary election ballots. (Sec. 172.083).

Subject: P24 - County Chair Filing deadline for primary candidates\; filing deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of intent. (2nd Monday in December)

Start: Sunday, December 10, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Monday, December 11, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

6:00 PM - Deadline for applications for a place on the general primary election ballot to be received by the state or county chair, as applicable to the office. (Secs. 172.022(a), 172.023(a)). Postmark by this deadline without actual receipt by the state or county chair is not sufficient. (Sec. 172.021(c)).NOTE - Sections 141.031 and 141.039 of the Code require that candidates provide an indication on their candidate application that the candidate has either not been finally convicted of a felony, or if so convicted, has been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities. A person who has been convicted of a felony will need to include with the application proof that the person has been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities. The application form must include a statement informing candidates of the requirement to submit this information. Further, the official application form will need to include a statement informing candidates that knowingly providing false information on their application related to their final felony conviction status is a Class B misdemeanor. (Secs. 141.031, 141.039).NOTE - Sections 143.004 and 144.003 of the Code provide that candidate applications, other than those that must be accompanied by a filing fee, may be filed via email. The application must be a scanned copy of the candidate application and must be sent to the filing authority's designated email address for accepting applications. (Secs. 143.004, 144.003).NOTE: This deadline is also applicable to applications for a place on the primary election ballot to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term in an office of the state or county government that occurred on or before the 10th day before the date of the regular filing deadline (December 1, 2023). (Sec. 202.004(b)).6:00 PM - Deadline for convention party candidates to file applications to be nominated by convention. (Sec. 181.033(a)).6:00 PM - Deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of independent candidacy with appropriate filing authority. (Sec. 142.002).Deadline for each party chair to deliver lists of names of election judges and clerks, early voting ballot board members, and central counting station personnel (if applicable) to the county election officer if joint primary election is going to be conducted. (Sec. 172.126(c)\; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.148).

Subject: P24 - First day to file for all other candidates for offices that are regularly scheduled to be on the Primary ballot; first day for independent candidates to file declaration of intent. (30th day before statutory regular filing deadline)

Start: Friday, November 10, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Saturday, November 11, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Saturday, November 11, 2023 (30th day before statutory regular filing deadline) First day to file an application for a place on the primary ballot (PDF) for an office other than precinct chair. (Sec. 172.023(b)). NOTE - Candidates must provide an indication on their candidate application that the candidate has either not been finally convicted of a felony, or if so convicted, has been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities. A person who has been convicted of a felony will need to include with the application proof that the person has been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disabilities. The application form must include a statement informing candidates of the requirement to submit this information. Further, the official application form will need to include a statement informing candidates that knowingly providing false information on their application related to their final felony conviction status is a Class B misdemeanor. (Secs. 141.031, 141.039). NOTE - Sections 143.004 and 144.003 of the Code provide that candidate applications, other than those that must be accompanied by a filing fee, may be filed via email. The application must be a scanned copy of the candidate application and must be sent to the filing authority's designated email address for accepting applications. (Secs. 143.004, 144.003). NEW LAW: Pursuant to HB 2384 (2023, R.S.), effective September 1, 2023, candidates for certain judicial offices have a different candidate application. For more information, please see our 2024 Candidate's Guide. First day to file a Declaration of Intent to Run as an Independent Candidate (PDF) with appropriate filing authority. (Sec. 142.002).

Subject: PR24 - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked) & Other (11th day before runoff primary election); last business day 48 hours before start of early voting in person)

Start: Thursday, May 16, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Friday, May 17, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Last day for early voting clerk to receive applications for a ballot to be voted by mail. (Sec. 84.007(c)). All applications to vote by mail must be received by the early voting clerk before the close of regular business or 12 noon, whichever is later.

Applications to vote by mail must be submitted by mail, common or contract carrier, fax (if a fax machine is available in the office of the early voting clerk), or by electronic submission of a scanned application with an original signature. The early voting clerk's designated e-mail address for the receipt of applications for ballot by mail must be posted on the Secretary of State's website. (Sec. 84.007(e)). Last day to receive an (FPCA)(PDF) from a registered voter. If the voter is not registered in the county (and/or marked intent to return "not certain", the voter is still eligible for a ballot containing federal offices only. In a local (non-federal) election, this means there is no ballot to send the voter. (Secs. 101.052(b), (f), 114.004(c)). NOTE - A member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA. (Sec. 101.001). NOTE - If an ABBM is faxed or emailed or if an FPCA is faxed, then the applicant must submit the ORIGINAL application BY MAIL to the early voting clerk so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than the 4th business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA. If the early voting clerk does not receive the original ABBM or FPCA by that deadline, then the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA will be considered incomplete, and the early voting clerk may NOT send the applicant a ballot. The early voting clerk should retain a copy of the FPCA for their own records, but should send the FPCA submitted by the voter to the voter registrar for registration purposes. (Sec. 84.007). An applicant for a ballot to be voted by mail (ABBM or FPCA) may submit the application by delivering it in person to the early voting clerk if the application is submitted not later than the close of regular business in the clerk's office on Friday, May 17, 2024. (Sec. 84.008). Last day to conduct public L&A test of a voting system. We highly recommend that this test is done on an earlier date to allow time for corrections to programming, if necessary. (See Note 12, above). Per Section 129.023, the L&A test shall be conducted not later than 48 hours before voting begins on such voting systems, assuming that the voting system will first be used for early voting in person. NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code requires the general custodian of election records to demonstrate, using a representative sample of voting system equipment, that the source code of the equipment has not been altered. See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-30.

Subject: P24 - First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (64th day before election day\; New Year's Day)

Start: Sunday, December 31, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Monday, January 01, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

First day for voters to submit a regular application for ballot by mail for an election in 2024. The application is considered submitted at the time of receipt. (Secs. 84.001(e), 84.007). First day for voters to submit an annual application for ballot by mail for all elections in calendar year 2024. The voter must be 65 years of age or older on election day or disabled in order to submit an annual application. The application is considered submitted at the time of receipt. (Secs. 84.001(e), 84.007, 86.0015).

Subject: PR24 - March 2026 (Twenty-two (22) months after 2024 runoff primary election day\; two years after 2024 primary election day)

Start: Saturday, February 28, 2026 7:00 PM EST

End: Sunday, March 01, 2026 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Contents of ballot box(es) may be destroyed IF no contest or criminal investigation has arisen (Secs. 1.013, 66.058), and IF no open records request has been filed (Tex. Attâ€™y Gen. ORD-505 (1988)).All election records must be preserved for 22 months from election day, even when there is no federal office on the ballot. (Sec. 66.058).Notable Exceptions:Permanent Records: Election results must be permanently maintained in the election register. (Sec. 67.006).Electronic Voting Systems: See advisories on our website for preservation procedures for electronic voting systems. (See Tex. Secâ€™y of State Election Advisory No. 2019-23.)Candidate applications must be retained by the county chair for two years (24 months) after date of primary election. (Sec. 141.036).

Subject: P24 - ABBM Cure Deadline & FPCA Ballot Deadline (6th day after primary election day)

Start: Sunday, March 10, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Monday, March 11, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

NOTE - Last day a voter may come to the early voting clerk's office in person to correct certain defects on their carrier envelope. (Secs. 87.0271, 87.0411). See Note 17. Deadline for ID related provisional voter to: (1) present acceptable photo identification to county voter registrar; or (2) if the voter does not possess and cannot reasonably obtain acceptable photo identification, follow the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the county voter registrar; or (3) execute an affidavit relative to "natural disaster" or "religious objection" in presence of county voter registrar, if applicable; or (4) qualify for the disability exemption, if applicable, with the county voter registrar. (Secs. 65.054, 65.0541). Deadline for county voter registrar to complete the review of provisional ballots. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.175, 81.176). Last day to receive ballots from non-military and any military voters casting ballots from outside of the United States, who submitted an ABBM (not an FPCA) AND who placed their ballots in delivery by 7:00 PM on primary election day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, as evidenced by a postal service cancellation mark or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier. (Sec. 86.007(d)). A late overseas ballot sent by a voter who applied for a ballot using an ABBM (not an FPCA) cannot be counted if it does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark. (Sec. 86.007(c), (e), (f)). The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, March 11, 2024 due to the 5th day falling on a Sunday. (Sec. 86.007(d-1)). NOTE: The delivery is considered timely if the carrier envelope or, if applicable, the envelope containing the carrier envelope is properly addressed with postage or handling charges prepaid and bears a cancellation mark of a recognized postal service or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier indicating a time by 7:00 PM on primary election day. Last day to receive ballots from non-military voters casting ballots from overseas, who submitted a FPCA, AND who placed their ballots in delivery by 7:00 PM on primary election day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024. (Sec. 86.007(d), (e)). The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, March 11, 2024 due to the 5th day falling on a Sunday. (Sec. 86.007(d-1)). Last day to receive carrier envelopes mailed domestically (within the United States) OR overseas from voters who submitted a FPCA AND who are members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves. (Secs. 101.057, 101.001). NOTE - Section 101.057 provides that carrier envelopes mailed domestically or overseas from certain military voters (members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves) who submitted a FPCA may arrive on or before the 6th day after election day. (Secs. 86.007, 101.057, 101.001). NOTE: The carrier envelope or, if applicable, the envelope containing the carrier envelope sent by the military members listed above who applied to vote by mail using the FPCA does NOT need to bear a cancellation or receipt mark in order to be counted. Last day to post notice of the county chair (or county chair's designee) and at least one member of the county executive committee's canvass of the returns for the primary election because canvass must take place on Thursday, March 14, 2024. This notice must be posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. (Sec. 172.116; Secs. 551.002, 551.041, 551.043, Texas Government Code). NOTE: Section 172.116 provides that a county chair may designate another individual to conduct the local canvass on the county chair's behalf. That designee must be a member of the county executive committee. If no member of the county executive committee is available to act as the county chair's designee, then any individual who is a resident of the county and is affiliated with the same political party may act as the county chair's designee.

Subject: P24 - ABBM Receive Deadline
Start: Tuesday, March 05, 2024 8:00 PM EST
End: Tuesday, March 05, 2024 8:15 PM EST
Recurrence: None

Regular deadline for receiving early voting ballots by mail. BUT see entry for Wednesday, March 6, 2024 on "late domestic ballots" and entry for Monday, March 11, 2024 on other "late" ballots. This is also the deadline to receive late ballots cast by voters who became sick or disabled on or after Thursday, February 22, 2024 (12th day before election day). (Secs. 86.007(a), 102.006(c)). See entry at Thursday, February 22, 2024.

Subject: P24 - Candidate Posting Deadline (9th day after regular filing deadline)

Start: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Deadline for state chair to notify county chair in each county in which the candidate's name is to appear on the ballot that the certification of candidates has been posted by the Secretary of State. (Sec. 172.028(b)). Date by which Secretary of State anticipates posting on Secretary of State's Internet website that is viewable by the public the certified list of candidates who filed, provided by each chair. (Sec. 172.028(a)). Deadline for chair to post notice on the party's website 24 hours preceding the date, hour, and place of ballot drawing if ballot drawing is conducted on December 21, 2023. If the party does not maintain an Internet website, the party must post notice on the commissioners court bulletin board. All candidates who provide an email address on their filing form must be notified electronically of drawing. (Sec. 172.082(e)). Deadline for state executive committee to set date, hour, and place for convening state convention. (Sec. 174.092(b)). (See Note 13.)

Subject: P24 - Challenge filing Deadline (49th day before election day)

Start: Monday, January 15, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Deadline to challenge the filing of an application for a place on the ballot as to form, content, and procedure. (The deadline is extended to the next regular business day, due to the 50th day before primary election day falling on Monday, January 15, 2024 which is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a legal holiday. (Secs. 172.0223, 1.006).

Subject: P24 - County Chair Candidate Deadline (7th day after regular filing deadline)

Start: Sunday, December 17, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Monday, December 18, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

6:00 PM - Deadline for the state or county chair, as applicable, to receive applications for a place on the general primary election ballot for an unexpired term for a vacancy in an office of the state or county government that occurs after the 10th day (December 1, 2023) before the date of the regular filing deadline, but on or before the 5th day (December 6, 2023) before the date of the regular filing deadline. (Secs. 1.006, 202.004(a), (c)). (The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, December 18, 2023 due to the 5th day after the regular candidate filing deadline falling on Saturday, December 16, 2023. (Sec. 1.006).)6:00 PM - Extended deadline for the state or county chair to receive an application for a place on the general primary election ballot for an office if a candidate who has made an application that complies with the applicable requirements (Sec. 172.054(b)):- dies on or after the fifth day before the date of the regular filing deadline (December 6, 2023) and on or before the first day after the date of the regular filing deadline (December 12, 2023); - holds the office for which the application was made and withdraws or is declared ineligible on the date of the regular filing deadline (December 11, 2023) or on the first day after the date of the regular filing deadline (December 12, 2023); - or withdraws or is declared ineligible on the date of the regular filing deadline (December 11, 2023) or on the first day after the date of the regular filing deadline (December 12, 2023), and at the time of the withdrawal or declaration of ineligibility no other candidate has made an application that complies with the applicable requirements for the office sought by the withdrawn or ineligible candidate.(The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, December 18, 2023 due to the 5th day after the regular candidate filing deadline falling on Saturday, December 16, 2023. (Sec. 1.006).)NOTE: An application filed by mail with the state chair in a situation where the deadline is extended due to death, withdrawal, or ineligibility of a candidate under the circumstances outlined above is not timely if received later than 5:00 PM on the extended deadline. (Sec. 172.054(b)).6:00 PM - Deadline to file a declaration of write-in candidacy for county chair or precinct chair if authorized by the county executive committee. (Secs. 171.0231, 1.006).

