

Smith County ESD2 board member election dates.

The following single member districts are up for election on the dates posted. All filing deadlines are contained in the PDF contained in this document.

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Election date for the following single member districts is  
November 3, 2020:

District 1

District 4

Election date for the following single member districts is  
November 8, 2022

District 2

District 3

District 5

(a) This section applies only to a district located wholly in a county:

(1) with a population of more than three million;

(2) with a population of more than 200,000 that borders Lake Palestine; or

(3) with a population of less than 200,000 that borders another state and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

(b) The governing body of a district consists of a five-person board of emergency services commissioners elected as prescribed by this section. Except as provided by Subsections (h) and (h-1), emergency services commissioners serve four-year terms.

(b-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (b), the governing body of a district described by Subsection (a) (2) or (3) is governed by a five-member board of emergency services commissioners elected from single-member districts. One director is elected from each single-member district. As soon as possible after the district is created, the commissioners court of the county in which the district is located shall divide the district into five numbered single-member districts.

(c) After a district is created, the county judge shall establish a convenient day provided by [Section 41.001, Election Code](#), to conduct an election to elect the initial emergency services commissioners.

(d) To be eligible to be a candidate for emergency services commissioner, a person must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of the district.

(d-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (d), to be eligible to be a candidate for emergency services commissioner in a single-member district on an initial board in a district described by Subsection (a)(2) or (3), a person must be at least 18 years of age and a resident of that single-member district.

(e) A candidate for emergency services commissioner on an initial board must give the voter registrar of the county a sworn notice of the candidate's intention to run for office. The notice must state the person's name, age, and address and state that the person is serving notice of intent to run for emergency services commissioner. If the person intends to run for emergency services commissioner in a single-member district in a district described by Subsection (a)(2) or (3), the notice must also specify the single-member district the person seeks to represent. On receipt of the notice, the voter registrar of the county shall have the candidate's name placed on the ballot.

(f) The voter registrar of the county shall appoint an election judge to certify the results of the election.

(g) After the election is held, the voter registrar or deputy registrar of the county shall prepare a sworn statement of the election costs incurred by the county. The statement shall be given to the newly elected board, which shall order the appropriate official to reimburse the county for the county's election costs.

(h) The initial emergency services commissioners' terms of office begin 30 days after canvassing of the election results. The two commissioners who received the fewest votes serve a term that expires on December 31 of the second year following the year in which the election was held. The other emergency services commissioners serve terms that expire on December 31 of the fourth year following the year in which the election was held.

(h-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (h), the five initial emergency services commissioners elected from single-member districts in a district described by Subsection (a)(2) or (3) shall draw lots to determine which two commissioners serve terms that expire on December 31 of the second year following the year in which the election was held and which three commissioners serve terms that expire on December 31 of the fourth year following the year in which the election was held.

(i) The board shall hold the general election for commissioner every two years on an authorized uniform election date as provided by Chapter 41, Election Code. The board may change the election date from one authorized election date to another authorized election date and shall adjust the terms of office to conform to the new election date.

(j) Subchapter C, Chapter 146, Election Code, <sup>1</sup> applies to a write-in candidate for emergency services commissioner under this section in the same manner it applies to a write-in candidate for a city office under that subchapter.

# Texas Health and Safety Code

## § 775.0355

### Disqualification of Emergency Services Commissioners in Certain Counties

(a) In this section, "emergency services organization" means:

- (1) a volunteer fire department;
- (2) a career or combination fire department;
- (3) a municipal fire department;
- (4) an emergency medical services organization under the jurisdiction of the Department of State Health Services;
- (5) any other agency under the jurisdiction of the state fire marshal's office; or
- (6) any other organization or corporation that governs an emergency services organization.

(b) This section applies only to a district located wholly in a county:

- (1) with a population of more than three million;
- (2) with a population of more than 200,000 that borders Lake Palestine; or
- (3) with a population of less than 200,000 that borders another state and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

- (c)** A person is disqualified from serving as an emergency services commissioner if that person:
- (1)** is related within the third degree of affinity or consanguinity to:
    - (A)** a person providing professional services to the district;
    - (B)** a commissioner of the same district; or
    - (C)** a person who is an employee or volunteer of an emergency services organization providing emergency services to the district;
  - (2)** is an employee of a commissioner of the same district, attorney, or other person providing professional services to the district;
  - (3)** is serving as an attorney, consultant, or architect or in some other professional capacity for the district or an emergency services organization providing emergency services to the district; or
  - (4)** fails to maintain the qualifications required by law to serve as a commissioner.
- (d)** Any rights obtained by a third party through official action of a board covered by this section are not impaired or affected by the disqualification under this section of an emergency services commissioner to serve, provided that the third party had no knowledge, at the time the rights were obtained, of the fact that the commissioner was disqualified to serve.

