

# Texas Election Law 101

November 5th, 2024 General Election



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# Who We Are

## TCRP: Texas Lawyers for Texas Communities

- Founded in 1990
- Non-partisan 501(c)(3)
- Beyond Borders, Criminal Injustice, and Voting Rights
- We've advocate for Texas voters at every step of the voting process



# Texas Election Protection Coalition

## WHO WE ARE:

- Texas Election Protection is a group of organizations, activists, and volunteers that make up the largest non-partisan voter protection effort in Texas
- Our organizations work with activists and communities across Texas to uphold the freedom to vote for all eligible Texas voters

## WHAT WE DO:

- We recruit and train legal and field volunteers to assist Texas voters
- We lead the Texas portion of the 866-OUR-VOTE hotline
- We provide educational materials and training to activists and community organizations
- We issue reports on the various issues facing Texas voters
- We advocate for pro-democracy legislation and policies at the state, county, and local levels.



# Election Protection Hotlines

**ENGLISH**..... **866-OUR-VOTE**

**SPANISH**..... **888-VE-Y-VOTA**

**ASIAN LANG.**..... **888-API-VOTE**

Mandarin, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Korean, Tagalog, Urdu, Hindi, Bengali

**ARABIC**..... **844-YALLA-US**

**ASL (VIDEO)**..... **301-818-VOTE**

**DISABILITY**..... **888-796-VOTE**

**RIGHTS TEXAS**



# Texas Election Law 101

## A primer on Texas Election Law

- Voter ID
- Mail-in Ballots and Ballot Curing
- Voter Registration and Where to Vote
- Language or Disability Assistance at the Poll
- Electioneering
- Poll Watchers



# 2024 General Election Important Dates

**October 7, 2024 (Monday):** Last Day to Register to Vote for the General Election

**October 21, 2024 (Monday):** Early Voting Begins

**October 25, 2024 (Friday):** Last Day for voters to Correct Defective Mail-in Ballot Applications and for County to receive Mail-In Ballot Applications by close of regular business

**November 1, 2024 (Friday):** Last Day of Early Voting

**November 5, 2024 (Tuesday):** Election Day

**November 5, 2024 (Tuesday by 7:00 pm):** Last Day for County to Receive Mail-In Ballot if carrier envelope not postmarked

**November 6, 2024 (Wednesday by 5:00 pm):** Last Day for County to Receive Mail-In Ballot if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply)

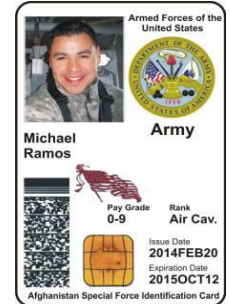
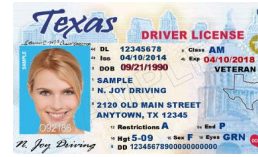
**November 11, 2024 (Monday):** Last Day for In-Person Ballot Curing and Providing ID for Provisional Ballots



# Voter ID

## Forms of Accepted Voter ID:

- IDs issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
  - Texas Driver License
  - Texas Election ID Certificate
  - Texas Personal ID Card
  - Texas Handgun License
- IDs issued by a US Federal Agency
  - US Military ID Card (with photo)
  - US Citizenship Certificate (with photo)
  - US Passport (book or card)



**IF THE VOTER HAS ONE OF THESE,  
THEY MUST USE IT**









# Reasonable Impediment Declaration

## For voters without an approved voter ID:

- Actually have one of the reasonable impediments listed on the following slide, and
- Sign a form available at the polling place, and bring any government document that includes their name and address:
  - Out-of-state driver's license
  - Texas voter registration certificate
  - Current utility bill
  - Bank statement
  - Government check
  - Paycheck
  - Certified U.S. birth certificate
  - Document that establishes a voter's identity (can include foreign birth certificates)

PRECINCT	PRECINCT NUMBER	PRECINCT NAME	PRECINCT TYPE	PRECINCT STATUS
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4	7	Y7	6	

VOTER: SUSIE  
120 MAIN ST  
EL PASO TX 79936  
X Susie Voter

SUSIE VOTER  
120 MAIN ST  
EL PASO TX 79936

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY IN THE

County Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Parents' Names and Birthdates	Marital Status	Education	Occupation	Signature and Address

SAMPLE CERTIFICATE

CITY OF AUSTIN

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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Statement

