

Helpful things to know about voting.

Any registered voter, or any aspiring voter now completing a voter registration application, may submit a voter registration application on behalf of an eligible spouse, parent or child.

The polls close at 7:00 pm on Election Day, but voters who are in line at 7:00 pm must be allowed to vote.

Voters may be assisted by any person of their choice as they cast their ballots. A voter may not be assisted by his employer or his union representative, or by their agents.

Voters with mobility deficits or other special needs will be accommodated at all polling places. All polling places will have ramp access and at least one special voting machine that offers audio voting, puff-and-sip voting and a lower stance for those who use a wheelchair or prefer to sit. Curbside voting is available for those who must remain in their vehicles. The curbside voter should send a companion into the polling place with the voter's identification and an eSlate machine will be brought directly to the vehicle.

Voters may take as much time as they wish at the eSlate machine. The ballot will not time out or expire.

Voters may occasionally encounter problems at the polls. These voters may always cast a provisional ballot. The provisional ballot will be reviewed and the voter will receive a letter explaining the official determination.

Texas law requires election officials to determine if a voter's name as shown on the identification credential matches the name as shown on the official list of registered voters. If the names are not exactly the same but are substantially similar, the voter will be asked to initial a box affirming the match. The voting process will then continue as usual.

Report problems to:

THE HARRIS COUNTY CLERK	713.755.6965
THE TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE	1.800.252.8683
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	1.800.253.3931

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Trusted, nonpartisan help is available at our website:

lwvhouston.org

Confirm your voter registration status at:

hcvoter.net

Learn how to cast your ballot and view your personal ballot at:

harrisvotes.com

Dates to Remember for the March 6, 2018 Primary Election:

FIRST DAY TO APPLY FOR BALLOT BY MAIL
MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE
(RECEIVED OR POSTMARKED)
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018

FIRST DAY OF EARLY VOTING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2018

LAST DAY TO APPLY FOR BALLOT BY MAIL
(RECEIVED)
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2018

LAST DAY OF EARLY VOTING
FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 2018

ELECTION DAY
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018



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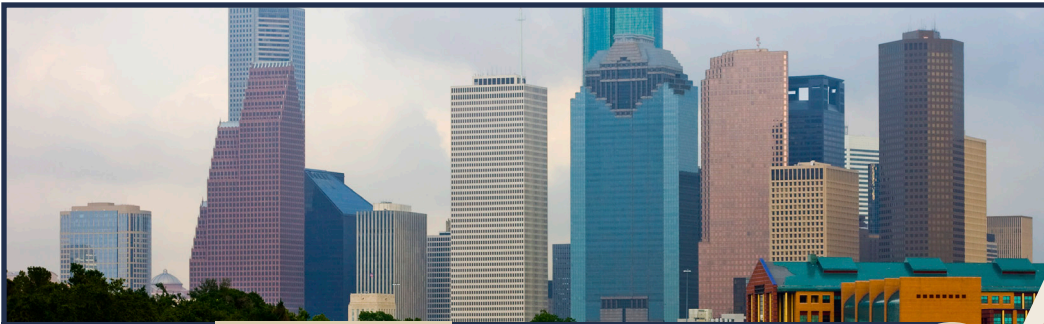
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Coming in mid-February:

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
VOTERS GUIDE TO THE 2018 PRIMARY ELECTION

LEARN ABOUT THE ELECTION & THE CANDIDATES & READ THEIR OPINIONS ON SELECTED ISSUES. VOTERS GUIDES IN ENGLISH & SPANISH ARE AVAILABLE FREE AT LIBRARIES, COMMUNITY CENTERS, & ONLINE AT LWVHOUSTON.ORG.





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What's on the ballot in March 2018?

In Texas, Democratic and Republican parties conduct Primary Elections to select party nominees for the General Election in November. If you want to vote in the Primary Elections you must choose one party. Your vote will help determine your party's candidates. However, in the November 6, 2018 General Election, you may vote for any candidate of any party. In 2018, Texans will choose a US Senator, Representatives from all congressional districts, Governor and other state officials, State Legislators, several Harris County officials and various judges. Voters may also be asked to decide certain issues of government policy.

There are three ways to cast your ballot.

HOW CAN I VOTE BY MAIL?

Registered voters may request a mail-in paper ballot if they plan to be out of the county during the early voting period and on Election Day, if they are at least 65 years of age, or if they are sick or disabled. The illness or disability may be temporary or permanent and no doctor's statement is required. Visit harrisvotes.com or phone 713.755.6965 to request a ballot-by-mail application. All applications for a mail-in ballot must be received by the Harris County Clerk by Friday, February 23, 2018. The marked ballot must be returned to the Harris County Clerk by 7:00 pm on Election Day.

HOW CAN I VOTE EARLY?

All Harris County voters can vote at any Harris County early voting location from Tuesday, February 20, 2018 through Friday, March 2, 2018. Visit harrisvotes.com or phone 713.755.6965 to find a convenient early voting location.

HOW CAN I VOTE ON ELECTION DAY?

Election Day is Tuesday, March 6, 2018. On this day you must vote at your neighborhood polling place, located in the precinct where you are registered. Please note that Democrats and Republicans may be voting at different locations, even within the same precinct. Visit hcvoter.net or phone 713.368.8683 for assistance. A list of polling locations is published in the newspaper just before Election Day, or you can phone 713.755.6965 or visit harrisvotes.com for help. The polls are open from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm.

What should I bring to the polling place?

You may bring written or printed material into the voting booth.

Voters may not use electronic devices with connectivity at the polling place. This prohibition includes mobile phones, smartphones and tablets.

Bring one of these seven forms of identification:

- Texas driver license—unexpired or expired less than 4 years — issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate (EIC) issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS—unexpired or expired less than 4 years
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS—unexpired or expired less than 4 years
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph—unexpired or expired less than 4 years
- United States citizenship certificate containing the voter's photograph
- United States passport—unexpired or expired less than 4 years

If you don't have one of these IDs visit harrisvotes.com to learn about alternate forms of identification.

Can I vote? How do I register?

Every citizen who wants to vote must be registered in his or her county of residence. Registration is permanent. You do not need to register before every election, but you should notify the Voter Registrar if you change your name or address or have not voted in the last four years. The deadline for registering to vote in the March 6, 2018 Primary Election is February 5, 2018.

You may register to vote in Harris County if:

- You are an American citizen and
- You are at least 17 years, 10 months of age (you must be 18 in order to vote) and
- You are a resident of Harris County and
- You have not been declared mentally incapacitated without the right to vote by a court and
- You have not been convicted of a felony. If you have been convicted of a felony you can vote if you have completed all terms of your sentence or have been pardoned.

Registration is quick and easy. Voter registration applications are available at every office of the Harris County Tax Assessor Collector/Voter Registrar, at many state agencies, at libraries and community centers, or by calling 713.368.8683. You may also download and print an application at hcvoter.net. The application must be delivered in person to a voter registrar or mailed.

