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ELECTIONS DIVISION

TO: Texas Election Officials and Party Chairs

FROM: Elections Division, Texas Secretary of State

SUBJECT: Advisory No. 2024-01: Instructions and Deadlines for Mailing/Emailing Ballots Under the Federal "MOVE Act" for Overseas Voters and Advisory No. 2024-02: Procedures for Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots (FWABS) from FPCA Voters and Voters in Hostile Fire Pay and Combat Zones

DATE: January 15, 2024

Dear Election Officials and Party Chairs,

As a reminder, the deadline to mail ballots to military or overseas voters who already submitted their ballot requests via a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or via a standard Application for Ballot by Mail (ABBM) is Saturday, January 20, 2024. Please note that although the deadline falls on a Saturday, it does not extend to the next business day. **Therefore, we recommend mailing your ballots by Friday, January 19, 2024.** If the Early Voting Clerk cannot meet this 45th-day deadline, the clerk **must** notify the Secretary of State within 24 hours.

To that end, our office has released the following advisories.

[Advisory No. 2024-01: Instructions and Deadlines for Mailing/Emailing Ballots Under the Federal "MOVE Act" for Overseas Voters](#)

[Advisory No. 2024-02: Procedures for Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots \(FWABS\) from FPCA Voters and Voters in Hostile Fire Pay and Combat Zones](#)

When posted these advisories will be located on your [Conducting Elections](#) pages.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

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