Category	Amount

Total Due: \$58.97

Coupon

Item	Amount

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
VITAL RECORDS CERTIFICATE  
CERTIFICATION OF BIRTH

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ SEX: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FATHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

VOID



# What Counts as a “Reasonable Impediment”?

## Only Seven Allowed Reasonable Impediments (but they are broad)

- Work schedule
- Disability or illness
- Lack of transportation
- Family responsibilities
- Lost or stolen photo ID
- Photo ID applied for but not received
- Lack of birth certificate or other documents needed to obtain acceptable photo ID

**POLL WORKERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO QUESTION THE REASON A VOTER GIVES**



# Other Things About Voter ID

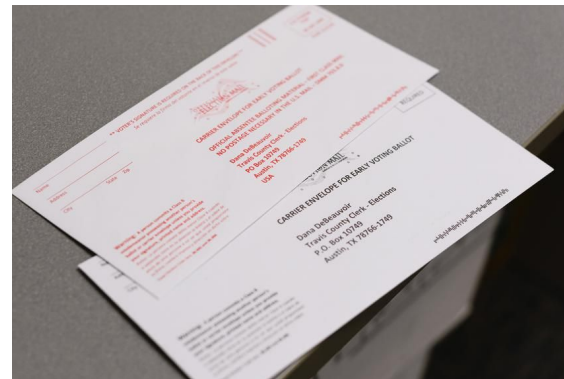
- **NO address matching required**
  - **Showing a photo ID is to establish a voter's *identity*, not their place of residence!**
- **NO exact name match required**
  - “substantially similar,” including maiden names, common nicknames, typos, and punctuation
- **NO “REAL ID” gold star required on ID**



# Who Can Vote by Mail?

**You must meet at least one of these conditions to vote by mail in Texas:**

- 65 years of age or older on Election Day;
- Expecting to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day;
- Sick or have a disability that prevents the voter from safely entering a polling place;
- Absent from their county of registration during both the Early Voting period **AND** on Election Day;
- Civilly committed under the TX Health and Safety Code; or
- Confined in jail, but still otherwise eligible to vote



# Ballot By Mail Tracker

Texas voters can now cure, or correct, certain problems with their Mail-In Ballot Applications and track the status of their submitted Mail-In Ballot Applications and Ballots via the following website run by the Sec. of State's office:

<https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/BallotTrackerApp/#/login>

In addition, some more populous counties may offer their own version of this tracker through their county election websites.

TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE

BALLOT BY MAIL TRACKER  
TEXAS ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM

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Ballot by Mail Tracker

To track the status of your ballot by mail application or ballot, please enter your voter information below. Fields marked with an \* are statutorily required.

Voter Information

First Name\* Last Name\*

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)\* Last 4 digits of SSN\*

Driver's License # / DPS PIN\*

Reset Submit



# Curing Mail-In Ballot Applications

**What is Mail-In Ballot Application Curing?:** the process by which voters can fix problems with their mail-in ballot applications.

**Will Voters Be Notified of any Problems with their Mail-In Ballot Application?:** if there is a problem with a mail-in ballot application, the voter MAY receive a notice by mail, phone, or email from their county's Early Voting Clerk that provides them with both the reason their mail-in ballot application was rejected and the steps needed to correct the problem.

**All notifications regarding missing or mismatched ID numbers must include information about the Ballot By Mail Tracker cure option regardless of how the notification is sent to the voter.**

**Voters can contact their county's elections office to find out the process for curing their mail-in ballot application.**



# Curing Mail-In Ballot Applications: What Can Be Cured?

**What Kinds of Problems Can Be Cured?:** the most common types of problems voters may face with their mail-in ballot applications

- **Voter is missing a required ID number, or the ID number they provided does not match their voter registration record**
- Voter did not indicate reason they are eligible to vote by mail on their application
- Voter did not provide a residence address on their application
- Voter fails to include a disability affirmation

**Once a defective Mail-In Ballot Application is corrected, the Early Voting Clerk must send a ballot to the voter.**





# Curing Mail-In Ballot Applications: Methods

**How Does A Voter Cure their Mail-In Ballot Application?:** there are four options

- **Ballot By Mail Tracker (only for applications with a single defect):**
  - <https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/BallotTrackerApp/#/login>
- **Correct their original Mail-In Ballot Application either by mail or in-person:**
  - Early Voting Clerk must receive all corrected applications **no later than 11 days before Election Day**
- **Submit a new Mail-In Ballot Application by mail or in-person:**
  - Early Voting Clerk must receive all new applications **no later than 11 days before Election Day**
- **Canceling their mail-in ballot application and then Voting in-person**

