

2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Student Mock Election



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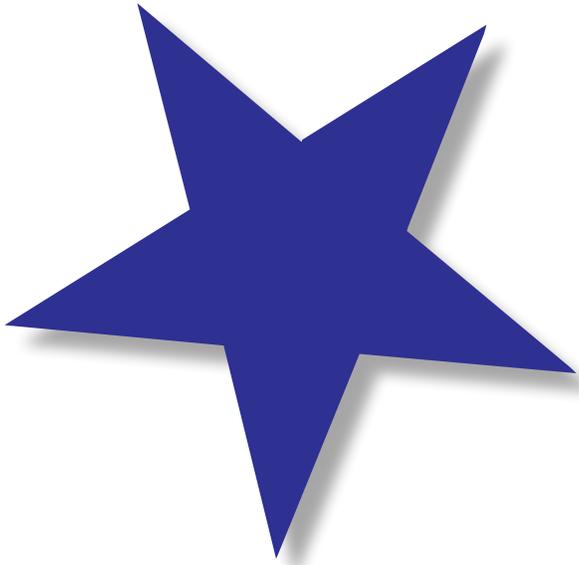


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GETTING STARTED

Step 1: The Voter Registration Process

1. Determine when and where you will conduct your mock election. Suggestions: library, cafeteria, gym, computer lab (if you will be conducting your election on computer) or classroom.
2. If your mock election will involve a voter registration drive, you need to get your students registered to vote. In order to mirror the adult population process, we suggest that students complete the actual voter registration application **(Attachment #1)**.
3. If you are going to conduct a voter registration drive, you need to develop a criteria for students who are eligible to register to vote. The criteria should parallel Texas requirements so that the students are familiar with the parameters for voting. These can include an appropriate age requirement for your grade(s) and a residency element such as enrollment in their school. **(Attached is a list of the qualifications and voting requirements in Texas, Attachment #2.)**
4. Establish the last day students may register to vote. (The state of Texas requires that a person must register 30 days before an election.)
5. Students should submit completed applications to their teacher, or other designee, who will then complete a voter registration certificate for each student **(Attachment #3)**. Give each “registered” student a voter registration certificate on colored paper. Instruct students to bring their certificate to the polling place on Election Day.
6. Prepare a list of registered voters. From your class roster, create an alphabetical list of those students who are “registered to vote.” This list should be prepared after your voter registration deadline and should include only those students who complete a voter registration application by the established deadline. You can either use the attached Project V.O.T.E. Combination Form **(Attachment #4)**, or you can create your own list of registered voters.

Hints:

- For elementary students, you might want to have the older students help with the voter registration process.
- You might want to send home a copy of the voter registration application (especially K-4), so that parents can assist younger students in completing the application.

Step 2: Conducting a Voter Registration Drive

The following are some steps you can take to encourage your students to register:

- Select students to serve as volunteer deputy registrars. These students will hand out voter registration applications and keep a list of those registered.
- Post flyers in and around your school, classrooms, etc.
- Mention the drive during morning announcements and assemblies.
- Have a slogan contest to encourage participation.
- Set some goals for the number of students you want to register, possibly have a large chart to color in as the number grows.
- Have a logo contest. Give a prize or award to the student who designs the best logo.
- Have a “red, white and blue” lunch day where all desserts are patriotic colors.
- Have students wear red, white and blue, or have a student dress up like Uncle Sam.

Reminder:

- In the adult population, you need to be registered 30 days prior to any election in which you wish to vote. You can implement the 30-day rule as appropriate by age, for purposes of the mock election.

Step 3: Getting Ready for Mock Election Day: What You Will Need

Take an inventory of materials that you might want to use for your mock election, that you should plan on getting now. Suggestions:

- “I Voted” stamp (You may have this made at any rubber stamp store.)
- “I Voted” stickers (see attached prototype that can be copied on standard Avery label #5193/5293 or Sheet Labels #SL107 - 1.625 circular **Attachment #5**).
- Pens
- List of Registered Voters
- Combination Form
- Ballots
- Ballot Box(es)
- Voting Booth(s)
- Tables for qualifying student voters
- Chairs for election judge and clerks
- Tally Sheets
- Name badges for Election Judge and Clerks

Step 4: Appointment of Election Judges and Clerks

We would recommend that you appoint one student as the election judge and a minimum of two students as the election clerks. Students serving as the election judge and clerks will prepare the polling place, qualify voters, and count ballots. The election judge and clerks should take an oath (**Attachment #6**) and should wear name badges.

Step 5: “E” Day-Setting Up Your Polling Place

1. You may set up the polling place in any way that is most convenient for you and in a manner that will get your voters in and out in an efficient manner. Attached you will find a diagram of how to physically set up your polling place (**Attachment #7**).
2. Although the adult population's polling place hours are from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., you may want to schedule your mock polling place hours during school hours and follow the procedures set forth in the pages that follow.

Step 6: Counting or tabulating the results.

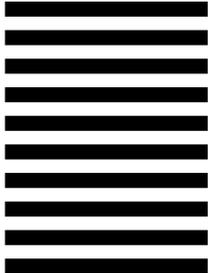
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The graphic features the word 'PRESIDENT' in a bold, red, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the year '2016' is written in a large, bold, blue, sans-serif font. A white five-pointed star is centered within the zero of '2016'. The text has a slight drop shadow effect.

VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION (FRONT)-ENGLISH

Texas Voter Registration Application		For Official Use Only	
Prescribed by the Office of the Secretary of State		VR17.2016E.13	
Please complete sections by printing LEGIBLY. If you have any questions about how to fill out this application, please call your local voter registrar.			
1 These Questions Must Be Completed Before Proceeding (Check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> New Application		<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address, Name, or Other Information	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for a Replacement Card
Are you a United States Citizen?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Will you be 18 years of age on or before election day?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If you checked 'No' in response to either of the above, do not complete this form.			
Are you interested in serving as an election worker?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2 Last Name Include Suffix if any (Jr, Sr, III)		First Name	Middle Name (If any)
			Former Name (if any)
3 Residence Address: Street Address and Apartment Number. If none, describe where you live. (Do not include P.O. Box, Rural Rt. or Business Address)		City	TEXAS
		County	Zip Code
4 Mailing Address: Street Address and Apartment Number. (If mail cannot be delivered to your residence address.)		City	State
			Zip Code
5 City and County of Former Residence in Texas			
6 Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)		7 Gender (Optional)	8 Telephone Number (Optional) Include Area Code
□□/□□/□□□□		<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	(□□□)□□□-□□□□
9 Texas Driver's License No. or Texas Personal I.D. No. (Issued by the Department of Public Safety)		If no Texas Driver's License or Personal Identification, give last 4 digits of your Social Security Number	
□□□□□□□□		XXX-XX-□□□□	
<input type="checkbox"/> I have not been issued a Texas Driver's License/Personal Identification Number or Social Security Number.			
10 I understand that giving false information to procure a voter registration is perjury, and a crime under state and federal law. Conviction of this crime may result in imprisonment up to 180 days, a fine up to \$2,000, or both. Please read all <u>three</u> statements to affirm before signing.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am a resident of this county and a U.S. citizen; • I have not been finally convicted of a felony, or if a felon, I have completed all of my punishment including any term of incarceration, parole, supervision, period of probation, or I have been pardoned; and • I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. 			
X		Date ____ / ____ / ____	
Signature of Applicant or Agent and Relationship to Applicant or Printed Name of Applicant if Signed by Witness and Date.			

VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION (BACK)-ENGLISH

_____ County of Residence <i>Fold on line and seal before mailing</i>	
 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> BUSINESS REPLY MAIL <small>FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 4511 AUSTIN, TX</small> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 5px;">POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 20px;">SECRETARY OF STATE ELECTIONS DIVISION PO BOX 12887 AUSTIN TX 78711-9972</p> 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES </div> 
<i>Fold on line and seal before mailing</i>	
<div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">Qualifications</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must register to vote in the county in which you reside. You must be a citizen of the United States. You must be at least 17 years and 10 months old to register, and you must be 18 years of age by Election Day. You must not be finally convicted of a felony, or if you are a felon, you must have completed all of your punishment, including any term of incarceration, parole, supervision, period of probation, or you must have received a pardon. You must not have been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. <div style="background-color: black; color: white; padding: 2px; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">Filling out the Application</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the application carefully, fill it out, sign and date it and mail it to the voter registrar in your county or drop it by the Voter Registrar's office. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All voters who register to vote in Texas must provide a Texas driver's license number or personal identification number issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety. If you don't have such a number, simply provide the last four digits of your social security number. If you don't have a social security number, you need to state that fact. Your voter registration will become effective 30 days after it is received or on your 18th birthday, whichever is later. Your registration must be effective on or before an election day in order to vote in that election. If you move to another county, you must re-register in the county of your new residence. <p>Please visit the Texas Secretary of State website, www.sos.state.tx.us, and for additional election information visit www.votetexas.gov.</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: small;">Este formulario está disponible en español. Favor de llamar a su registrador de votantes local para conseguir una versión en español.</p>

VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION (FRONT)-SPANISH

Solicitud de registro electoral en Texas

Exclusivo para uso oficial

Por orden de la Secretaría de Estado

VR17.2016S.13

Favor de llenar cada sección con letra de molde LEGIBLE. Si tiene preguntas sobre cómo llenar este formulario, por favor comuníquese con su registrador de votantes local.

