

Weekly Updates From the Secretary of State

October 2, 2024



Electioneering

- Mass email from October 1, 2024
- *Ostrewich v. Hudspeth, et al.*, a lawsuit challenging the electioneering provisions in Sections 61.003, 61.010, and 85.036 of the Texas Election Code to the extent that such provisions related to voters' apparel during voting.
- The Supreme Court denied certiorari.
- All three electioneering laws, Sections 61.003, 61.010, and 85.036 of the Texas Election Code, were upheld and remain in force.



Electioneering

- Each early voting and election day polling place must be organized with 100-foot distance markers posted at surrounding outside entrances to the building.
- It is prohibited to electioneer, including expressing preference for or against any candidate, measure, or political party.
- **Regardless of whether they are or are not on the ballot!**
- See Advisory No. 2024-29



Voter Registration

- Last day to register to vote is **Monday, October 7, 2024**
- Applications Sent Directly to the County
 - A postmark directly on the voter application or accompanying envelope.
 - Date written in by the applicant next to their signature.
 - If neither of these exist, then the date received by the voter registrar's office should be used.



Voter Registration

If you receive a packet of applications from our office, please use the following dates:

- Date postmarked on the envelope sent to you by the SOS.
- If the date postmarked on an envelope sent to you by the SOS is after the deadline, we will include a note stating that the applications were received on or before the deadline.



Early Voting Hours

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
October 20	21	22	23	24	25	26
X	at least 9 hours	at least 9 hours	at least 9 hours	at least 9 hours	at least 9 hours	at least 12 hours
27	28	29	30	31	November 1	2
at least 6 hours	at least 12 hours	at least 12 hours	at least 12 hours	at least 12 hours	at least 12 hours	NONE
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
NONE	NONE	Election Day	X	X	X	X



Partial Manual Count

- In the general election, the SOS selects the precincts and not more than three offices to be counted.
 - Section 127.201, Texas Election Code
- Additional guidance coming soon regarding the PMC!



Any Questions?

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