

2020 General and Joint Election – November 3, 2020

Central Counting Station - Ballot Information, Website, Canvass Reports, Tabulation Election Results and Re-Districting

Note: All questions and concerns in the following matters need to be address to the following or it may result in delays.

Daniel Bradley	214-819-6370	daniel.bradley@dallascounty.org
Danielle Grant	214-819-6372	danielle.grant@dallascounty.org
Lanita Pitts	214-819-6373	lanita.pitts@dallascounty.org
Toni Pippins-Poole	214-819-6335	toni.pippins-poole@dallascounty.org

Courtesy Notice of Election A courtesy Joint Notice of Election will be placed in [Sunday, October 18, 2020](#) edition in the Dallas Morning News by the Elections Department; this is not an official legal notice. Election Code Sec.4.002(2) does not allow the Elections Administrator to handle this legal requirement. Each entity will need to do their Notice of Election per Sec.4003(1). Especially if you are having a special election, you will need to publish your own notice in your local newspaper since Section 4.004(b) of the law requires you to state each proposition measure to be voted on. Each entity is held responsible to post a legal notice and to check their Charter rules for any other requirements of posting the Notice of Election and to speak with your legal counsel. If you have any questions with publishing in the Dallas Morning News, call Max Tezkol 214-977-7819.

Notice of Bond Elections Entities holding bond elections must provide additional notice per Section 4.003(f) added by SB 637. A debt obligation order under Section 3.009 must be posted: 1. (DCED will handle) On Election Day and during Early Voting by personal appearance, in a prominent location at each polling location. 2. (Entity will handle) Not later than the 21st day before Election Day, in 3 public places.... 3. (Entity will handle) During the 21 days before election, on the entities website.... See full notation for Bond Notices and the required information for the Order/Notice of Election in the SOS Election Law Calendar. DCED will place 3 ring binders in each EV and ED polling locations of your provided bond notice materials. If possible, materials are needed by September 1, 2020 (in time for training). We will also have the Election Judge at each polling location sign an affidavit for "Posting of the Bond Election"; Toni Pippins-Poole will sign an overall election affidavit for posting; DCED will send an original to each entity after the election.

Ballot Proof Sign Off – Should be completed by close of business for an election that was not postponed from the May Joint Election, August 31, 2020. (September 1 for Special Elections to fill Vacancy)

Polling Locations

We are in the process of confirming requested locations with each entity. After withdrawal of any entities, we will send out polling location list again to any entities that would be affected from another entity withdrawing.

Wording for Ballot

- You will be emailed a Charter/Proposition standard form to fill out. We request this form to be emailed back to us.
- We request Ballot text wording for any Charter Amendment and/or Proposition to be received by the Ordering of an Election deadline which is **August, 17, 2020**. (If you can send wording before this date, that would be greatly appreciated)

Text must be in English and Spanish, in Word Doc. Sentence style, NO all uppercase text accepted.

Ballot Allocation: 150 % of current registered voters distributed to vote centers.

If you are holding a Local Option Election or expect a higher than usual turnout, please let us know.

Candidate Names for a regular election filing deadline (Note: dates are different for a "to fill a vacancy" election see SOS advisory)

- Candidate filing deadline** for Regular Election – **Monday, Aug 17, 2020 at 5:00p.m.**
- Candidate ballot drawing position** the SOS strongly suggests **on or before Monday, August 24, 2020 (Aug 25,2020 for Special Election).**

To have the drawing on Aug. 24th the ballot drawing notice must be posted on or before **Thursday, Aug 20, 2020**, which is 72 hours before the drawing. Sec. 52.094(c) and Sec. 52.094(d) state information on written notice of drawing to each candidate. See SOS Election Law Calendar.

- Last day for a candidate to withdraw** name from ballot is, **Monday, August 24, 2020 at 5:00p.m.** Please email any candidates that withdraw from the ballot by **Aug 25th**. (Sec. 145.092, 145.094) Another ballot drawing after candidate withdrawal is NOT needed; the remaining candidates will stay in the same order as original position drawing.
- Write-In Candidate deadline** for Regular Election – **Friday, August 21, 2020 at 5:00p.m.** Please email back the Write-In standard form to us by **Monday, August 24, 2020**. (Sec. 144.006, 146.054(b)(2))
- The Code does not provide direction on how to list multiple write-in candidates for the same office on the List of Declared Write-in Candidates. If there are two or more declared write-in candidates in any one race, the Secretary of State recommends that you list them in alphabetical order or conduct a ballot drawing pursuant to Section 52.094(a) & (c) of the Code.