**ALL MAIL-IN BALLOT APPLICATION CORRECTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 11 DAYS BEFORE ELECTION DAY.**



# Cancelling Mail-In Ballot Applications

**If a voter needs to cancel their Mail-in Ballot Application, they have the following options:**

- **By Mail:** Make a written request for cancellation of a mail-in ballot, and return all mail-in ballot application materials (including their ballot) by mail to their county's Early Voting Clerk's office and make sure it is received no later than 3 days before Election Day.
- **In-Person:** a voter can request the cancellation of a mail-in ballot in-person up to Election Day
  - Before Early Voting Begins: at the Early Voting Clerk's office
  - During Voting: at a polling location after speaking with the Presiding Election Judge

**The voter needs to return all of their Mail-in Ballot Materials (including their ballot) when they are cancelling their Mail-In Ballot application or they will have to cast a provisional ballot.**

**After a mail-in ballot application is canceled, the voter may vote in person during Early Voting or on Election Day**



# Ballot Curing

**What Kinds of Problems Can Voters Fix?**- the most common types of problems voters will likely face with their mail-in ballots:

- **The voter forgot to include their ID number, or the ID number they provided doesn't match the ID number the county has on file**
- The voter forgets to sign their ballot carrier envelope, or the signature on their ballot carrier envelope does not match the signature on their mail-in ballot application
- The voter forgot to include their residence address, or the address they included does not match what the county has on file
- The ballot carrier envelope did not include required information about a witness or assistant



# What Does the Carrier Envelope Look Like?

**REQUIRED INFORMATION: YOU MUST PROVIDE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS AND IT MUST BE ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION RECORD**

<p>Texas Driver's License or Texas Personal Identification Card or Election Identification Certificate Number issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (NOT your Voter Registration VUID #) (Número de licencia de conducir de Texas o Número de Identificación Personal o Certificado de Identificación Electoral expedida por el Departamento de Seguridad Pública de Texas) (NO ES el número de su Registro Electoral VUID#)</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>If you do not have a Texas Driver's License or Personal Identification Card or a Texas Election Identification Certificate Number, give the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number (Si no tiene licencia de conducir de Texas o Número de Identificación Personal o Certificado de Identificación Electoral expedida por el Departamento de Seguridad Pública de Texas, proporcione los 4 últimos dígitos de número de Seguro Social)</p> <p>XXX-XX-_____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> I have not been issued a Texas Driver's License or Texas Personal Identification Card or Texas Election Identification Certificate or a Social Security Number (No me han expedido una licencia de conducir de Texas o Número de Identificación Personal o Certificado de Identificación Electoral expedida por el Departamento de Seguridad Pública de Texas ni un número de Seguro Social)</p>
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OPTIONAL CONTACT INFORMATION: Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**SEAL ENVELOPE AND SIGN OVER SEALED FLAP (SELLE EL SOBRE Y FIRME ENCIMA DE SOLAPA DEL SOBRE)** 

**Oath of Person Assisting Voter:** I swear (or affirm) under penalty of perjury that the voter I am assisting represented to me they are eligible to receive assistance; I will not suggest, by word, sign, or gesture, how the voter should vote; I will confine my assistance to reading the ballot to the voter, directing the voter to read the ballot, marking the voter's ballot, or directing the voter to mark the ballot; I will prepare the voter's ballot as the voter directs; I did not pressure or coerce the voter into choosing me to provide assistance; I am not the voter's employer, an agent of the voter's employer, or an officer or agent of a labor union to which the voter belongs; I will not communicate information about how the voter has voted to another person; and I understand that if assistance is provided to a voter who is not eligible for assistance, the voter's ballot may not be counted." **Juramento de la Persona Asistiendo al Votante:** "Yo juro (o afirmo) bajo pena de perjurio que el votante al que estoy asistiendo me representó que es elegible para recibir asistencia; no sugeriré, con palabra, señal, o gesto, como debe votar el votante; limitaré mi asistencia a leer la boleta al votante, dirigiendo al votante a que lea la boleta, marcando la boleta del votante o dirigiendo al votante a que marque la boleta; prepararé la boleta del votante según lo indique el votante; no presionaré ni coaccionaré al votante para que me eligiera como asistente; no soy el empleador del votante, un agente del empleador del votante, o un oficial o agente de un sindicato al cual el votante pertenece; no comunicaré información sobre cómo el votante ha votado a otra persona; y entiendo que si se proporciona asistencia a un votante que no es elegible para recibir asistencia, la boleta del votante podría no ser contada."

