

2023 Ellis County Contracted Joint Election – May 6, 2023

Ballot Information, Website, Canvass Reports, Tabulation Election Results

Notice of Election (Sec. 4.002) The Joint contract states (Sec.I.F.) that the Elections Office will post a “Joint Election Notice” in each newspaper published in the territory of each participating entity. If you are having a special proposition 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. New Law HB2721 (2015) Requires the election notice to be posted to website and bulletin board (Sec. 4.003b), if political subdivision maintains a website (Sec 85.007). See note in Advisory 2022-37.

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. (Elections Dept 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 entity's website.... *See full notation for Bond Notices and the required information for the Order/Notice of Bond Election in the SOS Election Law Calendar.* Elections Dept will place 3 ring binders in each EV and ED polling locations of your provided bond notice materials. Materials needed by week of [March 06, 2023](#). Elections Administrator will sign an affidavit for “Posting of the Bond Election” and we will send 3 original copies to each entity after the election.

Wording for Ballot (Propositions)

- We request Ballot text wording for any Charter Amendment and/or Proposition to be received by [Monday, Feb 27, 2023](#).
- Propositions for local political subdivisions 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) (ie. City of _____ Proposition A or _____ I.S.D. Proposition A etc.)
- ***Text must be in English and Spanish; upper and lower case sentence style; NO all uppercase text accepted; send in Word Doc.***

Candidate Names for a regular election filing deadline (Note: dates are different for a “to fill a vacancy” election pending when the notice to file was posted. See SOS advisory)

- **Candidate filing deadline** for Regular Election – [Friday, Feb 17, 2023 at 5:00p.m.](#) (Filing period begins [Wednesday, January 18, 2023](#)).
- **Write-In Candidate deadline** to file for Regular Election – [Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 5:00p.m.](#) Please email ASAP any Write-In candidates that filed or let us know that no write-in's filed. (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.
- **Last day for a candidate or write-in to withdraw** name from ballot is, [Friday, February 24, 2023 at 5:00p.m.](#)
- **Candidate ballot drawing position** the SOS suggest should be on [Monday, February 27, 2023](#). To have the drawing on Feb. 27th the ballot drawing notice must be posted on or before [Thursday, Feb 23, 2023](#), which is 72 hours before the drawing. (Sec. 52.094(c)) And Sec. 52.094(d) states information on written notice of drawing to each candidate. See SOS Election Law Calendar.

Ballot Proofing

- Once you receive a ballot proof from us, you will only have 24 hours to proof and return an approved signature or any corrections that will need to be made. **We anticipate sending ballot proofs sometime during [March 5th – 6th](#).** Note: Elections office is closed March 2nd.

First Day to Mail Early Voting FPCA Ballots – [Wednesday, March 22, 2023](#).

Public Logic and Accuracy (L&A) & Tabulation Equipment Test - Friday, April 21, 2023 at 9 a.m. at the Elections Office (The elections office will post L&A notice in newspapers)

Early voting website Information

- Early Voting Reports will be delivered to the website each day by 11:00a.m. during Early Voting. These reports will show names of people who have voted by in-person or if a mail ballot has been received back into our office. (Section 87.121 Early Voting Rosters)

Election Reporting and Special Reports

- Unofficial Results will be posted on the Ellis County Election Website on election night at www.co.ellis.tx.us/elections.
- After the election night results are at 100%, no further election results will be posted on the Ellis County Election website till all provisional and late overseas ballots have been counted, hopefully sometime late Friday, May 12, 2023 or Saturday, May 13, 2023.

Canvass Information

[Tuesday, May 09, 2023](#) – First Day to canvass the election if your entity has **NO** Provisional Ballots, **NO** Overseas ballots and **NO** outstanding Ballot by Mail voters that need to correct defects on carrier envelopes. Canvass notice must be posted 72 hours before conducted.

[Friday, May 12, 2023](#) – Last day to receive ballots from certain overseas/late absentee voters (Sec. 101.057; 101.001)

[Friday, May 12, 2023](#) – Last day that a voter can cure their Provisional ballot OR Carrier Envelope at our office (Sec. 65.054(b), 65.0541(a))

[Monday, May 15, 2023](#) - Last day that the Early Ballot Board may convene to qualify/count mail ballots cast (Sec. 87.125(a)) or Provisional ballots cast (Sec. 65.051(a), 1.006). *New Law: SB1703 allows the EV ballot board has until the 9th day after the election to qualify and count any provisional or overseas ballots.* So pending EV BB schedule, all Military 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 for canvassing. We anticipate results reports may not be ready till late [Friday, May 12, 2023](#) and we HIGHLY recommend scheduling canvass between [May 15-17th](#).

[Wednesday, May 17, 2023](#) – Last Day to canvass the election (Sec. 67.003)

Contracts and Deposits

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 - Let us know if your able to fully or partially cancel the election
ASAP or (on or before) March 31, 2023 – Deliver, Email or Mail Signed Contract to Jana Onyon
April 5, 2023 (on or before) – Deposit of 80% for Election Services due; mail to Ellis County Treasurer (address in contract)
After Election – Final Cost due 30 days after receiving final cost report and invoice

Early Voting - Locations, Pollworkers, and Training Classes

January 2023 – Polling Location Request Letters are being sent out
February 17, 2023 - Last day to receive recommendations from entities for Presiding Election Officer and/or clerks at an Early Voting Location

Mid March 2023 – Mail Presiding Election Officer (PEO) and Clerks request to serve letter (writ)

TBD - Early Voting Training Class

April 20, 2023 – Early Voting equipment deliveries starting at 8am until finished

Early Voting Dates and Times:

Monday, April 24, 2023	8:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday, April 25, 2023	8:00am-5:00pm
Wednesday, April 26, 2023	8:00am-5:00pm
Thursday, April 27, 2023	8:00am-5:00pm
Friday, April 28, 2023	8:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, April 29, 2023	8:00am-4:00pm
Monday, May 1, 2023	7:00am-7:00pm
Tuesday, May 2, 2023	7:00am-7:00pm

Note: * Entities must agree to use Ellis County Appointees or make a suggestion that each entity agrees on for Presiding Election Officer, Election Judges and Alternates, Ballot Board or Central Count no later than February 17, 2023.