1 Debe contestar estas preguntas antes de proseguir (Marque un recuadro)

Nueva solicitud Cambio de domicilio, nombre y/o otra información Reemplazo de tarjeta

¿Es usted ciudadano de los Estados Unidos? Sí No

¿Tendrá 18 años cumplidos antes o el día de la elección? Sí No

Si marcó 'No' como respuesta a cualquiera de las preguntas anteriores no llene esta solicitud.

¿Tiene interés en participar como trabajador electoral? Sí No

2 Apellido Incluir sufijo si lo hay (Jr, Sr, III)	Primer nombre	Segundo nombre (si aplica)	Nombre anterior (si aplica)
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3 Domicilio residencial: Número y calle, y número de apartamento o interior. Si no existe un domicilio, describa donde vive (no incluya apartados postales, rutas rurales o dirección del trabajo).	Ciudad	TEXAS
	Condado	Código postal

4 Dirección postal: Número y calle, y número de apartamento o interior (si no se puede entregar el correo en su domicilio residencial).	Ciudad	Estado
		Código postal

5 Ciudad y condado de residencia anterior en Texas

6 Fecha de nacimiento: (mm/dd/aaaa)	7 Sexo (Optativo)	8 Teléfono (Optativo)
□□/□□/□□□□	<input type="checkbox"/> Masculino <input type="checkbox"/> Femenino	Incluya código de área (□□□)□□□-□□□□

9 No. de licencia de conducir de Texas o no. de identificación personal de Texas (Expedido por el Departamento de Seguridad Pública).	Si no tiene licencia de conducir de Texas o no. de identificación personal, proporcione los 4 últimos dígitos de su número de Seguro Social.
□□□□□□□□	XXX-XX-□□□□
<input type="checkbox"/> No tengo licencia de conducir de Texas/Número de Identidad Personal de Texas ni un número de Seguro Social.	

10 Entiendo que el dar información falsa para obtener una tarjeta de registro electoral constituye un delito de perjurio bajo las leyes estatales y federales. Cometer este delito puede resultar en privación de la libertad hasta 180 días, multa de hasta \$2,000 o ambos castigos. Por favor lea cada una de las tres declaraciones antes de firmar.

- soy residente de este condado y ciudadano de los Estados Unidos;
- no he sido condenado por un delito grave, o en caso de ser delincuente, he purgado mi pena por completo, incluyendo cualquier plazo de encarcelamiento, libertad condicional, supervisión, período de prueba, o se me otorgó un indulto; y
- no se me ha declarado, total o parcialmente, como discapacitado mental sin derecho al voto, por el fallo final de un juzgado de sucesiones.

X

Fecha ____ / ____ / ____

Firma del solicitante o su agente (apoderado) y relación de éste con el solicitante, o nombre en letra de molde del solicitante si la firma es la de un testigo, y fecha.

VOTER REGISTRATION APPLICATION (BACK)-SPANISH

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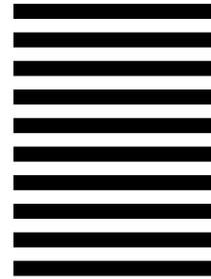


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**SECRETARY OF STATE
ELECTIONS DIVISION
PO BOX 12887
AUSTIN TX 78711-9972**



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Requisitos

- Debe registrarse para votar en el condado donde reside.
- Debe ser ciudadano de los Estados Unidos.
- Debe tener por lo menos 17 años con 10 meses de edad o más para registrarse, y debe tener 18 años de edad para el Día de Elecciones.
- Debe no haber sido condenado por un delito grave, o en caso de ser delincuente, haber purgado la pena por completo, incluyendo cualquier plazo de encarcelamiento, libertad condicional, supervisión, período de prueba, o haber obtenido un indulto.
- Debe no haber sido declarado total ni parcialmente, como mentalmente discapacitado sin derecho al voto, por fallo final de un juzgado de sucesiones.

Llenar la solicitud

- Revisar la solicitud detenidamente, llenarla, firmarla, escribir la fecha y enviarla por correo al registrador de votantes de su condado o llevarla en persona a la oficina del Registrador de Votantes.

- Todo votante que se registra para votar en Texas deberá proporcionar un número de licencia de conducir de Texas o un número de identificación personal emitido por el Departamento de Seguridad Pública de Texas. Si no tiene tal número, basta con proporcionar las últimas cuatro cifras de su número de seguro social. Si no tiene un número de seguro social, deberá declarar que no lo tiene.
- Su registro de votantes entra en vigor 30 días después que se reciba o cuando usted cumpla los 18 años, cual ocurra más tarde. Su registro deberá ser válido en o antes del día de elecciones de cierta elección para poder votar en tal elección.
- Si se reubica a otro condado, debe volver a registrarse en el condado de su nueva residencia.

Por favor visite la página Web de la Secretaría del Estado de Texas, www.sos.state.tx.us, y para información adicional sobre elecciones visite www.votetexas.gov.

This application is available in English. Please contact your local voter registrar to receive a copy in English.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING IN TEXAS

To be qualified to vote in Texas, a person must:

1. is 18 years of age or older;
2. is a United States citizen;
3. has not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be:
 - a. totally mentally incapacitated; or
 - b. partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote;
4. has not been finally convicted of a felony or, if so convicted, has:
 - a. fully discharged the person's sentence, including any term of incarceration, parole, or supervision, or completed a period of probation ordered by any court; or
 - b. been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability to vote;
5. is a resident of this state; and
6. is a registered voter.



VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

Duplicate the following certificates for students to complete after they have registered to vote. The current color of certificate is blue.

Name, Voter Registrar
Telephone Number
Address
City, State, Zip

Secretary of State's Office
Elections Division
1-800-252-VOTE (8683)

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE
(Certificado de Registro Electoral)

COUNTY (Condado)

VOID (VUID)	Gender (Sexo)	Valid from (Válido desde)
Year of Birth (Año de Nacimiento)	Prec. No. (Núm. Pcto.)	thru (hasta)

Name and Permanent Residence Address (Nombre y dirección residencial permanente)

Name and Mailing Address (Nombre y dirección de correo)

Party Affiliation
(Afiliación del Partido)

X

VOTER MUST PERSONALLY SIGN HIS/HER NAME IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT, IF ABLE
(El votante debe firmar esta tarjeta personalmente al recibirla, si puede.)

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**Project V.O.T.E. Combination Form
(Listas Combinadas de Proyecto V.O.T.E.)**

Type of Election (Tipo de Elección)	Precinct Number (Número de Precincto)
Date of Election (Fecha de la Elección)	Authority Conducting Election (Autoridad Administrando la Elección)

Number (Número)	Grade (Grado)	Name of School (Nombre de Escuela)	School District (Distrito Escuela)	Name of Voter (Poll List) (Nombre del Votante) (Lista de Votantes)	Number (Número)
51	15				15
41	14				14
31	13				13
21	12				12
11	11				11
01	10				10
6	9				9
8	8				8
7	7				7
9	6				6
5	5				5
4	4				4
3	3				3
2	2				2
1	1				1

Signature of Voter
(Firma Ustед Abajo)

Number
(Número)



These stickers can be printed on Avery®: 5193/ 5293 Avery Label #5193/5293 or Sheet Labels #SL107 - 1.625

OATH FOR ELECTION JUDGE AND CLERKS

"I swear (or affirm) that I will not in any manner request or seek to persuade or induce any voter to vote for or against any candidate or measure to be voted on, and that I will faithfully perform my duty as an officer of the election and guard the purity of the election."



THE VOTING PROCESS STEP BY STEP

1. Election Official asks if the voter has moved, asks for voter registration certificate (in the real election, in-person voters will be asked whether they possess an acceptable form of photo identification (which must be current or not expired for more than four years). If the voter possesses an acceptable form of photo ID, the voter must present it in order to vote. If the voter possesses, but did not bring to the polling place, an acceptable form of photo ID, the voter would be offered a provisional ballot, or told they could return to the polling place before the polls close on election day, present their acceptable form of photo ID at that time, and, if they otherwise qualify, vote a regular ballot at that time. If the voter presents the voter's current voter registration certificate with an "(E)" on it, the voter is not required to show an acceptable form of photo ID. If the voter indicates that the voter does not possess an acceptable form of photo ID, the voter will be asked whether they cannot reasonably obtain an acceptable form of photo ID. If the voter says "yes", they may show a supporting form of ID and execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration. If the voter says "no," or could otherwise not be able to reasonably obtain an acceptable form of photo ID, but has not brought a supporting form of ID to the polling place, the voter would be offered a provisional ballot, or told they could return to the polling place before the polls close on election day, execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration and present a supporting form of ID at that time, and, if they otherwise qualify, vote a regular ballot at that time. For high school students old enough to vote, encourage them to visit VoteTexas.gov or call 1-800-252-VOTE to make sure they know what to bring to the polls.)
2. Election official stamps "voted" next to voter's name on list of registered voters.
3. Election official enters voter's name on combination form (poll list) and voter signs on the corresponding signature line.
4. Voter picks up ballot and proceeds to voting area.
5. Voter steps into private voting area and votes ballot.
6. A voter with a disability (and any voter who wishes to) is entitled to cast a ballot using a DRE (Direct Recording Electronic) device.
7. Voter deposits voted ballot in the ballot box (Paper and Optical Scan) or voter casts votes directly on the voting machine (DRE).
8. Voter exits polling place.