**If you are an assistant, provide information below:** (Si usted es un asistente o testigo, marque la casilla correcta y proporcione su información):

**Did you receive compensation or other benefit from a candidate, campaign or political committee in exchange for providing assistance?** (Circle one: Yes No)  
**¿Recibió compensación u otro beneficio de un candidato, campaña o comité político a cambio de brindar asistencia?**  
 Marque con un Círculo: Sí No

Printed Name (Nombre en letra de molde) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature (Firma) \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Voter (relación al votante) \_\_\_\_\_ Street Address (Domicilio residencial) \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OR MARK OF VOTER (FIRMA O MARCA DEL VOTANTE)**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Completed by Early Voting Clerk:**

**Name of Election (Nombre de Elección):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Voter (Nombre del votante):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Election (Fecha de Elección):** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**Instructions to Witness:** You are serving as a witness for \_\_\_\_\_ (name of voter). You must complete the section below if you witness the mark of the voter, or if the voter cannot make a mark. If the voter cannot make a mark, check here .

**(Instrucciones al Testigo:** Usted está fungiendo como testigo para \_\_\_\_\_ (nombre del votante). Usted debe llenar la siguiente sección abajo si usted fue testigo de que el votante firmo, o de que el votante no puede firmar. Si el votante no puede firmar, marque sus iniciales aquí .

Signature (Firma) \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name (Nombre en letra de molde) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address (Domicilio residencial) \_\_\_\_\_ **Print** **Reset**



# Ballot Curing Timeline

No later than the second day after a Signature Verification Committee or an Early Voting Ballot Board discovers a ballot with a defect mentioned on the previous slide, they must send that voter a notice that:

- 1) provides an explanation of each defect, AND
- 2) informs the voter that they have the following options:
  - a) cancelling their mail-in ballot application and voting in-person, OR
  - b) correcting their ballot's defect:
    - i) **By Mail:** submitting a “corrective action form” by mail, which must be postmarked by **7pm on Election Day and received by the county's early voting clerk no later than 5pm the next business day after Election Day**; OR
    - ii) **In-Person:** coming to the early voting clerk's office in-person **no later than the sixth day after Election Day**.

**Voters can also contact their county's election office to find out the process for curing their ballot.**



# Checking Voter Registrations

- Registration and Polling Place Lookup:  
<https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do>

**THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE  
IN TEXAS IS 30 DAYS BEFORE  
ELECTION DAY**

The screenshot shows the Texas Secretary of State's website. At the top, it says 'TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE' and 'AM I REGISTERED? TEXAS ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM'. There are navigation links for 'Elections' and 'News Room', and language options for 'English' and 'En Español'. A banner on the left says 'YOU COUNT' with an icon of a hand putting a ballot in a box. The main content area has a section titled 'Use the Log In to check your:' with a list of links: 'Voter registration status', 'Poll location', 'Early voting locations', 'Registration information', and 'Key Election Dates'. Below this is a link for 'Not Registered to Vote?' and a 'Register' button. On the right, there is a 'Login:' section with a 'Selection Criteria' dropdown menu and 'Submit' and 'Clear' buttons.

# Voter Registration & Moving

## Early voter reg deadlines cause problems when a voter moves

- Up to October 7, 2024: the voter should register in their new county
- **After October 7, 2024:**
  - **People who moved within the same county and didn't re-register at their new address should vote in their former precinct (in non-countywide polling counties) or any countywide polling location (in countywide polling counties).**
  - **People who moved to a new county and didn't re-register can vote a limited ballot during early voting at their new county's main early voting site (but can't vote otherwise)**





# What is a Provisional Ballot?

A voter may have to vote provisionally if:

- They didn't present either an "acceptable Photo ID" or a "supporting ID" with a Reasonable Impediment Declaration,
- They are not on the list of registered voters, OR
- They applied for a mail-in ballot and did not bring it with them to cancel at the polling place.