Subject: P24 - County Chair Candidate Deadline (last day before regular filing deadline)

Start: Saturday, December 09, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Sunday, December 10, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Deadline for the county chair (or secretary of the county executive committee) to post on the political party's Internet website or in the location where a candidate files for a place on the ballot a notice (PDF) containing the address at which the county chair and secretary of the county executive committee will be available to receive applications on the last day for filing an application. This deadline is not extended under Section 1.006. (Sec. 172.022(b)).NOTE: If the party secretary is accepting applications at a second location in addition to the county chair, the notice must include both locations.

Subject: P24 - County Chair Drawing Order Deadline (10th day after regular filing deadline)

Start: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Thursday, December 21, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Deadline for county chair or county chair's designee to conduct drawing for candidate order on ballot (unless committee provides by resolution that the county executive committee is to conduct drawing). (Sec. 172.082(c)).NOTE: Section 172.082(b) allows the county chair to designate another individual to conduct the ballot drawing. To be eligible to act as the county chair's designee, the individual must be a member of the county executive committee. If no member of the county executive committee is available, then a resident of the county who is affiliated with the same political party may serve as the county chair's designee.Recommended deadline for the state chair to certify to the Secretary of State the list of candidates who filed an application that complies with Section 172.021(b) of the Code after December 11, 2023 and on or before December 18, 2023. (Secs. 172.028(a), 172.029).NOTE - The purpose of this recommendation is to ensure that candidates whose applications are filed in accordance with the extended deadlines under Sections 172.054(b) and 202.004(a) of the Code are added to the list of certified candidates previously submitted by the state chair to the Secretary of State. See entries at December 18, 2023 and December 27, 2023.

Subject: P24 - County Chair Expense Deadline
Start: Tuesday, September 03, 2024 8:00 PM EDT
End: Wednesday, September 04, 2024 8:00 PM EDT
Recurrence: None

Deadline for county chair to file report of the actual expenses of the general primary election and runoff primary election (Final Cost Report) with the Secretary of State. (Sec. 173.084). Any surplus remaining in a county primary fund account after payment of approved expenses must be remitted to the Secretary of State on request. (Sec. 173.0851). The county chair is not entitled to final payment unless precinct-by-precinct returns have been received by the Secretary of State.

Subject: P24 - County Chair SOS Deadline (20th day after local canvass of primary election)

Start: Tuesday, April 02, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Wednesday, April 03, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Deadline for county chair to post notice on the Secretary of State's website of the names of the persons elected as county chair for the county. (Sec. 172.118).NOTE: Section 172.118 of the Code does not require the county chair to provide written notice to the state chair and county clerk of new party officers. Instead, the county chair will post this information on the Secretary of State's website.

Subject: P24 - County Chair SVC Appointment Deadline (5th day after recommended date to order signature verification committee)

Start: Tuesday, February 06, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Wednesday, February 07, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

If the early voting clerk issues order calling for appointment of signature verification committee, this is the deadline for the county chair to appoint the members to the committee. See entry under Friday, February 2, 2024. (Sec. 87.027).

Subject: P24 - County Chair Withdraw Omission Date (1st day after the regular filing deadline)

Start: Monday, December 11, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

If a candidate withdraws, dies, or is declared ineligible by this date, their name is omitted from the primary ballot. (Secs. 172.057, 172.058(a)).

Subject: P24 - County Clerk SOS Deadline (30th day after primary election day)

Start: Wednesday, April 03, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Thursday, April 04, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Deadline for county clerk to deliver to Secretary of State precinct returns of primary election for all offices other than party offices, including precinct-by-precinct returns for early voting. The report must include early voting votes cast by mail and early voting votes cast by personal appearance. That delivery to the Secretary of State must be made through the electronic system for submission of the report. (Secs. 67.017, 172.124).NOTE: Sections 67.017 and 172.124 of the Code requires this report to include all offices other than party offices in the precinct-by-precinct reports under this section. That report must include separate totals for early voting votes by mail and early voting votes by personal appearance.

Subject: P24 - County Conventions (1st Saturday after 2nd Tuesday in March)

Start: Friday, March 15, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

County convention for parties that are nominating candidates by convention for single-county district, county, or precinct offices. (Sec. 181.061(c)).

Subject: P24 - County election officer begins transmitting results to Secretary of State

Start: Tuesday, March 05, 2024 8:00 PM EST

End: Tuesday, March 05, 2024 8:15 PM EST

Recurrence: None

County election officer begins transmitting results to Secretary of State and transmits continuously until results are final.
(Sec. 68.034).

Subject: P24 - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" & Other (1st business day after primary election day)

Start: Tuesday, March 05, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Wednesday, March 06, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

5:00 PM - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" mailed within the United States from non-military voters and from any military voters who submitted an Application for Ballot by Mail ("ABBM") (not a Federal Postcard Application "FPCA"), if the carrier envelope was placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier AND bears a cancellation mark of a postal service or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier indicating a time not later than 7:00 PM at the location of the election on election day, March 5, 2024. (Sec. 86.007(a)(2)). A late domestic ballot cannot be counted if it does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark. (Sec. 86.007(c), (e), (f)). First day independent candidates for offices not involved in runoff primary election may collect signatures for petitions in connection with applications. (Sec. 142.009). NOTE - Because of the deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" it is imperative that you check your mail at 5:00 p.m. NOTE: This deadline does not apply to ballots sent by non-military voters who are overseas but applied for a ballot using an ABBM; these voters have until the 5th day after primary election day to return their ballots (or the next business day if the 5th day falls on a weekend or legal state or federal holiday). This deadline also does not apply to ballots mailed (domestically or from overseas) by certain members of the military who applied for a ballot using an FPCA; those voters have until the 6th day after primary election day to return their ballots. See entry for March 11, 2024. Unless the county voter registrar has already taken possession of the provisional ballots prior to this date, the general custodian of election records must deliver the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) containing the provisional ballots (or provisional ballot affidavits when DRE systems are used), along with the Summary of Provisional Ballots and the List of Provisional Voters for each precinct to the voter registrar by this day. The general custodian of election records makes this delivery to the voter registrar during the voter registrar office's regular business hours. (Secs. 65.052, 65.053; 1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 - 81.174, 81.176). NOTE: For the primary election, if the voter registrar wants to take possession of the provisional ballots and forms on election night (Tuesday, March 5, 2024), the voter registrar must inform the custodian of the election records and post a notice of the election night transfer no later than 24 hours before election day. However, under this type of delivery, the voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian of election records and pick up the provisional ballots and forms. Also, note that the voter registrar may take possession of provisional ballots prior to election night if ballots are kept separate and may be provided without unlawful entry into ballot box. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 - 81.174).

Subject: P24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Ends

Start: Tuesday, March 05, 2024 6:00 PM EST

End: Tuesday, March 05, 2024 6:15 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Deadline for receiving Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Sickness or Physical Disability (PDF) for late ballots to be voted by persons who became sick or disabled on or after Thursday, February 22, 2024 (12th day before election day). (Sec. 102.003(b)). See entry at Thursday, February 22, 2024.

Subject: P24 - EV Clerk Recommended SVC Appointment (32nd day before primary election day and 12th day before first day signature verification committee may convene)

Start: Thursday, February 01, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Friday, February 02, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Recommended date for early voting clerk to issue order calling for appointment of signature verification committee for the primary election, if the early voting clerk determines that a committee is to be appointed. (Sec. 87.027). If the signature verification committee will start meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, recommended date early voting clerk should post copy of the order calling for appointment of the signature verification committee. (Saturday, February 3, and Sunday, February 4, 2024 are the 10th and 11th days before the first day the committee may meet.) The notice must remain posted continuously for at least 10 days before the first day the committee meets. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. (Sec. 87.027).

Subject: P24 - EVC General Primary Notice Deadline & Other (21st day before primary election day)

Start: Monday, February 12, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Last day for county clerk to post notice (PDF) of the general primary election on the county's website. The notice must also be posted on the party's website if the party maintains a website. If the party does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. (Secs. 4.003, 172.1112).NOTE - The recommended time to include the notice of accepting voters with certain disabilities on a county's website is when the notice of election is also posted on the website. (Secs. 63.0015, 85.007(d)). See Note 15 regarding notice (PDF) on accepting voters with certain disabilities.Last day to post notice of election on bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of governing body. (Sec. 4.003(b)). A Record of Posting Notice of Election (PDF) should be completed at the time of posting. (Sec. 4.005). See Note on Notice of Elections.NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires the county to post the notice of election and notice of consolidated precincts on the county's website if the county maintains a website.NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires that the county election officer, rather than the county chair, post the notice of election for the primary election.NOTE - Section 4.009 of the Code requires a county to post certain information on its website for elections held by a county or elections for any local political subdivision in which the county has contracted to provide election services. While these statutory web posting requirements do not specifically apply to primary elections, we strongly recommend that you post this information for any primary election in which the county has contracted to provide election services. Accordingly, the following information should be posted on the county's website not later than the 21st day before election day:- 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. (Sec. 4.009).

Subject: P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Last day to vote early in person. (4th day before primary election day)

Start: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Friday, March 01, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)). Last day to publish notice of public test of automatic tabulating equipment, if test will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2024, and testing was not already completed. The public notice of the test of automatic tabulating equipment must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. NOTE: Section 127.096 requires that for a primary election, the custodian of election records must give the county chair 48 hours of notice prior to the test. The county chair is required to confirm receipt of the notice. After the polls close at the end of early voting, the ballot board and/or central counting station may convene to perform the following activities, depending on the population size of the county: Counties with a population of 100,000 or more that use electronic voting systems: In an election conducted by an authority of a county with a population of 100,000 or more that uses electronic voting systems, or conducted jointly with such a county or conducted with such a county through a contract for election services, the early voting ballot board may begin counting at the end of the period for early voting by personal appearance. (Sec. 87.0241(b)(2)). After the polls close at the end of early voting by personal appearance, counties with a population of 100,000 or more may convene their early voting ballot board and/or central counting station and begin counting ballots; however, the results may not be announced until after the polls close on election day. (Secs. 87.0222, 87.0241). NOTE - If a party is conducting a joint primary or contracting with a county that has a population of 100,000 or more and is convening their early voting ballot board and/or central counting station early to begin counting ballots, the test of the tabulation equipment will need to be completed at least 48 hours before the equipment is used to count ballots. (Secs. 87.0222, 87.0241, 127.096). NOTE - If ballots are to be delivered before Election Day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. (Secs. 87.0221(b), 87.023(b), 87.024(b)). NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more (or political subdivisions contracting with a county with a population of 100,000 or more), the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10. Counties with a population of less than 100,000: These counties may convene their early voting ballot board for processing and qualifying mail ballots, but cannot begin counting the ballots until the polls open on election day. These counties can meet whenever they have ballots, but at the very least have to meet at some point on or before the 9th day before election day. These counties cannot begin counting ballots until the polls open on election day. The early voting clerk shall continuously post notice for 24 hours preceding each delivery of voting materials that is to be made before the time for opening the polls on election day. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241). See Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials (PDF). NOTE - For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17.

Subject: P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (4th business day before primary election day)

Start: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)). Last day for Secretary of State to receive a Request for Election Inspectors (PDF) for the general primary election. The request must be a written request by 15 or more registered voters of the county for which the inspector is requested. (Sec. 34.001).

Subject: P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (7th day before primary election day)

Start: Monday, February 26, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)). If county election precincts are consolidated, the county election officer must post at the polling place used in the preceding general election for state and county officers a notice of consolidation and location of the polling place in the consolidated precinct. For purposes of conducting a primary election, the "preceding general election" is the preceding primary election. (Secs. 4.003(b), 172.1112). NOTE: Section 172.1112 provides that the county election officer is required to post the notice of consolidation, if polling places are consolidated. The notice of consolidation should be posted on the county's website. NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires the county to post the notice of election and notice of consolidated precincts on the county's website if the county maintains a website.