Added by Acts 2007, 80th Leg., R.S., Ch. 900 (H.B. 2653), Sec. 3, eff. September 1, 2007.

Amended by:

## Tuesday, November 3, 2020 - Uniform Election Date

Deadline to post NEW <u>HB 305</u> notice. <sup>1</sup>	November 3, 2019*  *NEW LAW: Effective Sunday, September 1, 2019 (HB 305 affects political subdivisions with taxing authority) <sup>1</sup>
Deadline to Post Notice of Candidate Filing Deadline (Local Political Subdivisions Only) <sup>1</sup>	Thursday, June 18, 2020 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates <sup>1</sup>
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Wednesday, January 1, 2020*  *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.
First Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Political Subdivisions Only) <sup>1</sup>	Saturday, July 18, 2020
First Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (General Election for State and County Officers)	Saturday, July 18, 2020
Last Day to Order General Election or Special Election on a Measure	Monday, August 17, 2020
Last Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Political Subdivisions Only) <sup>2</sup>	Monday, August 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (General Election for State and County Officers)	Monday, August 17, 2020
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (Local Political Subdivisions Only)	Friday, August 21, 2020
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, October 5, 2020*
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, October 19, 2020*
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail ( <b>Received, not</b> Postmarked)	Friday, October 23, 2020
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Friday, October 30, 2020
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 3, 2020 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is <b>not</b> postmarked, <b>OR</b> Wednesday,

November 4, 2020 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply)<sup>4</sup>

## <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 2, 2020 election, Wednesday, January 15, 2020 is the deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline for entities that do not have a first day to file for their candidates. **However, pursuant to NEW LAW, for local (taxing) political subdivisions, the deadline is September 1, 2019 (the effective date of HB 305, 2019).** For the November 3, 2020 election, Monday, July 20, 2020 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. (If the 30th day before last day on which candidate may file falls on a Saturday, deadline moves to next business day). **However, pursuant to NEW LAW, for local (taxing) political subdivisions, the deadline is November 3, 2019 (one year before election 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 2, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Filing deadlines: generally, the filing deadline is the 78th day prior to Election Day. The Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code (the “Code”). Write-in deadlines for general and special elections vary; the deadline for most local (city, school, other) special 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.

<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 2, 2020 election, this is Friday, March 6, 2020. See Section 143.008 of the Code.

<sup>4</sup> Please note that pursuant to House Bills 1151 and 929 (2017), different deadlines apply to the last day to receive ballots sent by the following: 1) non-military and military voters who mailed ballots from overseas and submitted a regular state Application for Ballot By Mail (“ABBM”), 2) non-military voters who mailed ballots from overseas and who submitted a Federal Postcard Application (“FPCA”), and (3) military voters who mailed ballots domestically or from overseas and who submitted an FPCA. See Secs. 86.007, 101.001 and 101.057 of the Code. Please contact the Elections Division of the Office of the Texas Secretary of State at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683) for additional information.

## Important 2021 Election Dates

### May 1, 2021 - Uniform Election Date

Authority Conducting Elections	Local Political Subdivisions and Counties
Deadline to post candidate requirements <sup>5</sup> <a href="#">Form 1-15 (PDF)</a>	Friday, May 1, 2020
Deadline to post notice of candidate filing	Monday, December 14, 2020 for local political subdivisions that have a first day

deadline <sup>1</sup>	to file for their candidates <sup>1</sup>
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, January 1, 2021*  <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 2021 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) <sup>1</sup>	Wednesday, January 13, 2021
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) <sup>2</sup>	Friday, February 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.  See note below relating to four-year terms <sup>3</sup>
Last Day to Order General Election or Election on a Measure	Friday, February 12, 2021
Last Day to Register to Vote	Thursday, April 1, 2021
First Day of Early Voting By Personal Appearance	Monday, April 19, 2021
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail ( <b>Received, not</b> Postmarked)	Tuesday, April 20, 2021
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Tuesday, April 27, 2021
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Saturday, May 1, 2021 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. (unless a late-arriving deadline applies)

### November 2, 2021 - Uniform Election Date

*These dates are subject to changes from the 2021 legislative session.*

<b>Authority Conducting Elections</b>	<b>County Elections Officer/Local political subdivisions</b>
Deadline to post candidate requirements <sup>5</sup> <a href="#">Form 1-15 (PDF)</a>	Monday, November 2, 2020
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, January 1, 2021*  <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 2021 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>



Deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline	Thursday, June 17, 2021 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates <sup>1</sup>
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) <sup>1</sup>	Saturday, July 17, 2021 ("first day" does not move; office hours not required)
Last Day to Order General Election or Election on a Measure	Monday, August 16, 2021
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY) <sup>2</sup>	Monday, August 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms <sup>3</sup>
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, October 4, 2021
First Day of Early Voting	Monday, October 18, 2021 (17th day before election day falls on a Saturday, first day moves to next business day)
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, <u>not</u> Postmarked)	Friday, October 22, 2021
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, October 29, 2021
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 2, 2021 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. (unless a late-arriving deadline applies)

<sup>1</sup> For the few entities who do not have a first day to file: For the May 1, 2021 election, Wednesday, January 13, 2021 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 2, 2021 election, Saturday, July 17, 2021 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.