PREPARING THE POLLING PLACE

Use the information below as a checklist in order to prepare your polling place for your mock election.

- 1. The presiding judge administers the election officials' oath to himself or herself and to the clerks (Attachment #6).**
- 2. The judge reviews a work schedule and assignments with the clerks.**
 - The list of registered voters and combination form must be prepared by the election judge before voting begins on election day (use student roster) **(Attachment #4)**.
- 3. Physically arrange the polling place (Attachment #7).**
 - Place table(s) and chairs near the entrance to the polling place for the clerks who will be accepting the voters.
 - Establish a voting area.
 - Voting booths that provide voters privacy while voting must be provided at all polling places (adult voting booths must meet regulatory specifications for voting booths or have been approved for use by the Secretary of State).
 - Arrange the voting booths in such a way that they are in view of the election officials, watchers, and persons waiting to vote but are separated from voters who are waiting to vote. Prevent access to the voting area through any entrance other than the one designated.
 - Place instruction cards in each voting booth.
 - Place non-erasable markers in each voting booth where voters will be preparing their ballots.
 - Establish an area convenient to the voting booths, in view of election officials, for placement of the ballot box in which voters will deposit their voted ballots.
- 4. Establish an area for counting voted ballots.**
 - This area should be in a separate room from the voting area, or removed from the voting area as much as possible, so that individuals counting ballots cannot be heard nor the voted ballots seen by voters.
- 5. Place the following election forms and supplies on each table.**
 - List of registered voters (student roster).
 - Combination form.
 - The "voted" stamp and stamp pad for stamping the list of registered voters. While it is not necessary that the election officers use a stamp pad and voted stamp, they must make a notation on the list of registered voters that a person has voted.

- Official ballot with photographs (**Attachment #9**)
 - Official ballot without photographs (**Attachment #10**)
 - Register of spoiled ballots.
6. Each polling place will offer at least one Direct Recording Electronic device or “DRE”. DREs are paperless, computerized voting units that allow voters with disabilities to vote directly on the system. Depending on the type of DRE, special needs voters may use headphones or other assistive devices to help them vote independently and secretly. (Limited Exception: Sparsely-populated jurisdictions conducting non-federal elections may not be required to provide a DRE.)
7. **Post sample ballots, Distance Markers and voter information.**
- Post sample ballots, if available, in easily observed locations within the polling place.
 - Post distance markers (**Attachment #8**) 100 feet in each direction from all entrances through which voters may enter the building in which the polling place is located.
 - A notice of the number of voters who have voted must be posted at an outside door to the polling place every two hours, beginning at 9:30 a.m.
 - Post Voter Information poster (**Attachment #11**).
 - Post Voter Complaint Poster (**Attachment #15**).
8. **Open and inspect the ballot box(es).**
- Make sure that each ballot box is empty.
 - Each ballot box should have a working lock and a key that opens the lock.
9. **Prepare the official ballots.**
- Record the total number of ballots received.
 - Inspect the official ballots to see that they are properly-printed and numbered.
 - Place the presiding judge’s full name on the back of each ballot. (Ballots may be signed or stamped as needed throughout the day.)
 - Mix the signed or stamped ballots so that they are not in numerical order.
 - Place the mixed ballots face down on the acceptance table.

Persons allowed in the polling place

1. Election judge and clerks.
2. Persons admitted by presiding judge to preserve order (teacher, principal, etc).
3. Persons admitted to vote (approved mock election students).
4. Children under 18 accompanied by their parent(s).
5. Poll watchers.
6. Persons admitted to provide assistance to or to interpret for a voter who is entitled to assistance/an interpreter.
7. Persons accompanying disabled voters.
8. Voting system technicians (technical support).
9. State and Federal inspectors.

Casting the ballot

Please see **Attachment #12**.

Counting the ballots

1. A tally list should be completely filled out (**Attachment #13**).
No marks should be made on any ballot by an election official, except if a ballot is not counted. An election officer must indicate on the back of the ballot the reason for not counting the ballot. Please see (**Attachment #14**) for instructions on completing tally sheets.
2. After the election is over, the judge should remove all ballots from the ballot box.
3. An election official should read the votes cast on each ballot out loud.
4. If the voter makes an irregular mark on their ballot AND if the voter's intent can be determined, the ballot should be counted. (For example, if a voter circles a candidate's name instead of marking an "x" in the candidate's square, the Judge may have enough information to determine the voter's choice.)
5. As each vote is read, a tally should be put beside the corresponding name or measure on your tally list.
6. Tally lists should be compared often to remedy mistakes or incorrect counts.

For specific procedures and more information on conducting an election, please refer to the Handbook for Election Judges and Clerks published by the Office of the Secretary of State.

DISTANCE MARKER

NOTE TO ELECTION OFFICIAL:
Post this sign 100 feet from the
entrance of the polling place.

DISTANCE MARKER

NO ELECTIONEERING OR LOITERING

BETWEEN THIS POINT AND THE

ENTRANCE TO THE POLLING PLACE

It is unlawful for any person to electioneer or loiter, while the polls are open, within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling place. Any person who violates this provision may be found guilty of a Class C misdemeanor.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL)

Instruction Note: *(Nota de instrucción)*

Vote for the candidate of your choice by placing an "X" in the square next to the candidate's name.
(Vote por el candidato de su preferencia marcando con una "X" el cuadro a la izquierda del nombre del candidato.)

PRESIDENTIAL *(PRESIDENCIAL)*



Donald J. Trump
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2016 Texas Student Mock Election

OFFICIAL BALLOT
(BOLETA OFICIAL)

Instruction Note: *(Nota de instrucción)*

Vote for the candidate of your choice by placing an "X" in the square next to the candidate's name.
(Vote por el candidato de su preferencia marcando con una "X" el cuadro a la izquierda del nombre del candidato.)

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DATE OF ELECTION:	POLLS WILL BE OPEN DURING: EARLY VOTING FROM _____ TO _____ AND 7:00 AM TO 7:00 PM ON ELECTION DAY
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VOTER INFORMATION

You Have:

- (1) The right to a ballot with written instructions on how to cast the ballot.
- (2) The right to cast your vote in secret and free from intimidation.
- (3) The right to receive up to two more ballots if a mistake is made while marking the ballot.
- (4) The right to ask the polling place official for instructions on how to cast the ballot, but not for suggestions on how to vote.
- (5) The right to bring an interpreter to assist you as you qualify to vote if you do not understand the English language.
- (6) The right to assistance while casting your ballot if you cannot write, see the ballot, understand the language in which it is written, or cannot speak English, or communicate only with sign language, and want assistance in communicating with election officials.
- (7) The right to report a possible voting rights abuse to the Secretary of State or to your local election official.
- (8) The right to cast a provisional ballot if your name does not appear on the list of registered voters.
- (9) The (1) right to cast a provisional ballot (a) if you do not possess one of the seven (7) acceptable forms of photo identification, which is not expired for more than four years, and you can reasonably obtain one of these forms of identification or (b) if you possess, but did not bring to the polling place, one of the seven forms of acceptable photo identification, which is not expired for more than four years, or (c) if you do not possess one of the seven forms of acceptable photo identification, which is not expired for more than four years, you could otherwise not obtain one due to a reasonable impediment, but you did not bring a supporting form of identification to the polling place, and (2) the right to present one of the acceptable forms of photo identification, which is not expired for more than four years, to the county voter registrar's office within six (6) calendar days after election day.
- (10) The right to vote once at any early voting location during the early voting period within the territory conducting the election.
- (11) The right to file an administrative complaint with the Secretary of State concerning violations of federal and state voting procedures.

You may not:

- (1) Vote in an election in which you know that you are not eligible to vote.
- (2) Vote twice in an election.
- (3) Provide assistance to a voter who is not eligible to receive assistance.
- (4) Suggest how another person should vote by word, sign or gesture while in the polling place.
- (5) Intimidate, threaten, or coerce any person from voting or attempting to vote.
- (6) Electioneer or loiter within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling place or inside the polling place.
- (7) Buy or sell your ballot.
- (8) Deposit a ballot in the ballot box that was not given to you by an election official.