Subject: P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (day before primary election day)

Start: Sunday, March 03, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Monday, March 04, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Last day for early voting clerk to mark the precinct list of registered voters with a notation beside each name of voter who voted early, and deliver the list to election judges. The early voting clerk must also deliver the precinct early voting list. The list may be delivered electronically if the county will be using an electronic pollbook. (Sec. 87.122). Last day to submit Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Death in the Family (PDF) and vote a late ballot by personal appearance due to death in immediate family that occurred on or after Thursday, February 29, 2024. (Sec. 103.003). Deadline for county election officer to post notice (PDF) of changed polling places. The notice must be posted at the entrance of the polling place used in the last primary election and must provide the location of the new polling place. (Sec. 43.062). Delivery of Provisional Ballots and Forms: If the voter registrar wants to take possession of the provisional ballots and forms on election night, the voter registrar must inform the custodian of the election records and post a Notice of Election Night Transfer (PDF) no later than Monday, March 4, 2024, 24 hours before election day. (1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.174(d) (3)). NOTE: Under this type of delivery, the county voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian of election records and pick up the provisional ballots and forms. NOTE: The general custodian of election records (or the early voting clerk, if applicable) must also post a Notice of Delivery of Provisional Ballots (PDF) at least 24 hours before delivery will occur. (1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.174(b)(1)).

Subject: P24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (day before the last day of early voting in person)

Start: Wednesday, February 28, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Thursday, February 29, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).Deadline to receive a voter's original ABBM by mail or common or contract carrier if the voter submitted a copy of their application by fax or email.A voter is eligible to vote a late ballot if they will be out of the county of residence on election day due to a death in the immediate family (related within 2nd degree of consanguinity or affinity) that occurs on or after this day. The voter may submit the Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Death in the Family (PDF) starting Saturday, March 2, 2024 (the day after early voting in person ends). (Secs. 103.001, 103.003(b)). An application may be submitted after the last day of the period for early voting by personal appearance and before the close of business on the day before election day. (Sec. 103.003).Early voting clerk must post Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials (PDF) to the early voting ballot board if materials are to be delivered to the board on March 1, 2024. Notice must be posted continuously for 24 hours preceding each delivery to the board. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.0222, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241).NOTE: The Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials serves as notice of the convening of the early voting ballot board. This notice should be posted every time the early voting ballot board reconvenes.

Subject: P24 - Extended Weekday EV& Other (8th day - 4th day before primary election day)

Start: Sunday, February 25, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Friday, March 01, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).

Subject: P24 - Extended Weekday EV& Other (8th day before primary election day)

Start: Sunday, February 25, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Monday, February 26, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more, the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.NOTE - NEW LAW: SB 1599 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 87.0222 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that not later than the ninth day before election day, the jacket envelopes containing early voting ballots voted by mail MUST be delivered to the early voting ballot board. This requirement applies regardless of the county's population size. Any jacket envelopes of early voting ballots voted by mail returned after delivery of the ballots to the early voting ballot board may be delivered to the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board between the end of the ninth day before election day and the closing of the polls on election day, or as soon after closing as practicable, at the time or times specified by the presiding judge. The early voting clerk shall post notice of each delivery of balloting materials that is to be made before the time for opening the polls on election day. The notice must be posted at the main early voting polling place continuously for at least 24 hours immediately preceding the delivery. Because the ninth day falls on Sunday, February 25, 2024, the deadline is extended to Monday, February 26, 2024. (Sec. 1.006).NOTE - The early voting ballot board can meet as soon as the county has received voted ballots by mail from voters and those materials are delivered to the ballot board. The ballot board does not have to wait until this ninth-day deadline to meet.

Subject: P24 - Extended Weekend EV & Other (10th day before primary election day)

Start: Friday, February 23, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Saturday, February 24, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Extended weekend early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on the last Saturday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. In counties with a population of 100,000 or more, early voting must be conducted for at least 12 hours on the last Saturday of the early voting period at any required temporary branch locations (created under Section 85.062(d) of the Texas Election Code). (Secs. 85.006(e), 85.062(d), 85.064(d)). See Note 7 and Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2023-10. NOTE: The Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials serves as notice of the convening of the early voting ballot board. This notice should be posted every time the early voting ballot board reconvenes.

Subject: P24 - Extended Weekend EV & Other (9th day before primary election day)

Start: Saturday, February 24, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Sunday, February 25, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Extended weekend early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 6 consecutive hours on the last Sunday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. In counties with a population of 100,000 or more, early voting must be conducted for at least 6 hours on the last Sunday of the early voting period at any required temporary branch locations (created under Section 85.062(d) of the Texas Election Code). (Secs. 85.006(e), 85.062(d), 85.064(d)).NOTE: There is no petition process to require a county with a population less than 100,000 to conduct weekend early voting at temporary branch locations. However, the early voting clerk may voluntarily order weekend early voting at temporary branch locations by written order if they choose to do so.NOTE: The Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials serves as notice of the convening of the early voting ballot board. This notice should be posted every time the early voting ballot board reconvenes.

Subject: P24 - First Day Ballot Box Key Return (61st day after primary election day)

Start: Saturday, May 04, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Sunday, May 05, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

First day the general custodian of election records may (1) require a person who has possession of a key that operates the lock on a ballot box containing voted ballots to return the key to the custodian; and (2) unlock the ballot box and transfer the voted ballots to another secure container for the remainder of the preservation period. (Sec. 66.058(b)). Please note that the custodian is not required by law to do this on Sunday, May 5, 2024; the custodian may choose to transfer the voted ballots to another secure container for the remainder of the preservation period on Monday, May 6, 2024 or a later date. NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the 61st day after election day, the general custodian of election records shall make the original voted ballots available for public inspection. NOTE - Our office recommends that the county elections office work closely with its county attorney and its public information division in ensuring that records have been properly redacted before being made publicly available. Please direct any questions about the procedures for responding to a public information request, including the timeframes for such responses, to the Office of the Attorney General via its Open Government Hotline, (877) OPEN TEX (673- 6839). See Note 22 above. NOTE - For guidance on retention of electronic voting system media, please see Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2019-23.

Subject: P24 - First Day of Early Voting, FPCA Deadline, & Writ Deadline (14th day before primary election day)

Start: Monday, February 19, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

First day to vote early in person. (Sec. 85.001(a), (c)).NOTE - The early voting period for the general primary election begins 17 days prior to election day, but because the first day of the early voting period falls on a legal state holiday (Monday, February 19, 2024), it is extended to the next regular business day, Tuesday, February 20, 2024. (Sec. 85.001(c)).NOTE - Section 85.005 of the Code provides that early voting in person must be conducted at the main early voting location on each weekday of the early voting period that is not a legal state holiday and for a period of at least nine (9) hours, except that voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM.NOTE - Voting by limited ballot must be done during the early voting period at the main early voting polling place (or by mail). (Sec. 112.002(a)).In a primary election, a certain number of temporary branch locations must be established depending on the population size of the county:- in a county with a population of 400,000 or more, the commissioners court must establish one or more temporary polling places, other than the main early voting polling place, in each state representative district containing territory covered by the election\;- in a county with a population of 120,000 or more but less than 400,000, the commissioners court must establish one or more temporary polling places, other than the main early voting polling place, in each commissioners precinct containing territory covered by the election\;- in a county with a population of 100,000 or more but less than 120,000, the early voting clerk must establish one or more early voting polling places in each commissioners precinct for which the early voting clerk receives a timely filed written request by at least 15 registered voters of that precinct. (Sec. 85.062(d)).NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 1217 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 85.064 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to establish uniform early voting requirements for all counties regardless of population size. Any established temporary branch location must remain open for at least 8 hours on each of the days that voting is required to be conducted at the main early voting location. See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2023-10.NOTE - Section 85.062 of the Code provides that the location of temporary branch polling places in an election in which countywide polling places are used must be determined with the same methodology that is used for the location of countywide polling places.NOTE - Section 61.002 of the Code provides that immediately before the opening of the polls on the first day of early voting and on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall confirm that the public counters on each voting machine are set to zero and shall print the tape that shows that there are zero votes for each candidate or measure on the ballot. Each election judge and alternate judge shall sign the printed tapes.NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 1217 (2023, R.S.) amended Sections 85.005 and 85.006 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to modify the required weekend days and hours for early voting by personal appearance at the main early voting polling place for counties. House Bill 1217 removed the population threshold that required only counties above a certain population to provide extended weekend early voting hours for the primary election and the general election for state and county officers. House Bill 1217 also repealed the provision that required counties below a certain population threshold to provide extended weekend early voting in these elections if the early voting clerk received a written request submitted by at least 15 registered voters of the county. As a result, the same extended weekend early voting hours now apply to ALL counties regardless of their population for the primary election and the general election for state and county officers. Therefore, the county voter registrar's office is required to remain open for providing voter registration information during the extended hours or weekend hours that the main early voting polling place is open for voting. (Secs. 12.004(d), 85.005(c), 85.006(e)). See Note 7 above.NOTE - The notice of precinct conventions must be posted continuously during the early voting period. Prior to opening the polls, the presiding judge of each precinct must post at each entrance to the building a notice of the time and place for convening the precinct, county, senatorial, and state conventions. This notice must remain posted continuously during the early voting period and on election day. (Sec. 172.1111).Deadline to receive an FPCA without a postmark. If an FPCA is received by this date without a postmark to prove mailing date, the early voting clerk will accept the FPCA and mail the applicant a full ballot even if the applicant is not a permanently registered voter but meets the requirements under Title 2 of the Election Code (unless the voter marks the FPCA form "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form), in which case the voter receives a federal-only ballot). (Secs. 101.052(i)(1), 1.006).Last day to notify election judges of duty to hold election Writ of Election (PDF). Notice must be given by the 15th day before the election or the 7th day after the day the election is ordered, whichever is later. The Writ of Election must be given to each presiding judge and include:The judge's duty to hold the election\; The type and date of election\; The polling place location at which the judge will serve\; The polling place hours\; and The maximum number of clerks the judge may appoint. (Sec. 4.007).NOTE - For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17.

Subject: P24 - First day to file a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (30th day before write-in candidate filing deadline)

Start: Friday, November 17, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Saturday, November 18, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

First day to file a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy for the Office of County and/or Precinct Chair as a write-in candidate for the office of precinct chair or county chair, if the county executive committee has decided to authorize write-in candidates. (Secs. 171.0231, 146.025).

Subject: P24 - FPCA Mailout Deadline (45th day before primary election day)

Start: Friday, January 19, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Saturday, January 20, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Deadline to mail ballots to military or overseas voters who already submitted their ballot requests via a federal postcard application (FPCA) or via a standard application for ballot by mail (ABBM) and indicated that they are outside the United States. If the early voting clerk cannot meet this 45th-day deadline, the clerk must notify the Secretary of State within 24 hours. (Sec. 86.004(b)).NOTE: The 45th-day deadline under Section 86.004(b) is not extended by Section 1.006 to the next business day. The ballots covered by Section 86.004(b) should be sent out on or before Saturday, January 20, 2024.Reminder Regarding FPCAs and Overseas ABBMs: If the early voting clerk receives an FPCA (from a military or non-military voter) or an ABBM from an overseas voter after the 45th day deadline, then the ballot must be mailed within seven days after the early voting clerk receives the FPCA or ABBM. (Secs. 86.004(b), 101.104).NOTE - Section 101.052 of the Code sets out that an FPCA may be submitted by in-person delivery by the voter in accordance with Section 84.008 of the Code or by common or contract carrier.NOTE - Section 101.001 of the Code sets out that a member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA.Reminder: In regards to mail ballots for other voters (not military voters using an FPCA or overseas voters using an FPCA or ABBM), the early voting clerk must mail a ballot not later than the 7th day after the later of: (1) the date the early voting clerk has accepted a voter's application for a ballot by mail or (2) the date the ballots become available for mailing. However, if the 7th day falls earlier than the 37th day before election day (Sunday, January 28), the voter's mail ballot must be mailed no later than the 30th day (Sunday, February 4) before election day. (Sec. 86.004(a)). This means that for every application that is accepted by the early voting clerk before the 37th day before election day, the balloting materials must be mailed by the 30th day before election day. Any application that comes in after the 37th day before election day will follow the 7-day timeline in Section 86.004.NOTE: Information on the early voting roster for both early voting in person and early voting by mail must be made available for public inspection and on the county's website if the county clerk or elections administrator is serving as the early voting clerk. The early voting roster shall be posted by 11:00 AM on the day after the information is entered on the roster (for early voting in person) or by 11:00 AM on the day after the early voting clerk receives a ballot voted by mail. (Sec. 87.121).NOTE - Section 87.121 of the Code provides that 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.

