



# Texas Secretary of State

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Various applications including SOSDirect will be unavailable on Thursday, October 17th from 6 p.m. until Friday, October 18th at 2 a.m. Maintenance details.

## Important 2020 Election Dates

### Tuesday, March 3, 2020 - Primary Election

First day to file for a place on the Primary ballot for precinct chair candidates.	Tuesday, September 10, 2019
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.	Saturday, November 9, 2019
Filing deadline for candidates; filing deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of intent.	Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM
First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Postcard Application (FPCA).	Wednesday, January 1, 2020*  *First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2020 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, February 3, 2020
First Day of Early Voting	Tuesday, February 18, 2020*  *First business day after Presidents' Day
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, February 21, 2020

Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, February 28, 2020
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, March 3, 2020 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Wednesday, March 4, 2020 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) <sup>4</sup>

**Saturday, May 2, 2020 – Uniform Election Date (Limited)**

Authority Conducting Elections	Local Political Subdivisions  (County-ordered elections may not be held on this date. County Election Official may, but is not required to, contract to provide election services to political subdivisions holding elections on this date.)
Deadline to post NEW <u>HB 305</u> notice. <sup>1</sup>	September 1, 2019*  *NEW LAW: Effective Sunday, September 1, 2019 (HB 305 affects political subdivisions with taxing authority) <sup>1</sup>
Deadline to Post Notice of Candidate Filing Deadline (Local Political Subdivisions Only) <sup>1</sup>	Monday, December 16, 2019 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates <sup>1</sup>
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Wednesday, January 1, 2020*  *First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2020 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.
First Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Political Subdivisions Only) <sup>1</sup>	Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Last Day to Order General Election or Special Election on a Measure	Friday, February 14, 2020
Last Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Political Subdivisions Only) <sup>2</sup>	Friday, February 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms <sup>3</sup>
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (Local Political Subdivisions Only)	Tuesday, February 18, 2020
Last Day to Register to Vote	Thursday, April 2, 2020
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, April 20, 2020
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail ( <b>Received</b> , not Postmarked)	Monday, April 20, 2020 (deadline falls on San Jacinto Day, moves to <b>preceding</b> business day)
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Tuesday, April 28, 2020
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Saturday, May 2, 2020 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Monday, May 4, 2020 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) <sup>4</sup>

### Tuesday, May 26, 2020 – Primary Runoff Election

First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Postcard Application (FPCA)	Wednesday, January 1, 2020*  *First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2020 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, April 27, 2020
First Day of Early Voting	Monday, May 18, 2020

Last Day to Apply by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, May 15, 2020
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, May 22, 2020
Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, May 26, 2020 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is <b>not</b> postmarked, <b>OR</b> Wednesday, May 27, 2020 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) <u>4</u>

**Tuesday, November 3, 2020 - Uniform Election Date**

Deadline to post NEW <u>HB 305</u> notice. <sup>1</sup>	November 3, 2019*  *NEW LAW: Effective Sunday, September 1, 2019 (HB 305 affects political subdivisions with taxing authority) <sup>1</sup>
Deadline to Post Notice of Candidate Filing Deadline (Local Political Subdivisions Only) <sup>1</sup>	Thursday, June 18, 2020 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates <sup>1</sup>
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Wednesday, January 1, 2020*  *First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2020 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.
First Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Political Subdivisions Only) <sup>1</sup>	Saturday, July 18, 2020
First Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (General Election for State and County Officers)	Saturday, July 18, 2020
Last Day to Order General Election or Special Election on a Measure	Monday, August 17, 2020

Last Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Political Subdivisions Only) <sup>2</sup>	Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (General Election for State and County Officers)	Monday, August 17, 2020
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (Local Political Subdivisions Only)	Friday, August 21, 2020
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, October 5, 2020*
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, October 19, 2020*
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail ( <b>Received, not</b> Postmarked)	Friday, October 23, 2020
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Friday, October 30, 2020
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 3, 2020 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is <b>not</b> postmarked, <b>OR</b> Wednesday, November 4, 2020 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) <sup>4</sup>

### **<sup>1</sup> Under new law, most local entities now have a “first day” to file.**

For the few entities who do not have a first day to file: For the May 2, 2020 election, Wednesday, January 15, 2020 is the deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline for entities that do not have a first day to file for their candidates. **However, pursuant to NEW LAW, for local (taxing) political subdivisions, the deadline is September 1, 2019 (the effective date of HB 305, 2019).** For the November 3, 2020 election, Monday, July 20, 2020 is the deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline for local political subdivisions that do not have a first day to file for their candidates. (If the 30th day before last day on which candidate may file falls on a Saturday, deadline moves to next business day). **However, pursuant to NEW LAW, for local (taxing) political subdivisions, the deadline is November 3, 2019 (one year before election day).**

Local political subdivisions include: cities, school districts, water districts, hospital districts, and any other local government entity that conducts elections. Many of these elections are conducted on the May uniform election date. Note: Counties may also be holding local proposition (measure) elections on May 2, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Filing deadlines: generally, the filing deadline is the 78th day prior to Election Day. The Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"). Write-in deadlines for general and special elections vary; the deadline for most local (city, school, other) special elections is now the same day as the filing deadline for application for a place on the ballot in a May election or November election.

<sup>3</sup> If no candidate for a **four-year term** has filed an application for a place on the ballot for a **city office**, the filing deadline for that office is extended to 5 p.m. of the 57th day before the election. For the May 2, 2020 election, this is Friday, March 6, 2020. See Section 143.008 of the Code.

<sup>4</sup> Please note that pursuant to House Bills 1151 and 929 (2017), different deadlines apply to the last day to receive ballots sent by the following: 1) non-military and military voters who mailed ballots from overseas and submitted a regular state Application for Ballot By Mail ("ABBM"), 2) non-military voters who mailed ballots from overseas and who submitted a Federal Postcard Application ("FPCA"), and (3) military voters who mailed ballots domestically or from overseas and who submitted an FPCA. See Secs. 86.007, 101.001 and 101.057 of the Code. Please contact the Elections Division of the Office of the Texas Secretary of State at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683) for additional information.