You will have to present one of the following forms of acceptable photo identification in order to vote, unless you do not possess, and cannot reasonably obtain, one of these forms of acceptable photo identification or you qualify for one of the other exemptions identified below:

- (1) Texas Driver's License issued by the Department of Public Safety ("DPS")
- (2) Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS;
- (3) Texas Personal Identification Card issued by DPS;
- (4) Texas Handgun License issued by DPS;
- (5) United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph;
- (6) United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph; or
- (7) United States Passport.

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the identification must be current or have expired no more than 4 years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

Reasonable Impediment Declaration: If you do not possess one of the forms of acceptable photo identification listed above, and cannot reasonably obtain such identification, you have the right to execute a Reasonable Impediment Declaration and present one of the following supporting documents:

- (1) valid voter registration certificate;
- (2) certified birth certificate (must be an original);
- (3) copy of or original current utility bill;
- (4) copy of or original bank statement;
- (5) copy of or original government check;
- (6) copy of or original paycheck; or
- (7) copy of or original other government document that displays your name and an address (though an original is required if it contains a photograph).

Other Exemptions: Voters with a disability may apply with the county voter registrar for a permanent exemption to presenting acceptable photo identification in the county. Also, voters who (1) have a consistent religious objections to being photographed or (2) do not present an acceptable form of photo identification listed above because of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor, may vote a provisional ballot, appear at the voter registrar's office within **six (6) calendar days** after election day, and sign an affidavit swearing to the religious objection or natural disaster, in order for a provisional ballot to be counted. Please contact your county voter registrar for more details.

The Secretary of State's Office may be contacted toll-free at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683), via e-mail at elections@sos.texas.gov, and by regular mail at: Elections Division, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711 to report election violations.

FECHA DE LA ELECCIÓN:	LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES ESTARÁN ABIERTAS DURANTE LAS VOTACIONES TEMPRANAS DE _____ A _____ Y DE 7:00 AM A 7:00 PM EL DÍA DE LAS ELECCIONES
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INFORMACIÓN ELECTORAL

Usted tiene:

- (1) Derecho a recibir una boleta electoral con instrucciones por escrito sobre cómo ejercer su voto.
- (2) Derecho a ejercer su voto en secreto y sin intimidación.
- (3) Derecho a recibir hasta dos boletas adicionales si ha marcado erróneamente la boleta.
- (4) Derecho a pedir instrucciones al funcionario de la casilla electoral sobre cómo ejercer su voto, pero no para pedir sugerencias sobre por quién o por que votar.
- (5) Derecho de traer con usted un intérprete para que le traduzca durante el proceso de verificación en la casilla si usted no entiende inglés.
- (6) Derecho a asistencia mientras ejerce su voto si usted no puede escribir, ver la boleta, entiende el idioma en el cual está escrita, o no puede hablar inglés, o se comunica solamente por lenguaje de señas, y quiere asistencia para comunicarse con los funcionarios electorales.
- (7) Derecho a reportar posibles abusos en contra de sus derechos electorales con la Secretaría de Estado o con su funcionario electoral local en su localidad.
- (8) Derecho a ejercer su voto provisional si su nombre no aparece en la lista de electores registrados.
- (9) Derecho a (1) ejercer su voto provisional (a) si no posee una de las siete (7) formas de identificación aprobadas con fotografía, que no haya vencido más de cuatro años antes, y puede obtener razonablemente una de estas formas de identificación o (b) posee una de las siete formas de identificación aprobadas con fotografía, que no haya vencido más de cuatro años antes, pero no la llevo a la casilla electoral, o (c) no posee una de las siete formas de identificación aprobadas con fotografía, que no haya vencido más de cuatro años antes, no pudo obtener una debido a un impedimento razonable, pero no llevo una forma de identificación aprobada a la casilla electoral, y (2) derecho a presentar una de las formas de identificación aprobadas con fotografía, que no haya vencido más de cuatro años antes, a la oficina de registro electoral dentro de seis (6) días después del día de la elección.
- (10) Derecho a votar una vez en cualquier sitio donde se estén llevando a cabo las votaciones tempranas durante el periodo de las elecciones tempranas dentro del territorio donde se esté llevando a cabo la elección.
- (11) Derecho a presentar una queja administrativa ante la Secretaría de Estado con respecto a violaciones de los procedimientos electorales estatales y federales.

Usted no puede:

- (1) Votar en una elección si usted sabe que no cumple con los requisitos para votar.
- (2) Votar dos veces en la misma elección.
- (3) Prestarle ayuda a un elector que no cumple con los requisitos para recibir asistencia.
- (4) Sugerir verbalmente, por medio de señas o gestos, por quien o por que debe votar una persona que se encuentra en la casilla electoral.
- (5) Intimidar, amenazar u obligar o coaccionar a una persona para que no vote o considere no votar.
- (6) Hacer campaña, propaganda electoral o merodear a menos de 100 pies de la entrada al centro de casillas electorales o dentro del mismo.
- (7) Comprar o vender su boleta.
- (8) Depositar una boleta en la urna electoral si usted no recibió esa boleta por parte de un funcionario electoral.

Usted tendrá que presentar una de las siguientes formas de identificación aprobadas con fotografía para ejercer su voto, si no posee, y no puede obtener razonablemente, una de las formas de identificación aprobadas con fotografía o califica para una de las excepciones nombradas a continuación:

- (1) Licencia de Conducir de Texas expedida por el Departamento de Seguridad Pública ("DPS", según sus siglas en inglés);
- (2) Certificado de Identificación Electoral de Texas expedido por el DPS;
- (3) Tarjeta de Identificación Personal de Texas expedida por el DPS;
- (4) Licencia para Portar Armas de Fuego de Texas expedida por el DPS;
- (5) Cédula de Identificación Militar de los Estados Unidos con fotografía;
- (6) Certificado de Ciudadanía de los Estados Unidos con fotografía; o
- (7) Pasaporte de los Estados Unidos.

Con la excepción del certificado de ciudadanía estadounidense, la identificación debe estar actualizada o no haber vencido más de 4 años antes de ser presentada en el sitio de votación para poder ejercer su voto.

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAPER BALLOT

If you do not understand these instructions, please ask an election official for help.

HOW TO VOTE:

Marking devices are provided in each booth.

Mark an "X" in the square to the left of the name of the candidate or proposition indicating the way you wish to vote.

TO VOTE FOR A CANDIDATE:

Place an "X" in the square next to the name of the candidate of your choice in each race.

STRAIGHT PARTY VOTING IN NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTIONS

In a November "general election," all eligible political parties are listed on the ballot. To vote for all the candidates who are members of your preferred party, place an "X" in the square by the name of that party. This is called "straight party" voting.

If you vote "straight party ticket," but also vote for one or more individual candidates of another party for any race, the vote for the individual candidate will be the one that is counted. Candidates in the straight party column will receive votes where there is no opposing individual vote. This is called "cross-over voting."

WRITE-IN VOTING FOR CANDIDATES

A write-in candidate is a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot.

In most elections, write-in votes will be counted only for those whose names appear on the list of Declared Write-in Candidates.

The list of declared write-in candidates is posted in each voting booth.

Place an "X" in the square next to the blank write-in line or write-in column and write in the name of that person on the blank line provided in that race.

If a write-in line or column is not available in a particular race, write-in voting is not permitted.

Write-in voting is not permitted in runoff elections or other elections where the law prohibits such voting.

TO VOTE ON PROPOSITIONS:

To vote "For" or "Against" (or "yes" or "no") on a proposition, place an "X" in the square next to "For" or "Against" (or "yes" or "no")

DEPOSITING THE BALLOT:

Check your ballot after voting to be sure that your voting choices are clearly marked.

Fold the ballot before depositing it in the box.

Deposit your ballot in the ballot box.

REPLACING A MISMARKED OR DAMAGED BALLOT:

If you make a mistake, tear or damage your ballot, take it to an election official and get a new one. You may receive up to two more ballots if a mistake is made while marking your original ballot.

INSTRUCCIONES PARA VOTAR CON BOLETA DE PAPEL

Si después de leer las siguientes instrucciones, usted no entiende cómo votar con la boleta de papel, un oficial electoral le dará más explicaciones.

PARA VOTAR POR CANDIDATOS Y PROPOSICIONES

1. Marque su boleta con una "X" en el espacio cuadrado a la izquierda del nombre del candidato de su preferencia; indique igualmente la manera en que quiere votar por las proposiciones.
2. En elecciones generales usted podrá votar por todos los candidatos de un solo partido político ("straight ticket") marcando una "X" en el espacio cuadrado a la izquierda del nombre de ese partido político. Si usted vota por uno de los partidos políticos y también vota por el contrincante de uno de los candidatos de dicho partido político, se contará su voto por el contrincante tanto como su voto por todos los demás candidatos del partido político de su preferencia.
3. Para votar "A FAVOR" o "EN CONTRA" de una proposición en cualquier elección, indique con una "X" en el espacio cuadrado la manera un que usted quiere votar.