**The County must verify the voter's eligibility before the provisional ballot can be counted.**

Insert ballot materials, peel backing and tightly seal

STUB TO BE DETACHED BY VOTER REGISTRAR


HW-15-51, 013  
Prescribed by Secretary of State  
Sec. 63.011, Election Code

Type of Election (Tipo de Elección)	Date of Election (Fecha de la Elección)
Authority Conducting Election (Autoridad Administradora de Elección)	Precinct No. where voted (Número de Precincto donde se votó)
Precinct No. where registered (Número de Precincto donde se registró)	Ballot Code from the Voter Provisional Stub (Código de la boleta del Tapa de Voto Provisional)

**TO BE COMPLETED BY VOTER: PRINT OR INK YOUR OWN HANDS**

I am a registered voter of this political subdivision and in the precinct in which I'm attempting to vote and have not already voted in this election (before in person or by mail). I am a resident of this political subdivision, have not been finally convicted of a felony or if a felon, I have completed all of my punishment including any terms of incarceration, parole, supervision, period of probation, or I have been pardoned. I have not been determined by a final judgment of a court exercising probable jurisdiction to be totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote. I understand that giving false information under oath is a misdemeanor, and I understand that it is a felony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree to vote in an election for which I know I am not eligible.

Estoy inscrito entre votantes en una subdivisión política y en el precinto en el cual estoy intentando votar y en el que he votado en este elección (en persona o por correo). Soy residente de esta subdivisión política, no he sido definitivamente condenado de algún delito mayor o si soy un delincuente he cumplido toda mi condena inclusive el período de encarcelamiento, libertad condicional, libertad supervisada o la otra limitación. No me ha determinado por un juicio final de un tribunal ejerciendo jurisdicción de un testamento ser totalmente incapacitado mentalmente o parcialmente incapacitado sin el derecho de votar. Entiendo que dar información falsa bajo juramento es un delito menor y también entiendo que es un delito mayor de segundo grado votar en una elección sabiendo que no cumplo con las reglas necesarias.



**Notice**  
**To Be Removed by Voter Registrar Only**

**Affidavit of Provisional Voter (Declaración Jurada de Votante Provisional)**

Last Name (Apellido) \_\_\_\_\_ First Name (Primer nombre) \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name (if any) (Segundo nombre) (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Former Name (previous names) \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address: Street Address and Apartment Number, City, State, and Zip. If none, describe where you live (do not include PO Box, Rural Rt. Or Business Address) (provide only a summary of apartment, Condo, Estate, and College Precinct)  
 A lista de esta dirección, describe donde vive) (do include el número de apartamento, una ruta, o dirección comercial)

Mailing Address: City, State, and Zip. If mail cannot be delivered to your residence address.  
 (Dirección postal, Ciudad, Estado y Código Postal) (si es imposible entregar correspondencia a domicilio)

Date of Birth: Month/Day/Year (Fecha de nacimiento) (Mes/Día/Año) Gender: (Optional) (sex) (Opción)  Male (Masculino)  Female (Femenino)

TX Citizen's License No. or Personal ID. No. (Issued by TX Social Security No. (Just a digit required if you do not have Dept of Public Safety) (Número de su licencia de conducir o de un driver's license or ID. (Número) Número de Seguro social (si su Código de identidad expedido por el Departamento de Seguridad Pública de Texas) (no tiene licencia de conducir o identificación personal o requiere los 4 dígitos finales de su número de seguro social)

XXXX-XX-XXXX-XX

I have not been listed on TX Citizen's Ineligibility/Identification Number or Social Security Number.  
 No he sido listado en el número de identificación personal o el número de Seguro Social.

Check appropriate box: ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?  
 Marque el cuadro apropiado: Es usted ciudadano de los Estados Unidos

YES  NO   
 Sí No

Signature of Voter (Firma del votante) \_\_\_\_\_



# What Happens if I Cast a Provisional Ballot?

If a voter casts a provisional ballot because of an ID issue, they must visit their county elections office no later than 6 calendar days after Election Day, or their provisional ballot will not be counted.

They will need to bring an acceptable photo ID with them, or bring a supporting ID and then fill out a Reasonable Impediment Declaration.

If the county can validate the voter's information, then their provisional ballot will be counted.

