

SCHELANA HOCK POLK COUNTY CLERK

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2019

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EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE

FIRST WEEK:		
October $21^{st} - 23^{rd}$	Mon-Wed	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
October 24 th	Thursday	8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
October 25 th	Friday	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
SECOND WEEK:		
October 28 th	Monday	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
October 29 th	Tuesday	8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
October 30 th – Nov 1	Wed-Fri	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LOCATIONS:

LIVINGSTON – JUDICIAL CENTER (1ST FLOOR)

ONALASKA - SUB COURTHOUSE

CORRIGAN - SECHREST WEBSTER COMMUNITY CENTER

ALL LOCATIONS OPEN DURING LUNCH.

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The State of Texas



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Office of the Secretary of State

TO:	County Judges
FROM:	Keith Ingram, Director of Elections
DATE:	August 5, 2019
RE:	Constitutional Amendment Election Duties

Pursuant to §4.003 and §4.007 of the Texas Election Code, you are required to give notice of November 5, 2019 Constitutional Amendment Special Election by any one of the following methods:

- (1) by publishing the notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the county between Sunday, October 6, 2019 and Saturday, October 26, 2019;
- (2) by posting a copy of the notice at a public place in each election precinct on or before Tuesday, October 15, 2019; or
- (3) by mailing the notice to each registered voter in the county no later than Saturday, October 26, 2019.

This notice must include:

- (1) The type and date of the election;
- (2) The location of each polling place;
- (3) The hours the polls will be open;
- (4) The location of the main early voting polling place;
- (5) The regular dates and hours for early voting by personal appearance;
- (6) The dates and hours of any Saturday or Sunday early voting, if any; and
- (7) The mailing address of the early voting clerk.

In addition to the method of giving notice stated above, you must also post a notice of the election on the bulletin board used for posting open meetings and notices of commissioners court meetings no later than Tuesday, October 15, 2019. A <u>sample notice</u> is available on our website. You will need to add the following language to the notice form after "for voting in a special election to" (and after "*para votar en la Elección Especial para*"):

"adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas." ("adoptar o rechazar las enmiendas a la constitución propuestas tal como fueron presentadas por la 86th Legislatura Sesión Regular del Estado de Texas.")

For each precinct that is combined to form a consolidated precinct under Section 42.008 of the Texas Election Code, not later than Saturday, October 26, 2019, you shall also post at the polling place used in the preceding general election notice of the precinct's consolidation and the location of the polling place in the consolidated precinct.

You are also responsible for sending to each election judge a writ of election, which is notice to the judge of his/her duty to hold the election on November 5, 2019. The writ must be sent no later than Monday, October 21, 2019. A <u>sample form</u> is available on our website. In the space for the "Nature of Election," we recommend the following verbiage:

"To adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 86th Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas."

The commissioners court must canvass the constitutional amendment election no earlier than Friday, November 8, 2019 and no later than Monday, November 16, 2019. The canvass may not be conducted until the early voting ballot board has verified and counted all provisional ballots, if a provisional ballot has been cast in the election, AND counted all timely received mailed domestic ballots cast from addresses within the United States and all timely received mailed ballots cast from addresses outside the United States. The officially canvassed returns for the state constitutional amendment election must be delivered by the county election officer to the Secretary of State within 24 hours of the canvass.

If you have any questions regarding the constitutional amendment election, please feel free to contact the Elections Division toll-free at 1-800-252-8683 or at <u>Elections@sos.texas.gov</u>.

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PROCLAMATION BY THE Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

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WHEREAS, the 86th Regular Session of the Texas Legislature convened in January of 2019 in accordance with Article III, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Section 301.001 of the Texas Government Code; and

WHEREAS, during that session, the Legislature approved ten joint resolutions proposing ten particular constitutional amendments by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of each house, pursuant to Article XVII, Section 1 of the Texas Constitution; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the terms of those resolutions and in accordance with the Texas Constitution, the Legislature has set the date of the election for voting on the ten proposed constitutional amendments to be November 5, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.003 of the Texas Election Code requires the election to be ordered by proclamation of the governor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of the State of Texas, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby order a special election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER, the same being the FIFTH day of NOVEMBER, 2019; and

NOTICE THEREOF IS HEREBY GIVEN to the COUNTY JUDGE of each county, who is directed to cause said election to be held in the county on such date for the purpose of adopting or rejecting the ten constitutional amendments proposed by ten joint resolutions, as submitted by the 86th Texas Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas.

Pursuant to Sections 52.095, 274.001, and 274.002 of the Texas Election Code, the propositions for the joint resolutions will appear as follows:

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 1

"The constitutional amendment permitting a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at the same time."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 2

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$200 million to provide financial assistance for the development of certain projects in economically distressed areas."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 3

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 4

"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual income tax, including a tax on an individual's share of partnership and unincorporated association income."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 5

"The constitutional amendment dedicating the revenue received from the existing state sales and use taxes that are imposed on sporting goods to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to protect Texas' natural areas, water Governor Greg Abbott July 26, 2019 Proclamation Page 2

quality, and history by acquiring, managing, and improving state and local parks and historic sites while not increasing the rate of the state sales and use taxes."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 6

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase by \$3 billion the maximum bond amount authorized for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 7

"The constitutional amendment allowing increased distributions to the available school fund."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 8

"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 9

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state."

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 10

"The constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances."

The secretary of state shall take notice of this proclamation and shall immediately mail a copy of this order to every county judge of this state, and all appropriate writs will be issued, and all proper proceedings will be followed, to the end that said election may be held and its result proclaimed in accordance with law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 26th day of July, 2019.

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GREG ABSOTT Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

JOE A. ESPARZA Deputy Secretary of State

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