PARA VOTAR POR INSERCIÓN ESCRITA

Para votar por un candidato cuyo nombre no aparece en la boleta cuando hay un espacio o una columna con el título del puesto oficial apropiado, escriba el nombre del candidato de su preferencia en dicho espacio. En las elecciones generales para oficiales del estado o de los candados, en las elecciones numicipales, en las elecciones de juntas escolores o en otras elecciones exigidas por ley, sólo se contarán los votos para aquellos candatos cuyos nombre aparezca en la lista de Candidatos Declarados para Elección por Inserción Escrita. No se permite votar por inserción escrita ni en elecciones decisivas ni en otras elecciones donde la ley prohíbe explícitamente la votación por inserción escrita.

PARA REEMPLAZAR UNA BOLETA DANADA

Si usted se equivoca o si daña su boleta, devuélvala al oficial electoral y obtenga otra. Usted no podrá recibir más de tres boletas.

PARA DEPOSITAR LA BOLETA

Doble su boleta de manera que nadie pueda ver cómo votó usted, y deposite su boleta en la caja para boletas.

TALLY SHEET INSTRUCTIONS

1. Each tally sheet must have:
 - name of candidate or proposition;
 - date of election;
 - precinct number;
 - type of election;
 - name of presiding judge; and
 - signature of person keeping the tally sheet.

2. When counting, one person should call out the vote indicated on the ballot, while the other person records the vote tally.

3. Record all write-in votes on the tally sheet following the same tallying procedure used for those candidates or propositions listed on the ballot.

Candidate 1			
Candidate 2			

EXAMPLE

Place five tallies in each square.

4. On completing the count, each counting officer computes the total number of votes cast for each candidate or proposition and enters the totals in the last column on the tally sheet.

Voter Complaint Information

You may report **any** complaint about the conduct of this election, including **voting rights violations** and **complaints** about local election officials administering the election, to:

Any Election Texas Secretary of State's Office			
By Calling: (800) 252-8683 (512) 463-5650	By Writing: Office of the Secretary of State P.O. Box 12060 Austin, Texas 78711	By Emailing: elections@sos.texas.gov	By Faxing: (512) 475-2811

- If you contact the Secretary of State in writing either by mail, fax or email, include your contact information in case additional information is needed.

Federal Elections U.S. Department of Justice			
By Calling: (800) 253-3931 (202) 307-2767	By Writing: Civil Rights Division U.S. Department of Justice Room 7254 - NWB 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20530	By Emailing: voting.section@usdoj.gov	By Faxing: (202) 307-3961

Local Elections Local Contact Information for this Election			
You may also file affidavits of potential criminal election violations involving local elections with your local county attorney or criminal/district attorney for investigation. Consult your local directory for phone numbers.			
Name of Election Official:			
Phone Number:	Mailing Address:	Email Address:	Fax Number:

Información para denuncias de votantes

Usted puede presentar **cualquier** denuncia sobre el proceso de esta elección, incluso sobre **delitos contra derechos electorales y denuncias** sobre los funcionarios electorales locales encargados de administrar la elección, a:

Todo tipo de elecciones Secretaría del Estado de Texas			
Llame al:	Escriba a:	Por correo electrónico a:	Por fax al:
(800) 252-8683 (512) 463-5650	Office of the Secretary of State P.O. Box 12060 Austin, Texas 78711	elections@sos.texas.gov	(512) 475-2811

- Si se comunica con la Secretaría del Estado por escrito, bien sea por correo, fax o correo electrónico, favor de incluir su información de contacto en caso de que se requiera información adicional.

Elecciones federales Departamento de Justicia de los Estados Unidos			
Llame al:	Escriba a:	Por correo electrónico a:	Por fax al:
(800) 253-3931 (202) 307-2767	Civil Rights Division U.S. Department of Justice Room 7254 - NWB 950 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20530	voting.section@usdoj.gov	(202) 307-3961

Elecciones locales Información de contacto local para esta elección			
También puede presentar declaraciones juradas al procurador del condado o al procurador penal/del distrito para la investigación de posibles delitos penales electorales en elecciones locales. Consulte su guía local para números telefónicos.			
Nombre del funcionario electoral:			
Núm. de teléfono:	Dirección postal:	Dirección de correo electrónico:	Núm. de fax:

VOTING METHODS AND SYSTEMS

Three major kinds of voting methods are used in Texas today. These methods are paper, optical scan, and DREs (direct record electronic systems or accessible voting equipment). The type of voting device used at your polling place will depend on the political subdivision (e.g., county, city, school district) in which you live, keeping in mind that some political subdivisions may use multiple methods. Visit our website at www.votetexas.gov for a list of voting methods.

On October 29, 2002, President Bush signed HR 3295, the Help America Vote Act ("HAVA"). This federal legislation came about due to issues that surfaced in the close Presidential Election of 2000. HAVA is the federal election reform bill that came about to help alleviate those election system problems and to help restore confidence in the election process.

HAVA meant many election-related changes for Texas. Most notably, a couple of the voting systems that had been used in Texas for many, many years went away January 1, 2006. The punch-card voting system and the lever voting machines, or mechanical voting systems, went away.

Other major election reform changes that became effective January 1, 2006, as a result of HAVA are:

1. Every polling place in Texas must have a voting system accessible to voters with disabilities. These voting systems must be able to allow a disabled person to vote independently. The new electronic voting systems (DREs or accessible voting equipment) being used across Texas are equipped with a headset and an audio ballot. Note: this requirement was already in place in Texas prior to the enactment of HAVA.
2. If poll workers can't find your name on the list of registered voters, you will be offered the option to vote **provisionally**. What is this provisional ballot? It is a ballot that is separated and will not be counted until the voter's eligibility is verified after the election. You will sign a statement saying that you understand that you can vote a provisional ballot, but it will be kept separate from the other voted ballots cast at your polling place. It will be kept in a secret envelope (so nobody knows how you voted) and sent to the Voter Registrar of the County in which you live, to verify that you are a registered voter. If it is determined that you are a registered voter, your provisional ballot will be counted by a group of individuals referred to as the early voting ballot board. If you are not registered to vote, your ballot will be not counted. You will be notified by mail by the presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board as to whether your provisional ballot was counted or not counted with the reason provided.

A. Paper Methods

Paper ballots are still used as the primary way of voting in a number of Texas counties. Voters mark their ballot by hand with an indelible marker (a marker that cannot be erased) or pen and place their finished ballot in a ballot box. Local election officials then count the votes by hand.

B. Optical Scan

Optical scan voting systems enable voters to mark their choices on pre-printed ballots by either connecting “arrows” or filling in “bubbles” next to the candidates’ names. The paper ballot is then inserted into an electronic ballot counter, which then counts the marked “bubbles” or “arrows” on each ballot and automatically computes the totals for each candidate and/or issue. **(Attachment #16)**

C. DREs (Direct Record Electronic systems) or Accessible Voting Equipment

DREs enable voters to record their choices electronically directly into the machine. There are several types of DREs (some have a dial while others use a touch screen), but essentially they all enable voters to move back and forth between screens (ballot pages) to select the candidates and/or issues for whom they wish to vote. Once a voter has made his or her choices, the DRE provides a summary screen that presents those choices and gives the voter the ability to go back and make any changes before pressing the “Vote” or “Cast Ballot” button. One of the benefits of a DRE system is that it prevents “over-voting”; that is, it stops the voter from selecting two candidates or options in a race where only one is allowed. As well, a DRE gives the voter an opportunity to correct “under-voting,” or failing to select any candidate or option in a race. **(Attachment #17)**

Each polling place in Texas must offer at least one accessible voting system (either a DRE or an AutoMark), with the limited exception of sparsely populated jurisdictions conducting non-federal elections.