Subject: P24 - FPCA Partial Ballot Period (19th - 11th day before primary election day)

Start: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Friday, February 23, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

A person submitting an FPCA (PDF) during this period who is not registered to vote is not entitled to receive a full ballot for the March 5, 2024 primary election. This means that a person submitting an FPCA during this period is entitled to receive a federal ballot only (no state, district, or county offices), if not already a permanent registered voter. (Secs. 101.052(f), 114.002, 114.004). See entry below under Tuesday, February 20, 2024 (FPCA without a postmark). (Secs. 101.052(f), 114.004(c)). The early voting clerk is required to maintain a copy of this application since it may be used for other elections and forward the original to the voter registrar. (Secs. 84.007, 101.052(e), (f)). NOTE - Be sure to check the list of registered voters for permanent registration status. Also, state law authorizes an FPCA to also serve as an application for permanent registration; therefore, the person might be permanently registered based on a prior FPCA. Even if the FPCA arrives too late for a particular election, the early voting clerk will still need to forward the original FPCA to the county voter registrar, after making a copy for your early voting clerk's use (mailing ballots, etc.) and records unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form) in which case, it will not serve as a permanent registration. (Sec. 101.055, 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40). NOTE - Overseas (non-military) voters marking the FPCA "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form) receive a federal ballot only regardless of the date filed. (Chapter 114).

Subject: P24 - January 2026 (Twenty-two (22) months after 2024 primary election day)

Start: Wednesday, December 31, 2025 7:00 PM EST

End: Thursday, January 01, 2026 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Contents of ballot box(es) may be destroyed IF no contest or criminal investigation has arisen (Secs. 1.013, 66.058), and IF no open records request has been filed (Tex. Att’y Gen. ORD-505 (1988)). All election records must be preserved for 22 months from election day, even when there is no federal office on the ballot. (Sec. 66.058). Notable Exceptions: Permanent Records: Election results must be permanently maintained in the election register. (Sec. 67.006). Electronic Voting Systems: See advisories on our website for preservation procedures for electronic voting systems. (See Tex. Sec’y of State Election Advisory No. 2019-23.)

Subject: P24 - L&A Notice Deadline & Other (50th day before election day) (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Start: Sunday, January 14, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Monday, January 15, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Last day to publish notice for testing of automatic tabulation equipment testing and logic and accuracy testing (L&A testing) of a voting system if test will be completed by recommended deadline of Wednesday, January 17, 2024. Notice (PDF) of the public tests must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096, 129.022, 129.023). Recommended deadline for county chair of party holding a primary election to procure from voter registrar a set of precinct lists of registered voters (also supplemental lists and correction lists, if necessary) to deliver to county election officer for use in conducting early voting by mail and in person in the party's general primary. (Secs. 18.001(d), 18.002-18.004).

Subject: P24 - Last day for EVBB & Other (2nd Thursday after primary election day, 9th day after Primary Election Day)

Start: Wednesday, March 13, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Thursday, March 14, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Last day for early voting ballot board to convene to qualify and count: 1. any late domestic ballots (from non-military and from any military voters who submitted an ABBM) that bear a cancellation mark or receipt mark indicating they were placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier not later than 7:00 PM on election day, March 5, 2024, and were received not later than 5:00 PM on the first business day after election day, Wednesday, March 6, 2024. (Secs. 86.007(a) & (d-1), 87.125(a)). 2. any late ballots that were submitted from outside the United States by voters who applied for the ballot using an ABBM or by non-military voters who applied for the ballot using an FPCA, and which were received by the 6th day after election day, Monday, March 11, 2024. (Secs. 86.007(d) & (d-1), 87.125(a)). The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, March 11, 2024 due to the 5th day falling on a Sunday. (Sec. 86.007(d-1)). 3. any ballots received by the 6th day after election day, Monday, March 11, 2024, from voters who are members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves, and who applied for a ballot using an FPCA. (Secs. 101.057, 87.125(a)). 4. any provisional ballots that have been reviewed by the voter registrar. (Sec. 65.051(a)). 5. ballots contained in defective carrier envelopes corrected by voters. (Sec. 86.011(d)). NOTE: Ballots that do not qualify under 1-3 above should be treated as ballots not timely returned and should not be delivered to the ballot board. (Sec. 86.007). NOTE: If the early voting ballot board needs to meet after this date, it will require a court order to do so. The time the board reconvenes is set by the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board. (Secs. 86.007(d), 87.125). NOTE - Section 65.0581 provides that provisional voting records do not become public information until after the provisional ballots and other voting records have been delivered back to the custodian of election records. (Sec. 65.0581). NOTE - The presiding judge of the central counting station is required to provide and attest to a written reconciliation (PDF) of votes and voters at the close of tabulation for election day and again after the central counting station meets for the last time to process late-arriving ballots by mail and provisional ballots. (Sec. 127.131). See Note 19 on Reconciliation. Local canvass of the general primary election by county chair (or county chair's designee) and at least one member of the county executive committee must be conducted on this date. (Sec. 172.116(b)). NOTE: Section 172.116 provides that a county chair may designate another individual to conduct the local canvass on the county chair's behalf. That designee must be a member of the county executive committee. If no member of the county executive committee is available to act as the county chair's designee, then any individual who is a resident of the county and is affiliated with the same political party may act as the county chair's designee. NOTE: Section 172.084(a) requires that the order of candidates on the ballot for the runoff primary election be the same as the order of candidates on the ballot for the general primary election. Therefore, a second ballot drawing for ballot order for the runoff primary election is no longer required. NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above. Last day to post notice of state executive committee's meeting to canvass returns of primary election because state canvass must take place on Sunday, March 17, 2024, the deadline for state executive committees to conduct the state canvass for all races with potential runoffs (races with three or more candidates.) This notice must be posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. (Sec. 172.120; Secs. 551.002, 551.041, 551.043, Texas Government Code).

Subject: P24 - Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked) (11th day before primary election day)

Start: Thursday, February 22, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Friday, February 23, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Last day for early voting clerk to receive applications for a ballot to be voted by mail. (Sec. 84.007(c)). All applications to vote by mail must be received by the early voting clerk before the close of regular business or 12 noon, whichever is later. Applications to vote by mail must be submitted by mail, common or contract carrier, fax (if a fax machine is available in the office of the early voting clerk), or by electronic submission of a scanned application with an original signature. The early voting clerk's designated email address must be posted on the Secretary of State's website. (Sec. 84.007(e)). Last day to receive an FPCA (PDF) from a registered voter. If the voter is not registered in the county (and/or marked intent to return "uncertain"), the voter is still eligible for a ballot containing federal offices only. In a local (non-federal) election, this means there is no ballot to send the voter. (Secs. 101.052(b), (f), 114.004(c)). If an ABBM is faxed or emailed or if an FPCA is faxed, then the applicant must submit the ORIGINAL application BY MAIL to the early voting clerk so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than the 4th business day after receiving the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA. If the early voting clerk does not receive the original ABBM or FPCA by that deadline, then the emailed or faxed ABBM or faxed FPCA will be considered incomplete, and the early voting clerk may NOT send the applicant a ballot. The requirement to mail the original application does not apply to an emailed FPCA. NOTE - A member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA. (Sec. 101.001). An applicant for a ballot to be voted by mail (ABBM or FPCA) may submit the application by delivering it in person to the early voting clerk if the application is submitted not later than the close of regular business in the clerk's office on Friday, February 23, 2024. (Sec. 84.008). NOTE - An FPCA may be submitted by in-person delivery by the voter in accordance with Section 84.008 of the Code or by common or contract carrier. Further, an application is considered submitted in the following calendar year if: 1) the applicant is eligible to vote in an election occurring in January or February of the next calendar year; and 2) the application is submitted in the last 60 days of a calendar year but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election. (Sec. 101.052). NOTE - Section 84.008 of the Code provides that an applicant for a ballot to be voted by mail may submit the application by delivering it in person to the early voting clerk if the application is submitted not later than the deadline provided by Section 84.007(c) of the Code. This means that voters may personally deliver their ABBM or FPCA to the early voting clerk not later than the close of regular business in the early voting clerk's office or 12 noon, whichever is later, on the 11th day before election day (unless that day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, in which case the last day is the first preceding regular business day). NOTE - NEW LAW: SB 1599 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 86.008 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to require that if the early voting clerk determines that it would not be possible for the applicant to correct certain defects in a mail ballot application and return an application form by mail before the deadline, the clerk may notify the applicant by telephone or e-mail of the defect, and inform the applicant that the applicant may come to the early voting clerk's office before the deadline and correct the defect in person. The clerk shall notify the applicant of a defect discovered and provide the information required to permit the applicant to correct the defect using the Secretary of State's online Ballot by Mail Tracker, if possible. See Note 17.

Subject: P24 - Last Day to Register to Vote (29th day before primary election day)

Start: Sunday, February 04, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Monday, February 05, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Last day to register to vote or make a change of address effective for the Tuesday, March 5, 2024 primary election. (Secs. 13.143, 15.025).NOTE - A Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) also serves as an application for permanent registration under Texas law unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form). The early voting clerk should make a copy (for mailing ballots, keeping records, etc.), then should forward the original to the county voter registrar, as soon as practicable. (Sec. 101.055; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40(a), (c)(2)).Deadline for early voting clerk to mail a ballot by mail to a voter if the voter's Application for Ballot by Mail (ABBM) was accepted by the early voting clerk on or before Sunday, January 28, 2024. (Sec. 86.004(a)).Note - In regards to mail ballots for other voters (not military voters using an FPCA or overseas voters using an FPCA or ABBM), the early voting clerk must mail a ballot not later than the 7th day after the later of: (1) the date the early voting clerk has accepted a voter's application for a ballot by mail or (2) the date the ballots become available for mailing. However, if the 7th day falls earlier than the 37th day before election day (Sunday, January 28), the voter's mail ballot must be mailed no later than the 30th day (Sunday, February 4) before election day. (Sec. 86.004(a)). This means that for every application that is accepted by the early voting clerk before the 37th day before election day, the balloting materials must be mailed by the 30th day before election day. Any application that comes in after the 37th day before election day will follow the 7-day timeline in Section 86.004.

Subject: P24 - March 2028 (Four years after 2024 election day)

Start: Tuesday, February 29, 2028 7:00 PM EST

End: Wednesday, March 01, 2028 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Voter registrar must retain list of registered voters for the primary election for four years after election day. (Sec. 18.011(b)).

Subject: P24 - Notice of County Chair Meeting Deadline (72 hours before meeting date of county election officer and county chair)

Start: Thursday, November 16, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Friday, November 17, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Deadline to provide notice of meeting under Section 31.124, if the meeting is to be held on Monday, November 20, 2023, as recommended. The county election officer must deliver written notice of time and place of meeting between county election officer and county chair on or before this date. See entry under Monday, November 20, 2023. Notice may be delivered by U.S. mail, electronic mail, or other method of written communication. (Sec. 31.124).

Subject: P24 - PMR Deadline Date (3rd day after primary election day)

Start: Thursday, March 07, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Friday, March 08, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Last day to begin the partial manual count for entities using electronic voting systems for the counting of ballots. This is the last day to begin manual recount of ballots in three precincts or one percent of precincts, whichever is greater. (Sec. 127.201(a), (g)). The count must be completed not later than the 21st day after election day. Results of the manual count must be delivered to the Secretary of State not later than the 3rd day after the manual count is completed. (Sec. 127.201(e)). No partial manual count needs to be done of ballots cast on DRE voting machines, but partial manual count must be completed for mail ballots. (Sec. 127.201(g)).NOTE: For information on how to begin the partial manual count, please see Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2018-30.

Subject: P24 - President's Day (15th day before primary election day)

Start: Sunday, February 18, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Monday, February 19, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Because Monday, February 19, 2024 is Presidents' Day, which is a legal holiday, early voting will not be conducted on this date. (Secs. 85.001(c), 85.005).