Early Voting – Applications to vote by mail

Send Ballot by Mail Applications to:

Mail to Early Voting Clerk, 204 E Jefferson Street, Waxahachie, Texas 75165-3752

Or Fax to 972-923-5194 Or Email a scanned copy of signed application to elections@co.ellis.tx.us

(If faxed or emailed, then original application must be mailed and received within 4 days (New Law HB1927 and SB5))

Application for ballot by mail must be received no later than close of business on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

Election Day - Locations, Pollworkers, and Training Classes

January 2023 – Polling Location Request Letters are being sent out

February 17, 2023 - Last day to receive recommendations from entities for judges and/or clerks at an Election Day Location

Mid March 2023 – Mail Election Judge / Alternative Judge / Clerk request to serve letters (writ).

TBD – Election Day Training Classes

Thursday, May 4, 2023 – Election Day deliveries to each location

Thursday, May 4, 2023 – Election Judge Supply Handout at the Elections Office

Saturday, May 6, 2023 – Election Day, polls open from 7am – 7pm

Note: * Entities must agree to use Ellis County Appointees or make a suggestion that each entity agrees on for Presiding Election Officer, Election Judges and Alternates, Ballot Board or Central Count no later than February 17, 2023.

Voter Registration

Thursday, April 6, 2023 – Last day to register to vote

*Note: Deadline dates are based on SOS Advisory No. 2022-37 Election Law Calendar. If you are having a special election, please confirm with your entities legal counsel about your entities charter or home rule requirements. **Any Elections to be ordered after the 70th day but before the 46th day, could have other filing deadlines and we might not be able to handle your election.** Please refer to SOS Advisory and let the Elections Dept. know of any special deadlines not stated above.*

Bond Elections – You will need to refer to the SOS Election Law Calendar and your attorneys for more information about Bond Elections.

2023 Contracted Runoff Joint Election – June 10, 2023 (If required)

NOTE NEW LAW for Ballot Order: The order of the names on the runoff ballot should be in the same relative order as they appeared on the general election ballot, so no ballot drawing is required for the runoff ballot. (H.B. 88, 86th Legislature, 2019)

Thursday, May 11, 2023 – Last day to register to vote

Polling Locations and Combinations - on or before Friday, May 12, 2023

- If location changes are needed, please email list of requested Vote Centers to Jana Onyon.

Ballot Proofing - Anticipated ballot proofing will be on May 11-12, 2023.

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

Tuesday, May 30, 2023 – Early voting starts

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 – Early Voting ends

Monday, May 29, 2023	Holiday
Tuesday, May 30, 2023	8:00am-5:00pm
Wednesday, May 31, 2023	8:00am-5:00pm
Thursday, June 1, 2023	8:00am-5:00pm
Friday, June 2, 2023	8:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, June 3, 2023	8:00am-4:00pm
Monday, June 5, 2023	7:00am-7:00pm
Tuesday, June 6, 2023	7:00am-7:00pm

Early Voting Website Information

- Early Voting Reports will be on the website each day by 11:00am during Early Voting. These reports will show names of people who have voted by in-person or if we have received a mail ballot back from a person.

Public Logic and Accuracy (L&A) & Tabulation Equipment Test - Friday, May 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Elections Office (The elections office will post L&A notice in newspaper)

Election Reporting and Special Reports

- Unofficial Results will be posted on Ellis County Election Website on election night at www.co.ellis.tx.us/elections.
- After the election night results are at 100%, no further election results will be posted on the Ellis County Election website till 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

Tuesday, June 14, 2023 – First Day to canvass the election if your entity has NO Provisional Ballots, NO Overseas ballots and NO outstanding Ballot by Mail voters that need to correct defects on carrier envelopes. Canvass notice must be posted 72 hours before conducted.

Friday, June 16, 2023 – Last day to receive ballots from certain Absentee Voters

Friday, June 16, 2023 – Last day that a voter can cure their Provisional ballot OR Carrier Envelope at our office (Secs. 65.054(b), 65.0541(a))

Monday, June 19, 2023 - Last day that the Early Ballot Board may convene to qualify/count ballots cast (Sec. 87.125) or Provisional ballots cast. *New Law: SB1703 allows the EV ballot board has until the 9th day after the election to qualify and count any provisional or overseas ballots. 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 for canvassing. (Sec.65.051(a), 1.006) We anticipate results reports may not be ready till late Friday, June 16, 2023 and we HIGHLY recommend scheduling canvass between June 19-21th.*

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 – Last Day to canvass the election

Holidays during this 2023 May Election season:

Monday, January 16 – Election Office Closed for Martin Luther King Day

Monday, February 20 - Election Office Closed for President's Day

Thursday, March 2 - Election Office Closed for Texas Independence Day

March 13th – 17th – Spring Breaks for ISD. Our office will be open. However, let us know if your ISD has a different week.

Friday, April 7 - Election Office will be open from 7am-10am on Good Friday

Monday, May 29 – Election Office Closed for Memorial Day