Insert ballot materials, peel backing and tightly seal

AWP-10-01, 013  
Prescribed by Secretary of State  
Sec. 63.011, Election Code


Type of Election (Tipo de Elección)	Date of Election (Fecha de la Elección)
Activity Controlling Election (Actividad Administrativa de Elección)	Provisional No. where voted (Número de Provisional donde votó)
Provisional No. where registered (Número de Provisional donde se registró)	Ballot Code from the Voter Provisional Slip (Código de la boleta del Talleo de Voto Provisional)

**TO BE COMPLETED BY VOTER: PLEASE READ IN SPANISH TO THE LEFT**

I am a registered voter of this political subdivision and in the precinct in which I'm attempting to vote and have not already voted in this election (either in person or by mail). I am a resident of this political subdivision, have not been finally convicted of a felony or if a felon, I have completed all of my punishment including any terms of incarceration, parole, supervision, period of probation, or I have been pardoned. 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. I understand that giving false information under oath is a misdemeanor, and I understand that it is a felony of the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree to vote in an election for which I know I am not eligible.

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Last Name (Apellido)	First Name (Primer nombre)	Middle Name (if any) (Apellido Medio (si tiene))	Former Name (Previous name) (Nombre anterior)
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Residence Address: Street Address and Apartment Number, City, State, and Zip. If none, describe where you live (do not include PO Box, Rural Rt. Or Business Address) (Indicar calle y número de apartamento, Ciudad, Estado, y Código Postal. A falta de esta data, describe dónde vive) (No incluye el apartado de correo, una ruta o dirección comercial)

Mailing Address: City, State, and Zip. If mail cannot be delivered to your residence address. (Dirección postal, Ciudad, Estado y Código Postal) (si es imposible entregar correspondencia a domicilio)

Date of Birth: Month/Day/Year (Fecha de nacimiento) (Mes/Día/Año) Gender: (Optional) (Sexo) (Opcional)  Male (Masculino)  Female (Femenino)

TX Driver's License No. or Personal ID. No. (Issued by TX) Social Security No. (Just 4 digits required if you do not have Dept. of Public Safety) (Número de su licencia de conducir o el número de su licencia de identificación personal si no tiene el número de su licencia de conducir) (Número de su licencia de conducir o número de identificación personal si no tiene el número de su licencia de conducir)

XXXX-XX-XXXX

I have not been listed on TX driver's license/identification number or Social Security Number.  
Yo no estoy en la lista de conductores, Ciudad de identificación personal de Texas ni en la lista de Seguro Social.

Check appropriate box: ARE YOU A UNITED STATES CITIZEN?  
(Marque el cuadro apropiado: ¿Es usted ciudadano de los Estados Unidos?)  
YES  NO   
SI  NO

Signature of Voter (Firma del votante)

STUB TO BE DETACHED BY VOTER REGISTRAR



# Formerly Incarcerated & College Voters

## Texans with Felony Convictions

- They must be “off-paper” before their voting rights are restored
- They will have to re-register to vote

## College Students

- Can register and vote, where they go to school **OR** their permanent address
- Can use an on-campus PO Box as their registration address



# Where Do I Vote?

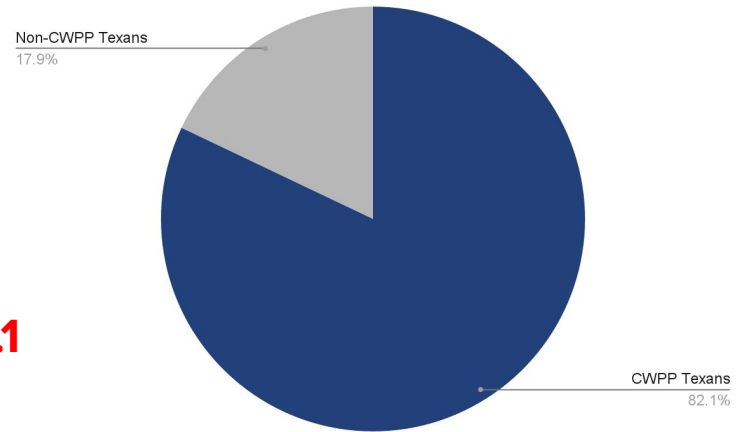
- Registration and Polling Place Lookup:  
<https://teamrv-mvp.sos.texas.gov/MVP/mvp.do>
- **During Early Voting: all Texas voters can vote at any polling location in their county**
- **On Election Day:**
  - **If their county has Countywide Polling, the voter can vote at any polling location in their county.**
  - **If their county doesn't have Countywide Polling, the voter must go to their assigned polling place.**

The screenshot shows the Texas Secretary of State's website for voter registration. The header includes the text 'TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE' and 'AM I REGISTERED? TEXAS ELECTION ADMINISTRATION SYSTEM'. A navigation bar contains 'Elections' and 'News Room' links, along with language options for 'English' and 'En Español'. The main content area features a 'YOU COUNT' graphic with a ballot box and a map of Texas, and a list of items to check: Voter registration status, Poll location, Early voting locations, Registration information, and Key Election Dates. Below this is a 'Not Registered to Vote? Register' link. On the right, there is a 'Login:' section with a 'Selection Criteria' dropdown menu and 'Submit' and 'Clear' buttons.