NOTE: To meet your voting machine, and for a complete listing of voting systems currently being used by Texas counties, please visit

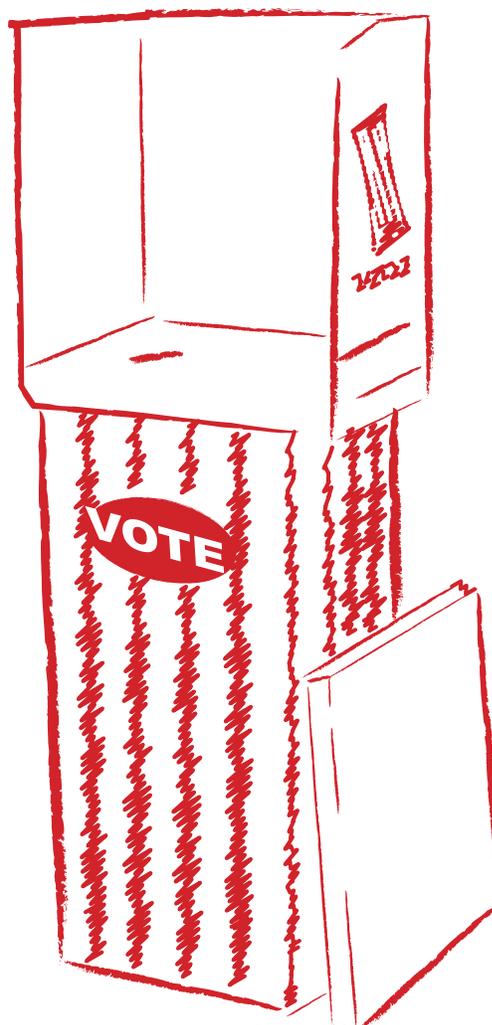
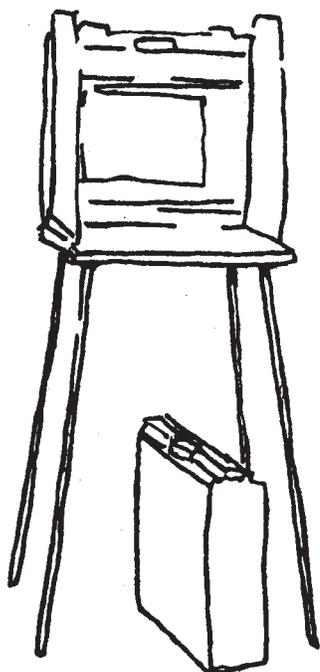
<http://votetexas.gov/voting/how>

VOTING BOOTHS

There are many kinds of voting booths used in Texas. The following are examples of booths you might see at your polling place. Keep in mind that “official” voting booths such as these are not necessary, as long as the booths provide voters privacy while voting. Voting booths must meet the regulatory specifications for voting booths, or must have been approved for use by the Secretary of State.

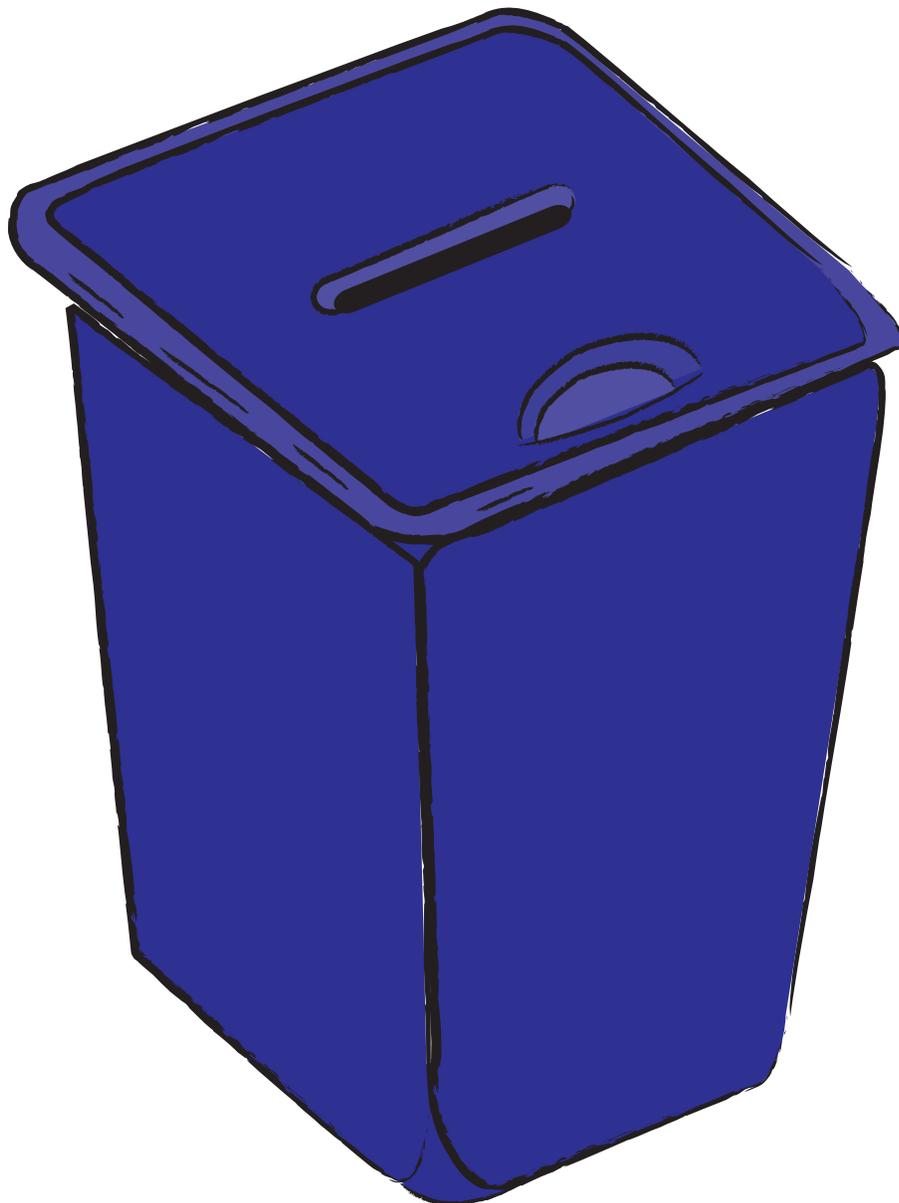
The voting booth on the left is made of polyethylene and is designed for both optical scan and paper ballots, and collapses to form its own storage case. Note: there is an adapter kit available for use by voters with disabilities which converts the self-contained booths to comply with the Federal “Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act,” thereby eliminating the need for additional booths.

The voting booth on the right is constructed of corrugated board, light weight, inexpensive, and folds down to create its own carrying case.

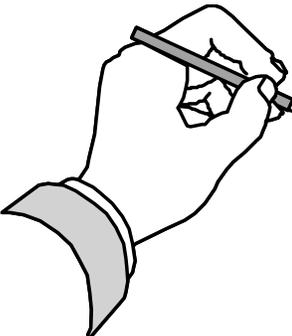


BALLOT BOXES

Below is an example of a ballot box used for elections. No matter what type of box is used, it should have a visible wide slot for ballot deposits, and should always remain locked during the course of an election to ensure security of the ballots. In elections where paper or optical scan ballots are used, four ballot boxes are used. One box is locked and placed in an area established for depositing voted ballots. The remaining boxes are kept in a secure place in view of the election officials. These boxes are replacements for the ballot boxes being used for the deposit of voted ballots. Each box containing voted ballots that is not being used must be sealed so that no additional ballots can be inserted into the box, and the seal must be signed by the presiding judge, an election clerk, and two watchers of opposing interest (if present).



INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING (FILL IN THE "BUBBLES")

OFFICIAL BALLOT (BOLETA OFICIAL)		SAMPLE ELECTION (ELECCION DE MUESTRA)
A	SAMPLE CUSTOMER	B
ANY MONTH 99, 2016	C	99 DE JUNIO 2016
<p>INSTRUCTION NOTE: Vote for your choice in each race by completely filling the oval beside the candidate's name. You may vote for a write-in candidate by writing the name of the candidate on the line provided, and filling the oval beside the line. Use only the marker provided. (NOTA DE INSTRUCCION: <i>Vote por su preferencia en cada carrera por llenar completamente el óvalo al lado del nombre del candidato. Usted puede votar por un candidato elegible para recibir votos inserción escrita por escribir el nombre del candidato en la línea provista y por llenar el óvalo al lado de la línea. Solamente use el marcador provisto.)</i></p>		<p style="text-align: center;">United States Senator (Senador de los Estados Unidos)</p> <p> <input type="radio"/> Florence Nightingale <input type="radio"/> Henry Ford <input checked="" type="radio"/> Francis Scott Key <input type="radio"/> _____ </p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Railroad Commissioner (Comisionado de Ferrocarriles)</p> <p> <input type="radio"/> Julius Caesar <input type="radio"/> Al Capone <input type="radio"/> Calamity Jane <input type="radio"/> _____ </p>

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT (Asegure que cuente su voto.)

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**TO VOTE FOR A STATEMENT, CANDIDATE,
OR FOR A WRITE-IN, BLACK IN THE OVAL
BESIDE YOUR CHOICE.**

(Para votar a favor de una declaración, un candidato, o para votar por escrito, oscurezca el óvalo al lado de su preferencia.)

**USE ONLY THE SPECIAL PENCIL PROVIDED
BY YOUR ELECTION OFFICIALS**

(Use solamente el lápiz especial provista por los oficiales electorales.)

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF THE BALLOT
(Vote ambos lados de la boleta.)

DO NOT FOLD YOUR BALLOT!
(Favor de no doblar su boleta.)

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
PLEASE ASK YOUR ELECTION OFFICIALS**
(Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, favor de dirigirla a los oficiales electorales.)