Subject: P24 - PRIMARY ELECTION DAY - Notes

Start: Monday, March 04, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Tuesday, March 05, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

NOTE - Section 61.002 provides that immediately before the opening of the polls on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall confirm that the public counters on each voting machine are set to zero and shall print the tape that shows that there are zero votes for each candidate or measure on the ballot. Immediately after the closing of the polls on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall print the tape to show the number of votes cast for each candidate or measure. Each election judge and alternate judge shall sign the printed tapes. (Sec. 61.002).NOTE - The presiding judge of the central counting station must provide and attest to a written reconciliation (PDF) of votes and voters at the close of tabulation for election day and again after the central counting station meets for the last time to process late-arriving ballots by mail and provisional ballots. (Sec. 127.131). Preliminary Election Reconciliation (PDF) Unofficial Totals form (Election Day). Election Reconciliation Form (PDF) Official Results (Canvass Form). See Note on Reconciliation.NOTE: Receipt of Mail Ballots: All early voting ballots sent by mail from inside the United States that are received by 7:00 PM on election day, Tuesday, March 5, 2024, must be counted on election night. If the carrier envelope does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark, the ballot must arrive before the time the polls are required to close on election day. (Sec. 86.007(a)(1)). If the early voting clerk cannot determine whether a ballot arrived before that deadline, the ballot is considered to have arrived at the time the place at which the carrier envelopes are deposited was last inspected for removal of returned ballots. (Sec. 86.007(b)). The early voting clerk must check the mailbox for early voting mail ballots at least once after the time for regular mail delivery. (Sec. 86.007(b)).NOTE: An early voting mail ballot that is not received by 7:00 pm on election day may not be counted unless the ballot may be counted late, which applies to late domestic ballots (Sec. 86.007(a)(2)), ballots mailed from outside the United States (Sec. 86.007(d)), and ballots from members of the armed forces and merchant marine of the United States, Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or members of the Reserves, as well as their spouses and dependents (Sec. 101.057). See entry for Wednesday, March 6, 2024, and entry for Monday, March 11, 2024.NOTE - Delivery of Early Voting by Personal Appearance and Mail Ballots: The early voting clerk delivers the voted ballots, the key to the double-locked ballot box, etc., to the early voting ballot board at the time or times specified by the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board, during the hours the polls are open or as soon after the polls close as practicable. (Secs. 87.021, 87.022). The custodian of the key to the second lock of the double-locked early voting ballot box delivers his or her key to the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board on request of the presiding judge. (Secs. 85.032(d), 87.025). The custodian is the sheriff for county elections, elections ordered by the governor, and a primary election (or the county judge in a year when the office of sheriff is on the ballot). (Sec. 66.060). The county judge may delegate the custody of the keys to their staff. Alternatively, if the county judge does not have enough staff that can assist with this function, the county judge may designate the county auditor or members of the county auditor's staff if the county has a designated county auditor. If ballots are to be delivered before election day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. However, see the note below. See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.NOTE: If ballots are to be delivered before election day, the early voting clerk must post Notice of Delivery (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. (Secs. 87.021, 87.022).NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more (or political subdivisions contracting with a county with a population of 100,000 or more), the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.Note on Manual Examination of Ballots Before Processing on Automatic Counting Equipment: The central counting station manager shall direct the manual examination of all electronic voting system ballots to ascertain whether the ballots can be processed in the usual manner or if the ballots need to be duplicated to clearly reflect the voter's intent. (Sec. 127.125).Note on Testing Tabulating Equipment: The second test of automatic tabulating equipment used for counting ballots at a central counting station must be conducted immediately before the counting of ballots with equipment begins. The third test must be conducted immediately after the counting is completed. (Secs. 127.093, 127.097, 127.098). (See Note 12 above).After the polling place is officially closed and the last person has voted, the presiding judge may from time to time make an unofficial announcement of the total number of votes counted for each candidate and/or for or against each proposition in the order that they appear on the ballot. (Sec. 65.015(a)). The announcement shall be made at the entrance to the polling place. (Sec. 65.015(c)).NOTE: The authority conducting the election may require or prohibit such announcements. (Sec. 65.015(b)). Unofficial election results must be released by the central counting station as soon as they are available after the polls close, but the presiding judge of the central counting station, in cooperation with the county election officer, may choose to withhold the release of vote totals until the last voter has voted. (Sec. 127.1311).Note on Precinct Election Returns: Precinct election returns are delivered to the appropriate authorities after completion. (Secs. 66.053(a), 127.065, 127.066, 127.067).Transfer of Provisional Ballots to Voter Registrar Election Night: The county voter registrar may take possession of the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) containing the provisional ballots (or provisional ballot affidavits when DRE systems are used) on election night (instead of on the next business day) by informing the custodian of election records and posting a notice of such election night transfer no later than 24 hours before election day. Under this type of delivery, the voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian and pick up the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) and associated forms. (Sec. 65.052); 1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 - 81.174, 81.176). See Verification of Provisional Ballots and Serial Numbers (PDF).NOTE - Section 65.016 of the Code requires a county that holds an election or provides election services for an election for a public entity to post certain information on their website. 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. While these statutory web posting requirements do not specifically apply to primary elections, we strongly recommend that you post this information for any primary election in which the county has contracted to provide election services. 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 county'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. Counties may choose to make older election results information available on their website. See Note 3. Counties with a Population of 250,000 or more: Per Section 127.009 of the Election Code, counties with a population of 250,000 or more must forward a copy of the audit logs from the central counting station to the Secretary of State no later than the fifth day after voting is completed. The information may be forwarded to the Secretary of State by email, use of a thumb drive, or by mail.

Subject: P24 - PRIMARY ELECTION DAY - Polls Open

Start: Tuesday, March 05, 2024 8:00 AM EST

End: Tuesday, March 05, 2024 8:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Polls open. (Sec. 41.031).Voter registrar's office is open. (Sec. 12.004(c)).Early voting clerk's office is open for early voting activities. (Sec. 83.011). A voter may deliver a marked ballot by mail to the early voting clerk's office while the polls are open on election day. The voter must provide an acceptable form of identification under Section 63.0101 upon delivery. The identification procedure is the same as that used for personal appearance voting. (Secs. 63.0101, 86.006).

Subject: P24 - Recommended Commissioner Court Approval

Start: Wednesday, December 06, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Thursday, December 07, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Recommended time frame in which the commissioners court should approve resolution to have a joint primary. See entry under Monday, November 20, 2023. (Sec. 172.126(a)).

Subject: P24 - Recommended County Chair Ballot Date & Other (62nd day before election day)

Start: Tuesday, January 02, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Wednesday, January 03, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Recommended date for county chair to submit the ballot format to primary committee for its approval, if primary committee has been established. (Sec. 172.083). Recommended date for primary committee to approve ballot format, if primary committee has been established. (Sec. 172.083). Recommended date for county chair to order ballots. (Sec. 51.003). Recommended last day to order election supplies (other than ballots). (Sec. 51.003). Recommended date to order the lists of registered voters from the county voter registrar. (Sec. 18.006).

Subject: P24 - Recommended County Chair Meeting & Other

Start: Sunday, November 19, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Monday, November 20, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Recommended day by which the county election officer in each county should hold the mandatory meeting with the county chair of each political party to discuss for the primary election whether a joint primary election will be held and the plan for implementation of Subchapters A, B, C, and D of Chapter 87 concerning the establishment of the early voting ballot board, the delivery of materials to the early voting ballot board, the acceptance of mail ballots, and the manual counting of early voting ballots. (Sec. 31.124).NOTE - Section 31.124 of the Code requires that the mandatory meeting between the county election officer and the county chair include a discussion of whether to hold a joint primary election in the county.Recommended date by which county chairs who wish to conduct a joint primary should meet with the county election officer to determine whether to enter into a joint resolution to conduct the primary, and if the determination is in the affirmative, to discuss potential consolidation of election precincts, to determine the estimated number of election judges and clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, and central counting station personnel to be appointed from the parties, and to decide which voting system and ballot formats are to be used. (Sec. 172.126).Recommended date by which county chairs should meet with the county election officer to discuss whether a contract for election services should be entered into, even if a joint primary will not be conducted. The terms of such a contract, potential consolidation of election precincts, the estimated number of election judges and clerks, members of the early voting ballot board, and central counting station personnel that will be needed and how they will be obtained, and which voting system and ballot formats will be used should be discussed. (Secs. 31.092, 31.094, 172.1113).Recommended date by which county chairs should submit names of persons eligible to serve as deputy early voting clerks for the primary election. (Sec. 85.0091). The early voting clerk will select elections officers for the main and branch early voting polling places from lists provided by the county chair. However, the early voting clerk will set the actual deadline for the submission of those lists. This recommended deadline serves to provide adequate time for chairs to compile lists and the election officials to be notified.

Subject: P24 - Recommended L&A Date (48th day before election day)

Start: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Recommended date to conduct the first test of the automatic tabulating equipment and for logic and accuracy (L&A test) test on voting system. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096, 129.022, 129.023). The Secretary of State recommends you complete your first round of testing prior to mailing your mail ballots if those ballots will be counted using automatic tabulation equipment. If you conduct your first round of testing by this date, you must publish notice of the test 48 hours prior to testing. See Note 12 above and Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2019-23. NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code provides that if logic and accuracy testing is being conducted for a primary election, the general custodian of election records shall notify the county chair of the test at least 48 hours before the date of the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code requires the general custodian of election records to demonstrate, using a representative sample of voting system equipment, that the source code of the equipment has not been altered. See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-30.

Subject: P24 - SOS Anticipated Posting of Certified Candidates

Start: Tuesday, December 26, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Wednesday, December 27, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Date by which Secretary of State anticipates posting on Secretary of State's Internet website that is viewable by the public additions to the certified list of candidates provided by state chair that are the result of the additional candidates who filed on or before December 18, 2023 in accordance with the extended deadlines. (Secs. 172.028(a), 172.029). Recommended date for state chair to notify county chair in each county in which the candidate's name is to appear on the ballot that the certification of additional candidates who filed by the extended deadline on or before December 18, 2023 has been posted by the Secretary of State. (Secs. 172.028(b), 172.056). See entries at December 18, 2023 and December 21, 2023.

Subject: P24 - State Canvass Deadline (2nd Sunday after the primary election day)

Start: Saturday, March 16, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Sunday, March 17, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Deadline for state executive committee to conduct state canvass for all races with potential runoffs (races with three or more candidates). See entry under Wednesday, March 27, 2024. State chair must certify these candidates for statewide and district offices for placement on runoff primary election ballot to county chair as soon as practicable after canvass is completed. The certification will be posted to the Secretary of State's website. (Secs. 172.120(b)(1), 172.121).NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.NOTE: Section 172.121 requires the state chair to certify runoff candidates for state or district offices by posting the candidates and their respective outcomes to the Secretary of State's website.NOTE: Section 172.084(a) requires that the order of candidates on the ballot for the runoff primary election be the same as the order of candidates on the ballot for the general primary election. Therefore, a second ballot drawing for ballot order for the runoff primary election is not required.

Subject: P24 - State Chair Canvass (22nd day after primary election day)

Start: Tuesday, March 26, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Wednesday, March 27, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Deadline for state chair to conduct the state canvass for races with no potential runoff. (Sec. 172.120(b)(2)). See entry under Sunday, March 17, 2024. NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Subject: P24 - Surveillance Hold Ends (1st day after end of calendar year 2024)

Start: Tuesday, December 31, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Wednesday, January 01, 2025 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

First day that surveillance video of areas containing voted ballots from the May 28, 2024 election may be destroyed IF there is no unresolved election contest. NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more (or political subdivisions contracting with a county with a population of 100,000 or more), the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec. 127.1232 of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.

Subject: P24 - Vacancy Deadline (5th day before regular filing deadline)

Start: Tuesday, December 05, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Wednesday, December 06, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Last day a vacancy for an unexpired term in an office of the state or county government may occur and appear on the primary ballot. (Sec. 202.004(a)). An application for such a vacancy is subject to an extended filing deadline. See entry at Monday, December 18, 2023. (Sec. 202.004(a), (c)).

Subject: P24 - Vacancy Extended Filing Deadline (day after 10th day before date of regular filing deadline)

Start: Friday, December 01, 2023 7:00 PM EST

End: Saturday, December 02, 2023 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

If a vacancy for an unexpired term in an office of the state or county government occurs after the 10th day before the date of the regular filing deadline, but on or before the 5th day before the date of the regular filing deadline (on or after December 2 and on or before December 6), an application for the unexpired term is subject to an extended filing deadline. See entry at Monday, December 18, 2023. (Sec. 202.004(a), (c)).