# Who has Countywide Polling?

## At this point: most Texans!

- Total counties participating in CWPP: **96**
- Population of CWPP counties: **approx 24.4 million**
- Population of non-CWPP counties: **approx 6.1 million**
- Check which counties at:  
[tinyurl.com/CheckCWPP](https://tinyurl.com/CheckCWPP)



# Language or Disability Assistance at the Poll

- **In the polling place:**
  - **The voter may receive assistance from a person of their choice: for example a friend, family member, or poll worker**
  - The voter may NOT receive assistance from their boss or a representative of their union
  - The assistant may go into the voting booth with the voter
- **Access for voters with disabilities:**
  - Accessible voting machines must be available for private voting
  - Curbside voting **MUST** be available with appropriate signage
  - **Poll workers CANNOT question a voter's claim of disability**



Photo credit: Disability Rights TX

# Electioneering

## What is electioneering?

- Trying to persuade someone to vote for or against a party, candidate or proposition
  - Speaking with voters
  - Placing political signs
  - Handing out flyers or leaflets
- Allowed 100 feet or more from polling place
- **NOT allowed within 100 feet of entrance**
- Political apparel of a party, candidate, or proposition on the ballot **IS NOT** allowed inside polling place





# Poll Monitors, Poll Workers, and Poll Watchers

**Poll Monitors:** Non-partisan volunteers who stand past the 100 foot markers at polling places and offer assistance to voters with basic questions and look out for, and report, issues that are visible outside of polling locations (e.g.- long lines and late openings or early closings).

**Poll Workers (aka Election Officers or Election Workers):** The individuals who actually administer the election inside of polling locations. This category consists of Election Judges and Election Clerks.

**Poll Watchers:** People who are affiliated with a political party, candidate, or proposition on the ballot who have a legal right to observe election activities inside of polling locations.



# Poll Watchers

## All Poll Watchers **MUST:**

- Present a certificate of appointment and sign it in front of the Presiding Election Judge
- Complete a Sec. of State administered training and present a certificate of completion to the Presiding Election Judge
- Take an oath administered by an Election Officer
- **Wear a name tag that clearly indicates that they are a poll watcher**



Photo credit: Texas Tribune

# What Can Poll Watchers Actually Do?

## Poll watchers are now entitled to:

- Be “near enough to see and hear” election activity
- “Free movement where election activity is occurring”
- Be present at the voting station when a voter is being assisted by a poll worker
- Receive a written English translation of any non-English language communication between a poll worker and a voter

## Poll watchers are **NOT** allowed to:

- Talk to voters in the polling place
- Take photos or video in the polling place
- Be present at the voting station when an unassisted voter is preparing their ballot
- Be present at the voting station when a voter is being assisted by anyone other than a poll worker

**Poll watchers have a very problematic history in Texas, especially with BIPOC communities.**



# Removing Disruptive Poll Watchers

- **Election Law Violations:** An election judge or clerk can remove a poll watcher **only if** the judge or clerk personally observed the violation.
- **Other Violations:** The judge or clerk has to **call the police** to remove a watcher who “commits a breach of the peace or a violation of law.” The judge or clerk does not have to personally observe this kind of conduct.

**Because it is very difficult for a poll watcher to be removed from a polling place, escalate any reports of disruptive conduct by poll watchers.**



# Issues to Let Us Know About Immediately

- Poll Watcher misconduct
- Blocking polling place entrances
- Polls opening late or closing early
- Polling place closures and long lines
- Language and/or Disability Access issues
- Lack of signage regarding curbside voting
- Spreading misleading info to voters at the polls
- Claiming a voter, or group of voters, is ineligible
- High number of provisional ballots at a single polling location
- Issues regarding Mail-In Ballot Application Curing or Ballot Curing
- Discouraging, intimidating, or threatening voters or potential voters



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