**ELECTRONIC VOTING
(FILL IN THE "BUBBLES")**

Vote Both Sides



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General Election Ballot Header Disney General Election County of Disney November 8, 2016		Precinct Name 3-B
Instruction Note: English- To cast a vote, completely fill in the option box of your choice.	U.S. Senator Vote for One (Straight Party contest)	
Straight Party A vote in this contest will mark all contests included in the Straight Party Race.	<input type="checkbox"/> Minnie Mouse Red	
<input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> Daisy Duck Blue	
The following contests are "Office Contests"	<input type="checkbox"/> Wendy Green	
President Vote for One (Straight Party contest)	<input type="checkbox"/> Timon Yellow	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mickey Mouse/Goofy Red	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Donald Duck/Scrooge McDuck Blue	U.S. Rep., District ABC Vote for One (Straight Party contest)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Peter Pan/Tinkerbell Green	<input type="checkbox"/> Dopey Blue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Simba/Nala Yellow	<input type="checkbox"/> Doc Yellow	
<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____	Railroad Commissioner This contest has no options	
	Justice, Supreme Ct, Plc 2 Vote for One (Write-in option only)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Write-in _____	

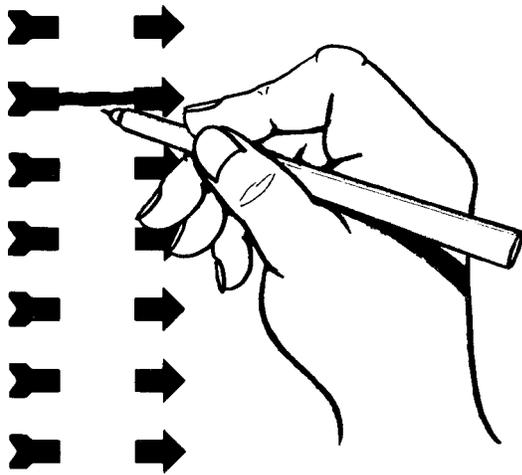
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Vote Both Sides

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC VOTING

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARKING BALLOT



TO VOTE

**DRAW A LINE
CONNECTING THE
HEAD AND TAIL
OF THE ARROW
THAT POINTS
TO YOUR
CHOICE**

**VOTER,
MAKE SURE TO CHECK
YOUR BALLOT FOR ANY
STRAY MARKS OR SMUDGES.**

USE ONLY THE SPECIAL PEN OR PENCIL PROVIDED

**IF YOU MAKE AN ERROR
PLEASE RETURN YOUR BALLOT TO THE ELECTION OFFICIAL
AND REQUEST A NEW BALLOT**

SAMPLE VOTING MACHINE

The patented iVotronic™ Touch Screen Voting System is the premier voting solution for jurisdictions who prefer paperless voting. Available with a 15" full-color display, the iVotronic is wireless, multilingual, and ADA-compliant. Voters securely cast their vote for each race and/or ballot proposition simply through the touch of the screen. Its Audio Ballot feature easily assists those voters who are visually impaired. Weighing only 14.35 pounds, the iVotronic is the most portable system in the industry enabling curbside voting and wheelchair access, and it is powered either by 120-volt AC current or a rechargeable battery cartridge. To ensure voter intent and ballot correctness, the iVotronic prevents the voter from over-voting and alerts the voter of under-voted races.

1. Activate Ballot

You or a pollworker will activate your electronic ballot by inserting it into the appropriate slot. Next, touch language of choice with your finger.



2. Select Candidate

To select your candidate, touch the box next to the name. To de-select, touch the box again. the iVotronic will not allow you to vote for more people than may be elected to any one office.



3. Review Ballot

After completing last ballot page, touch "review" and carefully review the selection review screen. To change or make a new choice, touch the box next to candidate or office name, and then touch box next to new selection.



When finished, press the flashing red "vote" button to cast your ballot.

"Thank You For Voting" screen means you have properly cast your ballot.

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Voter Instructions

1. Select Language

English

- Turn the SELECT wheel to highlight the language of your choice.
- Press ENTER.

2. Enter Access Code

ACCESS CODE
Clave de Acceso
2248
<small>Date: 09-27-01 Time: 21:00:51 Place: Courthouse Pct: 0102</small>

- Turn the SELECT wheel to highlight the first number of your Access Code.
- Press ENTER.
- Repeat for each number.

3. Make Choices

State Rep. District 36	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Charles A. Lindbergh
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grover Cleveland

State Rep. District 36	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles A. Lindbergh
<input type="checkbox"/>	Grover Cleveland

- Turn the SELECT wheel to highlight your ballot choice.
- Press ENTER.
- The box to the left of the choice changes to red.
- To change your choice, turn the SELECT wheel to your new choice and press ENTER.
- You may use NEXT and PREV to move through the ballot pages.
- To get help, press HELP.

4. Review Choices Read the Ballot Summary Page carefully.



- To change a choice from the Ballot Summary Page, turn the SELECT wheel to highlight the line you wish to change, and press ENTER.

5. Cast Ballot



- Only **after** all desired choices have been made, press CAST BALLOT from the final Ballot Summary Page to deposit your voted ballot in the ballot box.



Pressing CAST BALLOT from the final Ballot Summary page completes the voting process and records the ballot.

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Instrucciones para los Votantes

1. Escoja el Lenguaje

Español

- Gire la rueda SELECT para destacar el lenguaje de su preferencia.
- Oprima ENTER.

2. Inserte su Clave de Acceso

ACCESS CODE
Clave de Acceso
2248
Date: 09-27-01
Time: 21:00:51
Place: Courthouse
Pct: 0102

- Gire la rueda SELECT para destacar el primer número de su Clave de Acceso.
- Oprima ENTER.
- Repita para todos los números.

3. Marque sus Selecciones

Rep. Distrito 36
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charles A. Lindbergh
<input type="checkbox"/> Grover Cleveland

Rep. Distrito 36
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charles A. Lindbergh
<input type="checkbox"/> Grover Cleveland

- Gire la rueda SELECT para destacar su preferencia.
- Oprima ENTER.
- El cuadro a la izquierda de su selección cambiará a rojo.
- Para cambiar su selección, gire la rueda SELECT a su nueva selección y oprima ENTER.
- Se puede usar NEXT y PREV para mover por las páginas de la boleta.
- Para pedir asistencia, oprima HELP.

4. Repase sus Selecciones

Página del Resumen de Boleta
Charles A. Lindbergh
Grover Cleveland

Lea con cuidado la Página del Resumen de Boleta.

- Para cambiar una selección en la Página del Resumen de Boleta, gire la rueda SELECT para destacar la línea que quiera cambiar, y oprima ENTER.

5. Eche la Boleta



- Solamente **después** de marcar todas sus selecciones, oprima CAST BALLOT en la última Página del Resumen de boleta para echar su boleta votada en la urna electoral.
-  **Cuando oprima CAST BALLOT en la última Página del Resumen de Boleta, se acaba el proceso de votar y se consigna la boleta.**

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EARLY VOTING IN TEXAS

Note: Special rules apply for military voters and overseas citizens.

In Texas, voters may choose between two kinds of early voting:

1. early voting by personal appearance; and
2. early voting by mail. (**Attachment #18**)

Voting early in person is now basically the same as voting on election day; any registered voter can walk in and vote. To vote early by mail, a voter must state one of several legal reasons.

If you are a registered voter, you may vote early by mail if:

- you will be away from your county on Election Day **and** during early voting;
- you are sick or disabled;
- you are 65 years of age or older on election day; or,
- you are confined in jail, but eligible to vote.

To vote early by personal appearance, you must vote in person at the main early voting polling place or at any other designated early voting branch location during regular hours.

If you are eligible to vote early by mail, you must submit an application for a ballot to the early voting clerk:

- on or after the 60th day before election day; and,
- before the close of business on the 11th day before election day.

Applications for a ballot by mail are available from the early voting clerk (County Clerk's Office) or the Secretary of State's office 1.800.252.VOTE (8683).

To submit an application by mail you must:

- send your application by regular mail or by common or contract carrier;
- you may submit the application by FAX or via email to the early voting clerk's office.

Exception: If you are voting early because of an expected absence, you may apply in person for a ballot by mail before the first day of early voting by personal appearance (usually the 17th day before the election). Your ballot must be mailed to an address outside the county.

The marked ballot must be returned to the early voting clerk before 7 p.m. on election day, and must be returned by mail or by common carrier. You may find answers to questions about places and hours for early voting by contacting the early voting clerk's office or the administrative offices of the political subdivision conducting the election.

For further information about early voting, contact the Elections Division of the Office of the Secretary of State at 1.800.252.VOTE (8683) or you may find it on our website at www.votetexas.gov.

Early Voting by Mail



1

Pick up application form from the County Clerk's office or go to the Secretary of State's website at www.votetexas.gov.

2



Submit an application by regular mail or common contract carrier (or by fax if fax is available).

3

Receive ballot from early voting clerk by mail.



4

Mark ballot.



5

Return ballot by mail or common contract carrier no later than 7:00 PM on Election Day.



Note: Special rules apply for ballots being returned from outside the United States

HOW IMPORTANT IS A VOTE?

Engage students in conversation about how a vote is incorporated in many ways in their everyday lives. For instance, are there any other examples of how one or a few votes can make a significant difference in their Student Council election, prom queen and king or homecoming queen.

