

# JANUARY 21, 2020 - SPECIAL ELECTION

<i>Authority Conducting Elections</i>	<i>Local Political Subdivisions</i>
<b>Deadline to Post Notice of Candidate Filing Deadline</b>  <i>(Local Political Subdivisions Only)</i>	<b>November 22, 2019</b> Friday  <i>For local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates</i>
<b>First Day to Apply for a Ballot by Mail</b>	<b>January 1, 2019*</b> Tuesday <i>*First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2020 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election</i>
<b>First Day to File for Candidates For a Place on the General Election Ballot</b>  <i>(Local Political Subdivisions Only)</i>	<b>November 22, 2019</b> Friday
<b>Last Day to File for Candidates For a Place on Special Election Ballot</b>	<b>December 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.</b> Thursday
<b>Last Day to Register to Vote</b>	<b>December 23, 2019</b> Friday
<b>First Day of Early Voting</b>	<b>January 6, 2020</b> Monday
<b>Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail</b> <i>(Received, not Postmarked)</i>	<b>January 10, 2020</b> Friday
<b>Last Day of Early Voting</b>	<b>January 17, 2020</b> Friday
<b>Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail</b>	<b>January 21, 2020 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m.</b> Tuesday  <i>(Unless a late-arriving deadline applies)</i>

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

For the few entities who do not have a first day to file: For the May 4, 2019 election, Wednesday, January 16, 2019 is the deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline for local political subdivisions that do not have a first day to file for their candidates. For the November 5, 2019 election, Monday, July 22, 2019 is the deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline for local political subdivisions that do not have a first day to file for their candidates. (The 30th day before last day on which candidate may file falls on a Saturday, deadline moves to next business day.)

Local political subdivisions include: cities, school districts, water districts, hospital districts, and any other local government entity that conducts elections. Many of these elections are conducted on the May uniform election date. Note: Counties may also be holding local proposition (measure) elections on May 4, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> Filing deadlines: generally, the filing deadline is the 78th day prior to Election Day. The Texas Election Code (the “Code”) may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Code. Write-in deadlines: 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 election. NEW LAW: A declaration of write-in candidacy for special elections must be filed no later than the filing deadline for all candidates. House Bill 2323 (2017). Effective Date: September 1, 2017.

<sup>3</sup>If no candidate for a **four-year term** has filed an application for a place on the ballot for a **city office**, the filing deadline for that office is extended to 5 p.m. of the 57th day before the election. For the May 4, 2019 election, this is Friday, March 8, 2019. For the November 5, 2019 election, this is Monday, September 9, 2019. See Section 143.008 of the Code.

<sup>4</sup>The county elections officer may be the county clerk, the county tax assessor-collector (if commissioners court transfers election duties to him/her), or the county elections administrator (if commissioners court creates the position).