

Q&A with the Elections Division

February 21, 2024



Important Dates

- **Friday, February 23, 2024**

- Last Day for Early Voting Clerk to receive Application for Ballot by Mail.
 - Applications must be received by the close of business or noon, whichever is later
 - If application is submitted by fax or email, the original ABBM has to be received by the 4th business day (Thursday, February 29, 2024) after receiving the ABBM.
- Last Day for Early Voting Clerk to receive an FPCA for a voter that is not registered in the county.

- **Saturday, February 24, 2024**

- Early Voting **MUST** be conducted at least 12 consecutive hours in all Counties.

- **Sunday, February 25, 2024**

- Early Voting **MUST** be conducted at least 6 consecutive hours in all Counties.



Extended Weekday Hours

- **Monday February 26, 2024 – Friday, March 1, 2024**
 - **Extended weekday early voting for ALL counties (regardless of population).** Early voting must be conducted for **at least 12 consecutive hours** on each weekday of the last week of the early voting period at the main early voting polling place. Voting may not be conducted earlier than 6:00 AM or later than 10:00 PM. (Sec. 85.005(c)).



Required Meeting Date for EVBB

- If the EVBB has not yet started their meeting, the EVBB must meet no later than the 9th day before election day. Since the 9th day falls on a Sunday, the deadline rolls forward to the 8th day.
- For the primary election, this is **Monday, February 26, 2024.**



Electioneering

- Each early voting and election day polling place must be organized with 100-foot distance markers posted at surrounding outside entrances to the building. During the voting period and inside this protected area, it is prohibited to electioneer, including expressing preference for or against any candidate, measure, political party, or to the conduct of an election. Tex. Elec. Code §§ 61.003, 85.036.



Electioneering

- Limits on Electioneering for Election Workers
 - Ineligible to be Election Judge or Clerk if the worker is serving as a campaign manager or Campaign Treasurer for a campaign (32.055, 32.0551).
 - Ineligible to be Election Judge or Clerk if the work is employed by an opposed candidate for a public office or a party office. (32.054)
 - Outside of their employment as an election worker, these individuals are allowed to associate with candidates on the ballot or express support for or against a candidate or party.
 - Election Workers cannot express this support or wear items reflecting this support while working as an election official.



Poll Watchers

Sec. 33.005. APPOINTMENT FOR ELECTION ON MEASURE.

(a) In an election on a measure, watchers may be appointed by the campaign treasurer or an assistant campaign treasurer of a specific-purpose political committee that supports or opposes the measure.

(b) This section does not apply to a referendum measure submitted at a primary election.



SOS Availability during Early Voting

- **General Rule**
 - SOS Staff is available for assistance 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday on regular business days.
- **Primary Election Extended Hours**
 - **Saturday, February 24, 2024**
 - SOS Staff available 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
 - **Sunday February 25, 2024**
 - SOS Staff available 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- **Election Day**
 - SOS Staff available beginning at 6:00 AM – ENR Activities



Questions?

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