Subject: PR24 - ABBM Cure Deadline, FPCA Ballot Deadline & Other (6th day after primary election day)

Start: Sunday, June 02, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Monday, June 03, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

NOTE - Last day a voter may come to the early voting clerk's office in person to correct certain defects on their carrier envelope. (Secs. 87.0271, 87.0411; 1 T.A.C. §§ 81.175, 81.176). See Note17. Deadline for ID related provisional voter to: (1) present acceptable photo identification to county voter registrar; or (2) if the voter does not possess and cannot reasonably obtain acceptable photo identification, follow the Reasonable Impediment Declaration procedure at the county voter registrar; or (3) execute an affidavit relative to "natural disaster" or "religious objection" in presence of county voter registrar, if applicable; or (4) qualify for the disability exemption, if applicable, with the county voter registrar. (Secs. 65.054, 65.0541). Deadline for county voter registrar to complete the review of provisional ballots. (1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 - 81.175, 81.176). Last day to post notice of county chair (or county chair's designee) and at least one member of county executive committee's canvass of the returns for the runoff primary election because canvass must take place on Thursday, June 6, 2024. This notice must be posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. (Sec. 172.116; Secs. 551.002, 551.041, 551.043, Texas Government Code). NOTE: Section 172.116 provides that a county chair may designate another individual to conduct the local canvass on the county chair's behalf. That designee must be a member of the county executive committee. If no member of the county executive committee is available to act as the county chair's designee, then any individual who is a resident of the county and is affiliated with the same political party may act as the county chair's designee. Last day to receive ballots from non-military and any military voters casting ballots from outside of the United States, who submitted an ABBM (not an FPCA) AND who placed their ballots in delivery by 7:00 PM on runoff primary election day, Tuesday, May 28, 2024 as evidenced by a postal service cancellation mark or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier. (Sec. 86.007(d)). A late overseas ballot sent by a voter who applied for a ballot using an ABBM (not an FPCA) cannot be counted if it does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark. (Sec. 86.007(c), (e), & (f)). The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, June 3, 2024, due to the 5th day falling on Sunday, June 2, 2024. (Sec. 86.007(d-1)). Last day to receive carrier envelopes mailed domestically (within the United States) OR overseas from voters who submitted a FPCA AND who are members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves. (Secs. 101.057, 101.001). NOTE - Section 101.057 provides that carrier envelopes mailed domestically or overseas from certain military voters (members of the armed forces of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the armed forces, members of the merchant marines of the United States, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the merchant marine, members of the Texas National Guard, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Texas National Guard, a member of the National Guard of another state, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the National Guard of another state, or members of the Reserves, or the spouse or a dependent of a member of the Reserves) who submitted a FPCA may arrive on or before the 6th day after election day. (Secs. 86.007, 101.057, 101.001). NOTE: The carrier envelope or, if applicable, the envelope containing the carrier envelope sent by the military members listed above who applied to vote by mail using the FPCA does NOT need to bear a cancellation or receipt mark in order to be counted.

Subject: PR24 - ABBM Receive Deadline
Start: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 8:00 PM EDT
End: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 8:15 PM EDT
Recurrence: None

Regular deadline for receiving early voting ballots by mail. BUT see entry for Wednesday, May 29, 2024 on "late domestic ballots" and entry for Monday, June 3, 2024 on other "late" ballots. This is also the deadline to receive late ballots cast by voters who became sick or disabled on or after Thursday, May 16, 2024 (12th day before election day). (Secs. 86.007(a), 102.006(c)). See entry at Thursday, May 16, 2024.

Subject: PR24 - County Chair Bank Transfer (30th day after term of party office starts)

Start: Tuesday, July 16, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Wednesday, July 17, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Deadline by which former county chair must transfer party bank accounts and records to new county chair\; it is a Class C misdemeanor if the former county chair fails to transfer the records. (Sec. 171.028).

Subject: PR24 - County Chair SOS Deadline (20th day after local canvass)

Start: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Deadline for county chair to post notice to the Secretary of State's website of the names of the persons elected as county chair and precinct chairs for the county. The notice must include (1) each party officer's address, (2) each precinct chair's precinct number, and (3) each precinct officer's phone number and email address, if supplied by the officer. (Sec. 172.118).

Subject: PR24 - County Chair SVC Appointment Deadline (5th day after recommended date to order signature verification committee)

Start: Tuesday, April 30, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Wednesday, May 01, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

If the early voting clerk issues order calling for appointment of signature verification committee on the recommended date for issuing that order (Friday, April 26, 2024), this is the deadline for the county chair to appoint the members to the committee. See entry under Friday, April 26, 2024. (Sec. 87.027).

Subject: PR24 - County Clerk SOS Deadline & Other (30th day after runoff primary election day)

Start: Wednesday, June 26, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Thursday, June 27, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Deadline for county election officer to deliver to Secretary of State precinct returns of primary election for all offices other than party offices, including precinct-by-precinct returns for early voting. The report must include early voting votes cast by mail and early voting votes cast by personal appearance. That delivery to the Secretary of State must be made through the electronic system for submission of the report. (Secs. 67.017, 172.124).NOTE: Sections 67.017 and 172.124 require this report to include all offices other than party offices in the precinct-by-precinct reports under this section. That report must include separate totals for early voting votes by mail and early voting votes by personal appearance.Last day independent candidates may file applications and petitions (5 p.m.). (Sec. 142.006).

Subject: PR24 - County election officer begins transmitting results to Secretary of State

Start: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 8:15 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

County election officer begins transmitting results to Secretary of State and transmits continuously until results are final.
(Sec. 68.034).

Subject: PR24 - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" & Other (1st business day after runoff primary election day)

Start: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

5:00 PM - Deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" mailed within the United States from non- military voters and from any military voters who submitted an Application for Ballot by Mail ("ABBM") (not a Federal Postcard Application "FPCA"), if the carrier envelope was placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier AND bears a cancellation mark of a postal service or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier indicating a time not later than 7:00 PM at the location of the election on runoff primary election day, May 28, 2024. (Sec. 86.007(a)(2)). A late domestic ballot cannot be counted if it does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark. (Sec. 86.007(c), (e), (f)).NOTE - Because of the deadline to receive "late domestic ballots" it is imperative that you check your mail at 5:00 p.m.NOTE - Section 86.007 provides that a marked ballot voted by mail that a voter received due to submitting an ABBM may arrive at the address on the carrier envelope not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after election day, if the carrier envelope was placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier from within the United States and bears a cancellation mark of a postal service or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier from not later than 7:00p.m. at the location of the election on election day.First day independent candidates for offices involved in runoff elections may collect signatures for applications. (Sec. 142.009).NOTE: This deadline does not apply to ballots sent by non-military voters who are overseas but applied for a ballot using an ABBM\; these voters have until the 5th day after election day to return their ballots (or the next business day if the 5th day falls on a weekend or legal state or federal holiday). This deadline also does not apply to ballots mailed (domestically or from overseas) by certain members of the military who applied for a ballot using an FPCA\; those voters have until the 6th day after election day to return their ballots. See entry for June 3, 2024.Unless the county voter registrar has already taken possession of the provisional ballots prior to this date, the general custodian of election records must deliver the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) containing the provisional ballots (or provisional ballot affidavits when DRE systems are used), along with the Summary of Provisional Ballots and the List of Provisional Voters for each precinct to the voter registrar by this day. The general custodian of election records makes this delivery to the voter registrar during the voter registrar office's regular business hours. (Secs. 65.052, 65.053\; 1 T.A.C. Â§Â§ 81.172 â€" 81.174, 81.176).NOTE: If the voter registrar wants to take possession of the provisional ballots and forms on election night (Tuesday, May 28, 2024), the voter registrar must inform the custodian of the election records and post a notice of the election night transfer no later than 24 hours before election day. However, under this type of delivery, the voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian of election records and pick up the provisional ballots and forms. Also, note that the voter registrar may take possession of provisional ballots prior to election night if ballots are kept separate and may be provided without unlawful entry into ballot box. (1 T.A.C. Â§Â§ 81.172 - 81.174).

Subject: PR24 - Earliest SVC Date & Other (20th day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Tuesday, May 07, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Wednesday, May 08, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

First day that the signature verification committee, if one is appointed, may begin operating. (Sec. 87.027).NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more, the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.NOTE - For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17. Deadline for a person who is not permanently registered to vote to submit a postmarked FPCA, in order to receive a full ballot by mail for the May 28, 2024 primary runoff election. A person who is not permanently registered to vote and submits a postmarked FPCA after this date (20th day) and before the deadline to submit an application for ballot by mail, is not entitled to receive a ballot for any non-federal election. See Monday, May 13, 2024 entry for timeliness of an FPCA received without a postmark. (Secs. 101.052(e), 101.052(i)(2)). An applicant for a ballot to be voted by mail (ABBM or FPCA) may submit the application by delivering it in person to the early voting clerk if the application is submitted not later than the close of regular business in the clerk's office on Friday, May 17, 2024. (Sec. 84.008).NOTE - A member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty under an order of the President of the United States or activated on state orders, or the spouse or dependent of a member, may submit an FPCA. (Sec. 101.001).NOTE - Be sure to check the list of registered voters for permanent registration status. Also, state law authorizes an FPCA to also serve as an application for permanent registration; therefore, the person might be permanently registered based on a prior FPCA. Even if the FPCA arrives too late for a particular election, the early voting clerk will still need to forward the original FPCA to the county voter registrar, after making a copy for your early voting clerk's use (mailing ballots, etc.) and records unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form) in which case, it will not serve as a permanent registration. (Sec. 101.055; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40).NOTE - Overseas (non-military) voters marking the FPCA "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form (PDF)) receive a federal ballot only regardless of the date filed. (Chapter 114). In a local (non-federal) election, this means there is no ballot to send the voter.

Subject: PR24 - Electronic Records Deadline & Other (15th day after runoff primary election day)

Start: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Election records from the runoff primary election must be available in an electronic format no later than this day, for a fee of not more than \$50.00. (Sec. 1.012(e)). Last day to post notice of state executive committee's meeting to canvass returns of runoff primary election if state canvass takes place on June 15, 2024. Notice must be posted at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting. (Sec. 172.120\; Secs. 551.002, 551.041, 551.043, Texas Government Code). NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 5180 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 1.012 of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to provide that on the first day after the final canvass of an election is completed, the general custodian of election records shall make images of voted ballots and cast vote records available for public inspection. See Note 22 above.

Subject: PR24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Ends & Other (day before runoff primary election day) (Memorial Day)

Start: Sunday, May 26, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Monday, May 27, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Last day to submit an Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Death in the Family (PDF) to the county election officer and vote a late ballot by personal appearance due to death in immediate family that occurred on or after Thursday, May 23, 2024. (Sec. 103.003). Last day for early voting clerk to mark the precinct list of registered voters with a notation beside each name of voter who voted early, and deliver the list to election judges. The early voting clerk must also deliver the precinct early voting list. The list may be delivered electronically if the county will be using an electronic pollbook. (Sec. 87.122). Deadline for county election officer to post notices of changed polling places. The notice must be posted at the entrance of the polling place used in the last primary election and must provide the location of the new polling place. (Sec. 43.062). Delivery of Provisional Ballots and Forms: If the voter registrar wants to take possession of the provisional ballots and forms on election night, the voter registrar must inform the custodian of the election records and post a Notice of Election Night Transfer (PDF) no later than Monday, May 27, 2024, 24 hours before election day. (1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.174(d) (3)). NOTE: Under this type of delivery, the county voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian of election records and pick up the provisional ballots and forms. NOTE: The general custodian of election records (or the early voting clerk, if applicable) must also post a Notice of Delivery of Provisional Ballots (PDF) at least 24 hours before delivery will occur. (1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.174(b)(1)).

Subject: PR24 - Emergency EV Ballot Period Ends

Start: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 6:00 PM EDT

End: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 6:15 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Deadline for receiving Application for Emergency Early Voting Ballot Due to Sickness or Physical Disability (PDF) for late ballots to be voted by persons who became sick or disabled on or after Thursday, May 16, 2024 (12th day before election day). (Sec. 102.003(b)). See entry at Thursday, May 16, 2024.

Subject: PR24 - EVBB Provisional Notice Deadline (64th day before runoff primary election day, 11th day after local canvass)

Start: Sunday, March 24, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Monday, March 25, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Deadline for the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board to notify provisional voters whether their ballots were counted and if not, the reason why they were not counted. (Sec. 65.059; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.176(e)). (The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, March 25, 2024 due to the 10th day falling on Sunday, March 24, 2024. (Sec. 1.006).)

Subject: PR24 - EVC General Primary Notice Deadline (21st day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Monday, May 06, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Tuesday, May 07, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Last day for county election officer to post notice (PDF) of the runoff primary election on the county's website. The notice must also be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. (Secs. 4.003, 172.1112).NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires the county to post the notice of election and notice of consolidated precincts on the county's website if the county maintains a website.NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires that the county election officer, rather than the county chair, post the notice of election for the primary election.NOTE - Section 4.009 of the Code requires a county to post certain information on its website for elections held by a county or elections for any local political subdivision in which the county has contracted to provide election services. While these statutory web posting requirements do not specifically apply to primary elections, we strongly recommend that you post this information for any primary election in which the county has contracted to provide election services. Accordingly, the following information should be posted on the county's website not later than the 21st day before election day: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. (Sec. 4.009).

Subject: PR24 - EVC Recommended SVC Appointment (32nd day before runoff primary election day and 12th day before first day signature verification committee may convene)

Start: Thursday, April 25, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Friday, April 26, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Recommended date for early voting clerk to issue order (PDF) calling for appointment of signature verification committee. (Sec. 87.027). If the signature verification committee will start meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, recommended date early voting clerk should post copy of the order calling for appointment of the signature verification committee. (Saturday, April 27, and Sunday, April 28, 2024 are the 10th and 11th days before the first day the committee may meet.) The notice (PDF) must remain posted continuously for at least 10 days before the first day the committee meets. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. (Sec. 87.027).