Ballot Proofing

- Once you receive a ballot proof from us, you will only have 24 hours to proof and return an approval signature or any corrections that will need to be made. **We anticipate sending ballot proofs sometime during Aug 26-28 (Aug 31th for Special Election to fill a vacancy). You will receive a proof for an Optical Scan Ballot (Paper-Mail Ballot).**

Early Voting Website Information

- Early Voting Roster Reports will be on the website each day after 10:00a.m. during Early Voting. These reports will show names of people who **have voted in-person or if a mail ballot has been received back into our office. Election Code Sec 87.121**

Public Logic and Accuracy & Tabulation Equipment Test – September 16 at 10:00 a.m. at the Elections Warehouse, 1520 Round Table, Dallas, Texas 75247 and **September 15 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Central Counting Station, 1520 Round Table, Dallas, Texas 75247.

Election Reporting and Special Reports

- Unofficial Results will be posted on the Dallas County Election Website on election night at **www.dallascountyvotes.org**. We have a results system on election night that will have colored maps, pct by pct results to download, statistics, and more.
- After the election night results are at 100%, no further election results will be posted on the Dallas County Election website till all provisional and overseas ballots have been counted, sometime **Nov 9, 2020**. *The EV ballot board has until the 9th day after the election to qualify and count any provisional ballots. So pending EV BB schedule, CCS will get all ballots processed and counted for canvass reports after they receive ballots from EV BB.*
- Secretary of State will request, after each election, the precinct election results. Dallas County will upload this information to the S.O.S. website after your canvass for those entities contracted exclusively with Dallas County. *Entities contracting with more than one county will need to combine their results and upload them to the Secretary of State website.*

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Canvass Information

Monday, November 9, 2020 – Last day to receive ballots from outside the United States (Sec. 86.007(d)(3), 101.057 and 101.001)

Monday, November 9, 2020 – Last day that a voter can cure their Provisional ballot at our office (Secs. 65.054(b), 65.0541(a))

Monday, November 16, 2020 – Last day that the Early Ballot Board may convene to count late ballots cast from outside the United States. (Sec. 87.125) or count Provisional ballots cast (9th day after election). So pending EV BB schedule, all Overseas and Provisional ballots will be counted as soon as the Ballot Board delivers them to the Central Counting Station. At that time final unofficial election results will be prepared. (Sec. 65.051(a-1)), 1.006)

We anticipate these reports will be ready sometime late **Tuesday, Nov 10, 2020**.

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 – Last Day to canvass the election (Sec. 67.003(c))

Note: Above deadline dates are based on SOS Nov 3, 2020 Election Law Calendar. If you are having any type of election, please confirm with your entities legal counsel about your entities charter or home rule requirements. Any Elections to be ordered after the 71st day before election day, could have other filing deadlines, please refer to SOS Advisory. Then please let DCED know of any special deadlines not stated above.

Note: Wording, Candidate and Write-in standard forms that we are requesting will be emailed to you to complete and return to us.

Administration – Contracts and Deposits

Note: All questions and concerns about the following matters need to be addressed to:

Toni Pippins-Poole	214-819-6335	tpippins@dallascounty.org	Election's Office fax number	214-819-6301
Desiree Cartwright	214-819-6336	desiree.cartwright@dallascounty.org		
Ashley Blanton	214-819-6333	ashley.blanton@dallascounty.org		
Kisshawn Lark	214-819-6344	kisshawn.lark@dallascounty.org		
James Palomo	214-653-6676	james.palomo@dallascounty.org		

Friday, July 17, 2020 – DCED will deliver draft of contracts to each entity for signatures

