The Path to the 2024 Texas Primary Elections

January 2024

Texas Secretary of State

The Primary Election has already started.

- We are 62 days from election day.
- We are 48 days away from the first day of early voting.
- We are 17 days away from mail ballots being sent out.

What should be completed?

- Joint Primary Agreements and Primary Contracts
- Candidate Filings and Ballot Drawing
  - Party Chairs should confirm with County Election Officials if there are any pending challenges.
- Ballots
  - Advisory 2023-27 – Ballot Preparation and Sample Ballots for the March 5, 2024 Primary Election
- Election Supplies
- List of Registered Voters
- Election Judges

What should we be thinking about?

- Finding Workers and Back-Up Workers
- Finalizing Ballots
  - Last day to challenge application for form, content, and procedure: January 16, 2024
- L&A Testing
  - Recommended deadline: January 17, 2024
- Preparing to mail out ballots
  - UOCAVA Voters (FPCA) Deadline: January 20, 2024
- Submitting your itemized estimates and requests
  - Deadline : January 22, 2024

What are our shared goals for the Texas Primary Election?

- **Accurate** Results

- Safe and **Secure** Elections

- Elections that are **Accessible** to our community -- Voters, Election Workers, and Poll Watchers.

- Complete, Thorough, **Transparent** Election Records that....

....Tell the Story of Our Election.

Tell the Story of Your Election

The Texas Model for Elections

- Decentralization, Local Control, and Transparency in the Process.
- Collaboration between Party Officials and County Election Officials.
- Collaboration between County and State

How do you tell your story?

- Identify your Stakeholders

- Communicate with Your Stakeholders

- Train Your Workers

- Document Your Actions

- Document Your Election

Building Trust with Stakeholders

- Transparency in process and decisions

- Following the Law

- Uniformity in the Administration of Elections

- Securing Your Elections

- Documenting Your Actions

What is the SOS doing to support your elections?

- Weekly Webinars
- Weekly FAQ Webinar
- Weekly Emails with Training Reminders and Additional Resources
- Increases to Elections Division Personnel to support County and Party Officials
- Advisories and Resources
  - UOCAVA (FPCA) Advisories
  - Ballot Security
  - Limited Ballot
  - Public Information and Elections
  - Activities in the Vicinity of the Polling Place
  - Canvass and Recount Deadlines

Helpful Resources

- [March 5, 2024 Primary Election Calendar](#)
- [2024 Candidate's Guide](#)
- Advisories
  - [Advisory 2022-11 – Party Affiliation Questions and Answers](#)
- Handbooks
  - [County Chair Handbook](#) (PDF)
  - [Election Judges and Clerks Handbook](#) (PDF)
  - [Early Voting Ballot Board Handbook](#) (PDF)
  - [Signature Verification Committee Handbook](#) (PDF)
  - [Poll Watcher's Guide](#) (PDF)
  - [Central Counting Station Handbook](#) (PDF)
- Forms Manual

Make a Plan and follow that plan.

- Contract Obligations
- Central Counting Station Plan
- Contingency Plans
  - Weather Related
  - Emergency Events
  - Election Specific Incidents
- County Specific Contacts
  - Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Party Officials, State Officials

Final Thoughts

Our success as a state is dependent on the success of each county.

We have a strong, supportive election community in Texas.   Rely on those connections, resources, and support to ensure an accurate, secure, accessible and transparent 2024 Primary Election.