Subject: PR24 - Extended EV Period (8th - 4th day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Sunday, May 19, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Friday, May 24, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

NOTE - NEW LAW: HB 1217 (2023, R.S.) amended Section 85.005(c) of the Code, effective September 1, 2023, to require that in ALL counties (regardless of population), voting in a primary election runoff shall be conducted at the main early voting polling place for at least 12 consecutive hours on each day between May 20, 2024 and May 24, 2024. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. Sec. 85.005(c)). For additional information, see Note 7 regarding extended early voting hours. (Secs. 85.005(c), 85.067). For more information regarding early voting rosters, see Note 21 and Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2023-10.

Subject: PR24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (4th business day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Monday, May 20, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Tuesday, May 21, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours each weekday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)). Last day for Secretary of State to receive a Request for Election Inspectors for the runoff primary election. The request must be a written request by 15 or more registered voters of the county for which the inspector is requested. (Sec. 34.001).

Subject: PR24 - Extended Weekday EV & Other (4th day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Thursday, May 23, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Friday, May 24, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Last day to vote early in person in the runoff primary election. (Sec. 85.001(b)).Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).First day for voter registrar or elections administrator to return the list of registered voters used in first primary to the county chair if it is to be used for the runoff primary election. (Sec. 172.115(b)).Deadline to publish notice of the first test of the automatic tabulating equipment, if the test is to be conducted as recommended on Sunday, May 26, 2024. The notice must be published at least 48 hours before the test. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096).After the polls close at the end of early voting, the ballot board and/or central counting station may convene to perform the following activities, depending on the population size of the county:Counties with a population of 100,000 or more that use electronic voting systems:In an election conducted by an authority of a county with a population of 100,000 or more that uses electronic voting systems, or conducted jointly with such a county or conducted with such a county through a contract for election services, the early voting ballot board may begin counting at the end of the period for early voting by personal appearance. (Sec. 87.0241(b)(2)).After the polls close at the end of early voting by personal appearance, counties with a population of 100,000 or more may convene their early voting ballot board and/or central counting station and begin counting ballots; however, the results may not be announced until after the polls close on election day. (Secs. 87.0222, 87.0241).NOTE - If a party is conducting a joint primary or contracting with a county that has a population of 100,000 or more and is convening their early voting ballot board and/or central counting station early to begin counting ballots, the test of the tabulation equipment will need to be completed at least 48 hours before the equipment is used to count ballots. (Secs. 87.0222, 87.0241, 127.096).NOTE - If ballots are to be delivered before Election Day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. (Secs. 87.0221(b), 87.023(b), 87.024(b)).NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more (or political subdivisions contracting with a county with a population of 100,000 or more), the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.Counties with a population of less than 100,000:Counties may begin convening their early voting ballot board as the county has received voted ballots by mail from voters and those materials are delivered to the ballot board, but cannot begin counting the ballots until the polls open on election day. The early voting clerk shall continuously post notice for 24 hours preceding each delivery of voting materials that is to be made before the time for opening the polls on election day. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241). See Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials (PDF).NOTE - The county elections officer must ensure that photocopies or electronic recordings of annual applications for ballot by mail have been delivered to the early voting clerk of every political subdivision holding an election before the ballots by mail are delivered to the early voting ballot board.NOTE - For more information on corrective action procedures, see Note 17.

Subject: PR24 - First Day Ballot Box Key Return (61st day after runoff primary election day)

Start: Saturday, July 27, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Sunday, July 28, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

First day the general custodian of election records may (1) require a person who has possession of a key that operates the lock on a ballot box containing voted ballots to return the key to the custodian; and (2) unlock the ballot box and transfer the voted ballots to another secure container for the remainder of the preservation period. (Sec. 66.058(b)). Please note that the custodian is not required by law to do this on Sunday, July 28, 2024; the custodian may choose to transfer the voted ballots to another secure container for the remainder of the preservation period on Monday, July 29, 2024 or a later date.

Subject: PR24 - First Day of Early Voting & Other (8th day before runoff primary election day) First day to vote early in person. (Sec. 85.001(b), (c)).

Start: Sunday, May 19, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Monday, May 20, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

NOTE: The early voting period for the runoff primary election begins 10 days prior to election day, but because the first day of the early voting period falls on a weekend (Saturday, May 18, 2024), it is extended to the next regular business day, Monday, May 20, 2024. (Sec. 85.001(b), (c)). Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population). Early voting must be conducted for at least 12 consecutive hours on each weekday of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)). In a primary election, a certain number of temporary branch locations must be established depending on the population size of the county: 1. in a county with a population of 400,000 or more, the commissioners court must establish one or more temporary polling places, other than the main early voting polling place, in each state representative district containing territory covered by the election; in a county with a population of 120,000 or more but less than 400,000, the commissioners court must establish one or more temporary polling places, other than the main early voting polling place, in each commissioners precinct containing territory covered by the election; in a county with a population of 100,000 or more but less than 120,000, the early voting clerk must establish one or more early voting polling places in each commissioners precinct for which the early voting clerk receives a timely filed written request by at least 15 registered voters of that precinct. The temporary polling place(s) must remain open for each weekday of the early voting period that the main early voting polling place will be open. The temporary branch polling place(s) must be open at least eight hours each day. (Secs. 85.062, 85.064). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2023-10. NOTE - Section 85.062 of the Code provides that the location of temporary branch polling places in an election in which countywide polling places are used must be determined with the same methodology that is used for the location of countywide polling places. NOTE - Section 61.002 of the Code provides that immediately before the opening of the polls on the first day of early voting and on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall confirm that the public counters on each voting machine are set to zero and shall print the tape that shows that there are zero votes for each candidate or measure on the ballot. Each election judge and alternate judge shall sign the printed tapes. If early voting by personal appearance is required to be conducted for extended hours, the county voter registrar's office is required to remain open for providing voter registration information during the extended hours that the main early voting polling place is open for voting. (Secs. 12.004(d), 85.005(c), 85.006(e)). If county election precincts are consolidated, the county election officer must post at the polling place used in the preceding general election for state and county officers a notice of consolidation and location of the polling place. For purposes of conducting a runoff primary election, the "preceding general election" is the preceding primary election. (Secs. 4.003(b), 172.1112). (The deadline is extended to the next regular business day which is Monday, May 20, 2024 due to the 10th day falling on Saturday, May 18, 2024. (Sec. 1.006)). NOTE: Section 172.1112 requires the county to post the notice of election and notice of consolidated precincts on the county's website if the county maintains a website.

Subject: PR24 - FPCA Deadline & Writ Deadline (15th day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Sunday, May 12, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Monday, May 13, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Deadline to receive an FPCA without a postmark. If an FPCA is received by this date without a postmark to prove mailing date, the early voting clerk will accept the FPCA and mail the applicant a full ballot even if the applicant is not a permanently registered voter but meets the requirements under Title 2 of the Election Code (unless the voter marks the FPCA form "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form), in which case the voter receives a federal-only ballot). (Sec. 101.052(i)(1)). See note under entry for Wednesday, May 8, 2024. Last day to notify election judges of duty to hold election (Writ of Election (PDF)). The Writ of Election must be given to each presiding judge and include: The judge's duty to hold the election\; The type and date of election\; The polling place location at which the judge will serve\; The polling place hours\; and The maximum number of clerks the judge may appoint. (Sec. 4.007).

Subject: PR24 - FPCA Partial Ballot Period (19th - 11th day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Wednesday, May 08, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Thursday, May 09, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

A person submitting an FPCA during this period who is not registered to vote is not entitled to receive a full ballot for the May 28, 2024 primary runoff election, meaning that a person submitting an FPCA during this period is entitled to receive a federal ballot only (no state, district, or county offices), if not already a permanent registered voter. (Secs. 101.052(f), 114.002, 114.004). See entry below under Monday, May 13, 2024 (FPCA without a postmark). (Secs. 101.052(f), 114.004(c)).NOTE - The early voting clerk is required to maintain a copy of this application since it may be used for other elections and forward the original to the voter registrar. (Secs. 84.007\; 101.052(e), (f)).NOTE - Be sure to check the list of registered voters for permanent registration status. Also, state law authorizes an FPCA to also serve as an application for permanent registration\; therefore, the person might be permanently registered based on a prior FPCA. Even if the FPCA arrives too late for a particular election, the early voting clerk will still need to forward the original FPCA to the county voter registrar, after making a copy for your early voting clerk's use (mailing ballots, etc.) and records unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), "return is uncertain" (2017 form) in which case, it will not serve as a permanent registration. (Sec. 101.055\; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40).NOTE - Overseas (non-military) voters marking the FPCA "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form (PDF)) receive a federal ballot only regardless of the date filed. (Chapter 114). In a local (non-federal) election, this means there is no ballot to send the voter.

Subject: PR24 - L&A Notice Deadline & Other (50th day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Sunday, April 07, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Monday, April 08, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Recommended deadline for county chair of party holding a runoff primary election to procure from voter registrar a set of precinct lists of registered voters (also supplemental lists and correction lists, if necessary) to deliver to county election officer for use in conducting early voting by mail and in person in the party's runoff primary. (Secs. 18.001(d), 18.002-18.004). Last day to publish notice for testing of automatic tabulation equipment testing and logic and accuracy testing (L&A testing) of a voting system if test will be completed by recommended deadline of Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Notice of the public tests must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096, 129.022, 129.023). NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code provides that if logic and accuracy testing is being conducted for a primary election, the general custodian of election records shall notify the county chair of the test at least 48 hours before the date of the test. The county chair must confirm receipt of the notice. (Sec. 129.023(b-1)).

Subject: PR24 - L&A Notice Deadline (13th day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Wednesday, May 15, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Last day to publish notice of L&A test if test is to be conducted on Friday, May 17, 2024, if testing was not already completed by Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Notice of the public L&A Test must be published at least 48 hours before the test begins. The notice must be posted on the county's website if the county maintains a website. If the county does not maintain a website, the notice must be posted on the commissioners court bulletin board. Additionally, for a primary election, the custodian must notify the county chair of the test 48 hours prior to the test. The county chair is required to confirm receipt of the notice. (Secs. 129.001, 129.023). See Note 12, above.

Subject: PR24 - Last day to conduct L&A (2nd day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Saturday, May 25, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Sunday, May 26, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Last day to conduct first test of automatic tabulating equipment, if not done already. The test must be conducted at least 48 hours before ballots will be counted. The notice of the test must be published at least 48 hours before the test. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096).

Subject: PR24 - Last Day to Register to Vote (29th day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Sunday, April 28, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Monday, April 29, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Last day to register to vote or make a change of address effective for the Tuesday, May 28, 2024 primary runoff election. (Secs. 13.143, 15.025).NOTE - A Federal Postcard Application (FPCA) also serves as an application for permanent registration under Texas law unless the voter marked "my intent to return is uncertain" (2019 form (PDF)), or "my return is uncertain" (2017 form). The early voting clerk should make a copy (for mailing ballots, keeping records, etc.), then should forward the original to the county voter registrar, as soon as practicable. (Sec. 101.055\; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.40(a), (c) (2)).Deadline for early voting clerk to mail a ballot by mail to a voter if the voter's Application for Ballot by Mail (ABBM) was accepted by the early voting clerk on or before Sunday, April 21, 2024. (Sec. 86.004(a)).Reminder: In regards to mail ballots for other voters (not military voters using an FPCA or overseas voters using an FPCA or ABBM), the early voting clerk must mail a ballot not later than the 7th day after the later of: (1) the date the early voting clerk has accepted a voter's application for a ballot by mail or (2) the date the ballots become available for mailing. However, if the 7th day falls earlier than the 37th day before election day (Sunday, April 21), the voter's mail ballot must be mailed no later than the 30th day (Sunday, April 28) before election day. (Sec. 86.004(a)). This means that for every application that is accepted by the early voting clerk before the 37th day before election day, the balloting materials must be mailed by the 30th day before election day. Any application that comes in after the 37th day before election day will follow the 7-day timeline in Section 86.004.

Subject: PR24 - May 2028 (Four years after 2024 runoff primary election day)

Start: Sunday, April 30, 2028 8:00 PM EDT

End: Monday, May 01, 2028 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Voter registrar must retain list of registered voters for the runoff primary election for four years after election day. (Sec. 18.011(b))

Subject: PR24 - Notice of Delivery (10th day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Friday, May 17, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Saturday, May 18, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

NOTE: The Notice of Delivery of Early Voting Balloting Materials serves as notice of the convening of the early voting ballot board. This notice should be posted every time the early voting ballot board reconvenes.