Tuesday, July 21, 2020 – 10:00 pm, Meeting Date

Tuesday, July 28, 2020 – Initial "Contract Change Forms" are due back to DCED

Monday, August 17, 2020 - Candidate filing Deadline

Friday, August 21, 2020 - Date the initial deposit of at least half of the estimated entity's cost is due to be deposited; the full amount is preferred. Mail deposits to the Dallas County Treasurer address listed in the contract

Monday, August 24, 2020 - Last Date for a Candidate to Withdraw

Monday, August 24, 2020 - *Recommended* first day that an election may be cancelled

Monday, August 24, 2020 - Entities will deliver signed contract to tpippins@dallascounty.org and kisshawn.lark@dallascounty.org

Thursday, August 27, 2020 - Deadline to withdraw from the November 2, 2020 General & Joint Election

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 – DCED will deliver final contract via email

Friday, September 4, 2020 – 60 days before election

Friday, September 18, 2020 – Final Deposit due

Friday, September 25, 2020 - Deadline to Appoint members to the Early Voting Ballot Board/Signature Check Committees

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 - Deadline to Post Notice of Elections

Early Voting - Locations, Pollworkers, and Training Classes

Note: All questions and concerns about the following matters need to be addressed to:

Laura Granado	214-819-6331	Laura.C.Granado@dallascounty.org
Anais Rodriguez	214-819-6337	anais.rodriguez@dallascounty.org
Jacqueline Winchester	214-819-6340	jacqueline.winchester@dallascounty.org
Bridgett Allen	214-819-6342	bridgett.allen@dallascounty.org (Pay Roll Contact)

September 2, 2020 - Mail Presiding Election Officer (PEO) request to serve letter and responses are due back on **September 8, 2020** **Note:** Entities must agree to use Dallas County Appointees for Early Voting Judges and Alternates at the 46 normal County EV Locations. The entities may choose or appoint anyone for their designated locations.

TBD - Early Voting Training Classes (Tentative & SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

TBD - Early Voting LAB Classes (Tentative & SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

October 12 - October 18, 2020 - Early Voting equipment setups at each location with PEO and Technician

Monday, October 19, 2020 – Early voting starts **Friday, October 30, 2020** – Early voting ends

Early Voting – Applications to vote by mail

Friday, September 19, 2020 – Deadline for DCED to mail out FPCAs (45 Days)

Saturday, October 23, 2020 – Last day to receive APP for BBM

Note: All questions and concerns about the following matters need to be addressed to:

Brylon Franklin	214-819-6359	brylon.franklin@dallascounty.org
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Reminder on any mass mail-outs:

NOTE: The newest application has an annual box on it to check which would give the voter all elections (including runoffs) for that calendar year. This is located on our website. You can pre-check these boxes on your mail-out of applications and it would reduce the confusion for the voter and our office. **We highly recommend any mailouts should be inspected by Brylon for completeness.**

Election Day - Locations, Pollworkers, and Training Classes

Note: All questions and concerns about the following matters need to be addressed to:

Tandi Smith	214-819-6332	tandi.smith@dallascounty.org
Cheryl Childress	214-819-6338	cheryl.childress@dallascounty.org
Shionna Brown	214-819-6341	shionna.brown2@dallascounty.org
Gerald Alexander	214-819-6339	Gerald.Alexander@dallascounty.org
Laura Varela	214-819-6009	laura.varela@dallascounty.org (Bi-Lingual / Student Clerks Contact)
Matthew Fairchild	214-819-6319	matthew.fairchild@dallascounty.org (Student Clerk Contact)

August thru September 2020 - Polling Location confirmations in process

September 4, 2020 - Mail EJ/AJ request to serve letters and responses are due back on **September 18, 2020**.

Friday, October 2 - Deadline for Student worker applications. Laura Varela is your contact for more info on student workers.

Wednesday, October 7 - Laura Varela will start assigning Bilingual clerks to locations that need one, if they haven't already located one.

TBD – Voter ID and Provisional Training Class

TBD – Student Clerk Training Classes

TBD – Bilingual Clerk Training Classes

TBD – New Judge Voter ID and Election Laws and Procedures Training Class

TBD – Voter ID and Election Laws and Procedures Training Classes

TBD – Election Day Lab Training Classes (1520 Round Table) (Times vary, check contract packet or our website for a list)

Note: * Entities must agree to use Dallas County Appointees for Election Day Judges and Alternates. The entities WILL NOT be able to choose or appoint anyone for the November Election. Election Day polling locations will be county appointed locations.