Major Idea

Conduct a voter turnout campaign to encourage voter education/voter turnout. **(Attachment #19)**

Learning Objectives

A successful voter-turnout campaign may help students:

1. increase awareness of voter-registration deadlines
2. explore the link between voting and changes in government/policies
3. examine the foundations of the American political system
4. increase voter turnout on election day

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Minimum of Precinct Participants Required

To be entitled to place their nominees on the general election ballot, third parties must first file a list of precinct convention participants with the Secretary of State. The list must include the residence address and voter registration number of each participant. The number of signatures must equal at least 1% of the total number of votes received by all candidates for president in the most recent presidential election.

The list of precinct convention participants may be supplemented by petitions signed by registered voters who have not voted in a primary election or participated in another party's convention during the voting year. The petition may not be circulated until after the date of the party's precinct conventions.

Once a third party is on the general election ballot, the political party is entitled to have the names of its nominees placed on the ballot, without meeting the petition requirement, in each subsequent general election following a general election in which a party nominee for statewide office received at least 5% of the vote for that office.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CLASSROOM OR EXTRA CREDIT ACTIVITIES:

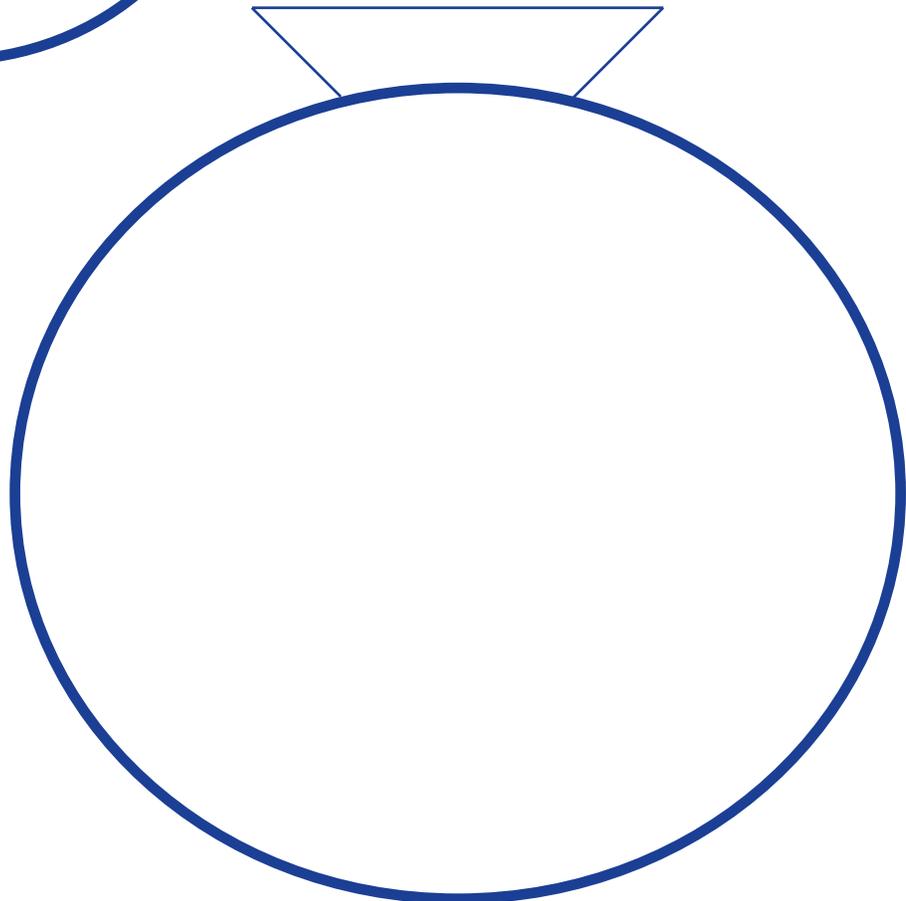
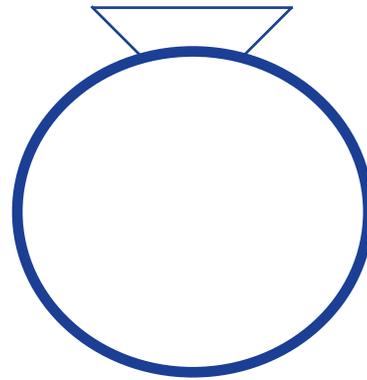
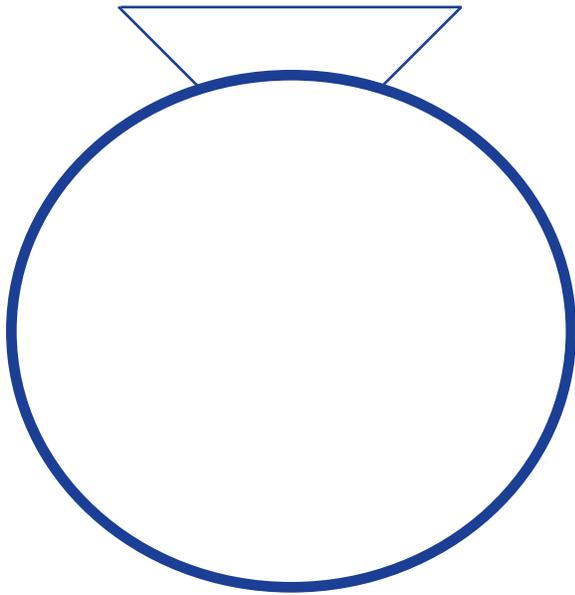
- Visit your local Voter Registrar's office.
- Complete a mock voter registration application.
- Identify and/or visit a polling place, or the location where your parents vote. Write a short report describing what you observed.
- Name five objects that are necessary in a polling place in order to conduct an election.
- Make a poster or other visual display that depicts why people should vote and exhibit it at your school or local library. Example: an event, historical depiction, historical figure connected with why voting makes a difference.
- Design a ballot box or voting booth.
- Design a logo to encourage people to vote.
- Write a short story on why voting is important.
- Interview a candidate running for statewide, county or city office.
- Make up a song, poem or skit about voting and display or perform it in a public place.

SUGGESTIONS FOR CLASSROOM OR EXTRA CREDIT ACTIVITIES: (CONT.)

- Find out the date of the next local election in your area or look up important dates on the Secretary of State's web site at www.votetexas.gov.
- Collect three newspaper clippings that discuss elections or voting.
- Find out the type of voting equipment used in your community. (i.e., paper, electronic.) Visit the Secretary of State's website at www.votetexas.gov.
- Obtain a copy of a sample ballot (hint: look on the web).
- List five elected state officials and the length of term they are elected to serve.
- Identify the members of the Texas Legislature who represent the county where you live.
- Pretend that you are running for office and make a commercial using a video camera or tape recorder that persuades people to vote for you. Play the commercial for your class.
- Read about the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Write a short report discussing how this legislation affects you and your friends.
- Determine where early voting locations have been placed during the last election by interviewing the county clerk or elections administrator for your county.
- Explain to the class how to vote early in Texas. Describe where you would put an early voting location in your county to make voting more accessible.
- Find out what the qualifications are to serve as an election judge or clerk.

CAMPAIGN BUTTON ACTIVITY

Instructions: Using the templates below, create buttons that best suit your campaign needs. When you have completed your buttons, cut them out and attach with a pin.



Instructions: Using the button below, create a campaign slogan that best describes the reasons why voters should elect you to be the next President of the United States of America. When you have completed your button, cut out and attach with a pin.



Resources

Elections Division

P. O. Box 12060
Austin, Texas 78711-2060
512.463.5650
1.800.252(VOTE) 8683
www.sos.state.gov
www.votetexas.gov

Federal Elections Commission

999 E. Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20463
1.800.424.9530
www.fec.gov

Texas Republican Party

www.texasgop.org

Texas Democratic Party

www.txdemocrats.org

Libertarian Party

www.lptexas.org

Green Party

<http://web.txgreens.org>

Voter Registrar/ Tax Assessor Collector

www.sos.texas.gov/elections/voter/current.shtml

County Clerk/ Elections Administrator

www.sos.texas.gov/elections/voter/current.shtml

National Mock Election

<http://nationalmockelection.org>

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

November 8, 2016 - General Election Date	
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (* NEW LAW: First day of calendar year for ABBM and FPCA.)	Friday, January 1, 2016** **First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2016 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	Tuesday, October 11, 2016* *First business day after Columbus Day
First Day of Early Voting	Monday, October 24, 2016
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (received not Postmarked)	Friday, October 28, 2016 (* NEW LAW: 11th day before election day; ABBM and FPCA.)
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, November 4, 2016

¹Local political subdivisions might not have a "first day" to file. However, under new law, most local entities now have a first day to file. Write-in deadlines for general and special elections also vary; the deadline for most local (city, school, other) general elections is now the same day as the filing deadline for application for a place on the ballot in a May election or November of an odd-numbered year; special election write-in rules vary, see long calendars for details.

Generally, the filing deadline is the 71st day prior to Election Day (78th day prior to November General Election in even-numbered years); however, the Election Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code.