Subject: PR24 - Party Chair Petition Deadline & Other (4th Tuesday in May), RUNOFF PRIMARY ELECTION DAY

Start: Monday, May 27, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Deadline for convention party chairs to submit petitions and precinct convention lists to Secretary of State and to the appropriate county clerk (or other county election official) for placement on the ballot. (Secs. 181.005(a), 181.006(b)(3), 182.003, 182.004). (This date is extended to Tuesday, May 28, 2024 by Section 1.006 because the 75th day after the date of the precinct conventions is Sunday, May 26, 2024, and Monday, May 27, 2024 is Memorial Day.)NOTE - Section 61.002 provides that immediately before the opening of the polls on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall confirm that the public counters on each voting machine are set to zero and shall print the tape that shows that there are zero votes for each candidate or measure on the ballot. Immediately after the closing of the polls on election day, the presiding judge or alternate judge shall print the tape to show the number of votes cast for each candidate or measure. Each election judge and alternate judge shall sign the printed tapes. (Sec. 61.002).NOTE - The presiding judge of the central counting station must provide and attest to a written reconciliation (PDF) of votes and voters at the close of tabulation for election day and again after the central counting station meets for the last time to process late-arriving ballots by mail and provisional ballots. (Sec. 127.131). Preliminary Election Reconciliation (PDF) â€“ Unofficial Totals form (Election Day). Election Reconciliation Form (PDF) â€“ Official Results (Canvass Form). See Note on Reconciliation.NOTE - Receipt of Mail Ballots: All early voting ballots sent by mail from inside the United States that are received by 7:00 p.m. on election day, May 28, 2024 must be counted on election night. If the carrier envelope does not bear a cancellation mark or a receipt mark, the ballot must arrive before the time the polls are required to close on election day. (Sec. 86.007(a)(1)). If the early voting clerk cannot determine whether a ballot arrived before the deadline, the ballot is considered to have arrived at the time the place at which the carrier envelopes are deposited was last inspected for removal of returned ballots. (Sec. 86.007(b)). The early voting clerk must check the mailbox for early voting mail ballots at least once after the time for regular mail delivery. (Sec. 86.007(b)).NOTE - An early voting mail ballot that is not received by 7:00 p.m. on election day may not be counted unless the ballot may be counted late, which applies to late domestic ballots (Sec. 86.007(a)(2)), ballots mailed from outside the United States (Sec. 86.007(d)), and ballots from members of the armed forces and merchant marine of the United States, Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or members of the Reserves, as well as their spouses and dependents (Sec. 101.057). See entry for Wednesday, May 29, 2024, and entry for Monday, June 3, 2024.Note on Delivery of Early Voting by Personal Appearance and Mail Ballots:The early voting clerk delivers the voted ballots, the key to the double-locked ballot box, etc., to the early voting ballot board at the time or times specified by the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board, during the hours on election day that the polls are open or as soon after the polls close as practicable. (Secs. 87.021, 87.022). The custodian of the key to the second lock of the double-locked early voting ballot box delivers his or her key to the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board on request of the presiding judge. (Secs. 85.032(d), 87.025). The custodian is the sheriff for county elections, elections ordered by the governor, and a primary election (or the county judge in a year when the office of sheriff is on the ballot). (Sec. 66.060). The county judge may delegate the custody of the keys to their staff. Alternatively, if the county judge does not have enough staff that can assist with this function, the county judge may designate the county auditor or members of the county auditor's staff if the county has a designated county auditor. If ballots are to be delivered before election day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.Note on Delivery of Early Voting Ballots to Early Voting Ballot Board Before Election Day Any jacket envelopes of early voting ballots voted by mail returned after delivery of the ballots to the early voting ballot board may be delivered to the presiding judge of the early voting ballot board between the end of the ninth day before election day and the closing of the polls on election day, or as soon after closing as practicable, at the time or times specified by the presiding judge. Mail ballots may be qualified and processed (signatures verified, carrier envelopes opened, and the secrecy envelope containing the ballot placed in a secure location), but they may not be counted until election day. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.0222, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241). If ballots are to be delivered before election day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place.NOTE - Counties with a population of 100,000 or more, or entities that are having joint elections with counties with a population of 100,000 or more or that are conducting an election through a contract for election services with such a county, may begin counting ballots no earlier than the end of the period for early voting by personal appearance; the results may not be released until the polls close on election day. (Secs. 87.0221, 87.0222, 87.023, 87.024, 87.0241(b), 87.042). If ballots are to be delivered before Election Day, the early voting clerk must post notice (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. (Secs. 87.0221(b), 87.023(b), 87.024(b)).NOTE - Section 127.1232 provides that in counties with a population of 100,000 or more (or political subdivisions contracting with a county with a population of 100,000 or more), the general custodian of election records shall implement a video surveillance system that retains a record of all areas containing voted ballots: (1) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the central counting station until the canvass of the precinct election returns; and (2) from the time the voted ballots are delivered to the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board until the canvass of precinct election returns. Video from the surveillance system shall be made available to the public by live stream. The recorded video is considered an election record and shall be retained by the general custodian until the end of the calendar year in which an election is held or until an election contest filed in the county has been resolved, whichever is later. (Sec. 127.1232). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-10.NOTE: If ballots are to be delivered before election day, the early voting clerk must post Notice of Delivery (PDF) at least 24 hours before each delivery at the main early voting polling place. (Secs. 87.021, 87.022).Note on Manual Examination of Ballots Before Processing on Automatic Counting Equipment: The central counting station manager shall direct the manual examination of all electronic voting system ballots to ascertain whether the ballots can be processed in the usual manner or if the ballots need to be duplicated to clearly reflect the voter's intent. (Sec. 127.125).Note on Testing Tabulating Equipment: The second test of automatic tabulating equipment used for counting ballots at a central counting station must be conducted immediately before the counting of ballots with equipment begins. The third test must be conducted immediately after the counting is completed. (Secs. 127.093, 127.097,

127.098).After the polling place is officially closed and the last person has voted, the presiding judge may from time to time make an unofficial announcement of the total number of votes counted for each candidate and/or for or against each proposition in the order that they appear on the ballot. (Sec. 65.015(a)). The announcement shall be made at the entrance to the polling place. (Sec. 65.015(c)).NOTE: The authority conducting the election may require or prohibit such announcements. (Sec. 65.015(b)) Unofficial election results must be released by the central counting station as soon as they are available after the polls close, but the presiding judge of the central counting station, in cooperation with the county election officer, may choose to withhold the release of vote totals until the last voter has voted. (Sec. 127.1311).Note on Precinct Election Returns: Precinct election returns are delivered to the appropriate authorities after completion. (Secs. 66.053(a), 127.065, 127.066, 127.067).Transfer of Provisional Ballots to Voter Registrar Election Night: The county voter registrar may take possession of the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) containing the provisional ballots (or provisional ballot affidavits when DRE systems are used) on election night (instead of on the next business day) by informing the custodian of election records and posting a notice of such election night transfer no later than 24 hours before election day. Under this type of delivery, the voter registrar must go to the office of the custodian and pick up the ballot box(es) or transfer case(s) and associated forms. (Sec. 65.052; 1 T.A.C. §§ 81.172 – 81.174, 81.176). See Verification of Provisional Ballots and Serial Numbers (PDF).NOTE - Section 65.016 of the Code requires a county that holds an election or provides election services for an election for a public entity to post certain information on their website. 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. While these statutory web posting requirements do not specifically apply to primary elections, we strongly recommend that you post this information for any primary election in which the county has contracted to provide election services. 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).

Subject: PR24 - PMR Deadline Date (21st day after election day)

Start: Monday, June 17, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Tuesday, June 18, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Last day to complete the partial manual count. (Sec. 127.201(a)).

Subject: PR24 - PMR Deadline Date (3rd day after primary election day)

Start: Thursday, May 30, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Friday, May 31, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Last day to begin the partial manual count for entities using electronic voting systems for the counting of ballots. This is the last day to begin manual recount of ballots in three precincts or one percent of precincts, whichever is greater. (Sec. 127.201(a), (g)). The count must be completed not later than the 21st day after election day. Results of the manual count must be delivered to the Secretary of State not later than the 3rd day after the manual count is completed. (Sec. 127.201(e)). No partial manual count needs to be done of ballots cast on DRE voting machines, but partial manual count must be completed for mail ballots. (Sec. 127.201(g)).NOTE: For information on how to begin the partial manual count, please see Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2018-30.

Subject: PR24 - PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION DAY - Polls Open

Start: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 8:00 AM EDT

End: Tuesday, May 28, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Polls are open. (Sec. 41.031(a)).Voter registrar's office is open. (Sec. 12.004(c)).Early voting clerk's office is open for early voting activities. A voter may deliver a marked ballot by mail to the early voting clerk's office while the polls are open on election day. The voter must provide an acceptable form of identification under Section 63.0101 upon delivery. The identification procedure is the same as that used for personal appearance voting. (Secs. 63.0101, 83.011, 86.006).

Subject: PR24 - Recommended L&A Date (48th day before runoff primary election day)

Start: Tuesday, April 09, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Wednesday, April 10, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Recommended date to conduct the first test of the automatic tabulating equipment and for logic and accuracy (L&A test) test on voting system. (Secs. 127.093, 127.096, 129.022, 129.023). The Secretary of State recommends you complete your first round of testing prior to mailing your mail ballots if those ballots will be counted using automatic tabulation equipment. If you conduct your first round of testing by this date, you must publish notice of the test 48 hours prior to testing. See Note 12, above. NOTE - Section 129.023 of the Code requires the general custodian of election records to demonstrate, using a representative sample of voting system equipment, that the source code of the equipment has not been altered. (Sec. 129.023(c-1)). See Tex. Sec'y of State Election Advisory No. 2022-30.

Subject: PR24 - State Canvass Deadline (3rd Saturday after runoff primary election day)

Start: Friday, June 14, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Saturday, June 15, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Deadline for state executive committee to conduct state canvass. (Sec. 172.120).

Subject: P24 - Printer/Vendor Registration Deadline & Other (60th day before election day)

Start: Thursday, January 04, 2024 7:00 PM EST

End: Friday, January 05, 2024 7:00 PM EST

Recurrence: None

Deadline for printers/vendors to register with the Secretary of State to print primary ballots. (Sec. 51.013). Recommended last day for the county chair of each political party to appoint presiding and alternate judges for each precinct in which the primary election will be held in the county, presiding judge and alternate presiding judge for the early voting ballot board, presiding judge of the central counting station, and personnel for the central counting station. (Secs. 32.006, 32.008, 87.002, 127.002-127.005). Written notice of the appointments must be given to the judges. (Sec. 32.009). NOTE - Section 87.002 of the Code requires the early voting ballot board to have an alternate judge. The alternate judge is appointed in the same manner as the presiding judge. Recommended last day for the county election officer to appoint presiding and alternate judges from the lists provided by each county chair and to appoint the election clerks in a joint primary election. (Sec. 172.126(c)). Written notice of the appointments must be given to the judges. (Sec. 32.009). NOTE - General eligibility requirements for election judges and clerks are found in Subchapter C, Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code. General eligibility requirements for central counting station personnel are found in Sections 127.002-127.006 of the Texas Election Code. The presiding judge appoints the clerks, but not more than the maximum set by the political party, consistent with Secretary of State's primary finance rules; however, the alternate judge must serve as one of the clerks. (Secs. 32.031, 32.032, 32.033; 1 T.A.C. Â§ 81.117).

Subject: PR24 - Printer/Vendor Registration Deadline & Other (60th day before runoff primary election) (Good Friday)

Start: Thursday, March 28, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

End: Friday, March 29, 2024 8:00 PM EDT

Recurrence: None

Deadline for printers/vendors to register with the Secretary of State to print runoff primary ballots. (Sec. 51.013). Recommended last day to order any additional election supplies necessary for the runoff primary election. Recommended last day for the county chair of each political party to appoint presiding and alternate judges for each precinct in which the primary runoff election will be held in the county, presiding judge and alternate presiding judge for the early voting ballot board, presiding judge of the central counting station, and personnel for the central counting station, if judges have not been appointed for the primary runoff election. (Secs. 32.006, 32.008, 87.002, 127.002-127.005). Written notice of the appointments must be given to the judges in accordance with Section 32.009 of the Texas Election Code. NOTE - Section 87.002 requires the early voting ballot board to have an alternate judge. The alternate judge is appointed in the same manner as the presiding judge. Recommended last day for the county election officer to appoint presiding and alternate judges from the lists provided by each county chair and to appoint the election clerks in a joint primary election. (Sec. 172.126(c)). Written notice of the appointments must be given to the judges in accordance with Section 32.009 of the Texas Election Code. NOTE: General eligibility requirements for election judges and clerks are found in Subchapter C, Chapter 32 of the Texas Election Code. General eligibility requirements for central counting station personnel are found in Sections 127.002-127.005 of the Texas Election Code. The presiding judge appoints the clerks, but not more than the maximum set by the political party, consistent with Secretary of State's primary finance rules; however, the alternate judge must serve as one of the clerks. (Secs. 32.032, 32.033). Recommended date to order the lists of registered voters from the county voter registrar. (Sec. 18.006).