Voter Registration

Note: All questions and concerns about the following matters need to be addressed to:
Rivelino Lopez 214-819-6357 rlopez@dallascounty.org

Monday, October 5, 2020 – Last day to register to vote

To receive a CD of your entities voters, please fill out the “Request for Voter Registration Information” form (located in your contract packet).

Warehouse – Equipment Deliveries, Supply setup and handout

Note: All questions and concerns about the following matters need to be addressed to:
Lynn Coumpy 469-941-3430 lynn.coumpy@dallascounty.org

October 7, 2020 – Begin Early Voting deliveries and equipment setups at each location

October 14, 2020 – Begin Election Day deliveries to each location

Sunday, November 1, 2020 1pm -6pm – Supply Handout at Regional Sites

1. Any Special Elections to fill a vacancy ordered after the 70th day but on or before the 46th day before election day do have other filing deadlines and will not be part of the Joint Election, please refer to SOS November 3, 2020 Election Law Calendar for more information. Please keep us updated on anything pertaining to a special election.
2. Bond Elections – You will need to contact Department of Justice to find out what requirements they still request from an entity holding a bond election and refer to the SOS Election Law Calendar for more information about Bond Elections.
3. New Law: Senate Bill 957 – Numbering/Letting of Propositions on Ballot. Propositions for local political subdivisions now cannot use numbers to identify their propositions, but instead must assign a unique letter of the alphabet to each local proposition that will appear on the ballot (Section 52.095, as amended). Election Advisory No. 2017-06
4. Toni would like to be CC on all Joint related emails at tpippins@dallascounty.org

2020 General & Joint Runoff Election – December 08, 2020 (If required)

Note: All questions and concerns in the following matters need to be addressed to Toni and Daniel Bradley or it may result in delays.

Daniel Bradley	214-819-6370	daniel.bradley@dallascounty.org	CCS Fax Number 214-819-6374
Danielle Grant	214-819-6372	danielle.grant@dallascounty.org	
Lanita Pitts	214-819-6373	lanita.pitts@dallascounty.org	
Toni Pippins-Poole	214-819-6335	tpippins@dallascounty.org	

Effective September 1, 2019 – Election Advisory No. 2019-11: H.B. 88 provides the order of names on a Runoff ballot are relative to the names on a General Election ballot.

Vote Centers will be assigned based on entities participating in a Runoff.

Ballot Proofing - Anticipated ballot proofing will be on **Thursday or Friday, November 5 or 6, 2020.**

- Once we have a ballot ready for proofing, we will notify each entity.

Monday, November 23, 2020 – Early voting starts – Friday, December 04, 2020 – Early Voting ends

November 23, 2020 – November 25, 2020 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

November 26 and 27 – No Voting due to Thanksgiving Holiday (County is closed)

November 28 (Saturday) 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

November 29 (Sunday) 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

November 30 – Dec 2 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

December 3- December 4 (Thursday & Friday) 7:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.

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Public Logic and Accuracy & Tabulation Equipment Test – **November 12, 2020**

Election Reporting and Special Reports

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• After the election night results are at 100%, no further election results will be posted on the Dallas County Election website until all Election Day Provisional and late ballots cast from outside the United States have been delivered to the Central Counting Station from the Ballot Board.

Canvass Information

December 14, 2020 – Last day to receive ballots from outside the United States

December 14, 2020 – Last day that a voter can cure their (ID) Provisional ballot at our office (Secs. 65.054(b), 65.0541(a))

December 17, 2020 - Last day that the Early Voting Ballot Board may convene to qualify/count ballots cast from outside the United States. (Sec. 87.125) or Provisional ballots cast (9th day after election). *The EV ballot board has until the 9th day after the election to qualify and count as the Ballot Board delivers them to the Central Counting Station. At that time final unofficial election results will be prepared for canvassing.* (Sec.65.051(a), 1.006) Results reports may not be ready until **Tuesday, December 15, 2020.**

Saturday, December 19, 2020 – Last Day to canvass the election