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 1, 2021.

<sup>2</sup>Filing deadlines: generally, the filing deadline is the 78th day prior to Election Day. The Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"). Write-in deadlines for general and special elections vary; the deadline for most local (city, school, other) special 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.

<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 1, 2021 election, this is Friday, March 5, 2021. For the November 2, 2021 election, this is Tuesday, September 7, 2021. 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).

<sup>5</sup> Section 2051.152 of the Government Code requires all political subdivisions with the authority to impose a tax maintain a publically accessible Internet website and post the date and location of the next election for officers of the political subdivision and the requirements and deadline for filing for candidacy of each elected office of the political subdivision, which shall be continuously posted for at least one year before the election day for the office.

## Important 2022 Election Dates

### March 1, 2022 - Primary Election

*These dates are subject to changes from the 2021 legislative session.*

Deadline to post candidate requirements <sup>1</sup> <a href="#">Form 1-15 (PDF)</a>	Monday, March 1, 2021
First day to file for a place on the Primary ballot for precinct chair candidates.	Tuesday, September 14, 2021
Filing deadline for candidates; filing deadline for independent candidates to file declaration of intent.	Monday, December 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM
First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Postcard Application (FPCA).	Wednesday, January 1, 2022* *First day to file does not move because of New Year's Day holiday. An "Annual ABBM" or FPCA for a January or February 2022 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, January 31, 2022
First Day of Early Voting	Monday, February 14, 2022
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail ( <b>Received</b> , not Postmarked)	Friday, February 18, 2022
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, February 25, 2022
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, March 1, 2022 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is <b>not</b> postmarked, <b>OR</b> Thursday, March 3, 2022 (next business day* after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) <sup>4</sup>  *First business day after Texas Independence Day

### Saturday, May 7, 2022 - Uniform Election Date (Limited)

**Authority Conduction Elections**

**Local Political Subdivisions**

	(County-ordered elections may not be held on this date. County Election Official may, but is not required to, contract to provide election services to political subdivisions holding elections on this date.)
Deadline to post candidate requirements <sup>1</sup> Form 1-15 (PDF)	Friday, May 7, 2021
Deadline to Post Notice of Candidate Filing Deadline (Local Political Subdivisions Only) <sup>1</sup>	Monday, December 20, 2021 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates <sup>1</sup>
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Wednesday, January 1, 2022*  <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 2022 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
First Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Political Subdivisions Only) <sup>1</sup>	Wednesday, January 19, 2022
Last Day to Order General Election or Special Election on a Measure	Friday, February 18, 2022
Last Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Political Subdivisions Only) <sup>2</sup>	Friday, February 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. See note below relating to four-year terms <sup>3</sup>
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (Local Political Subdivisions Only)	Tuesday, February 22, 2022
Last Day to Register to Vote	Thursday, April 7, 2022
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, April 25, 2022
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Tuesday, April 26, 2022
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Tuesday, May 3, 2022
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Saturday, May 7, 2022 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is <b>not</b> postmarked, <b>OR</b> Monday, May 9, 2022 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) <sup>4</sup>

**Tuesday, May 24, 2022 - Primary Runoff Election**

First day to apply for a ballot by mail using Application for a Ballot by Mail (ABBM) or Federal Postcard Application (FPCA)	Wednesday, January 1, 2022*  <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 2022 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, April 25, 2022
First Day of Early Voting	Monday, May 16, 2022
Last Day to Apply by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Friday, May 13, 2022
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, May 20, 2022
Last Day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, May 24, 2022 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is <b>not</b> postmarked, <b>OR</b> Wednesday, May 25, 2022 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) <sup>4</sup>

**Tuesday, November 8, 2022 - Uniform Election Date**

Deadline to post candidate requirements <sup>1</sup> <a href="#">Form 1-15 (PDF)</a>	Monday, November 8, 2021
Deadline to Post Notice of Candidate Filing Deadline (Local Political Subdivisions Only)	Thursday, June 23, 2022 for local political subdivisions that have a first day to file for their candidates <sup>1</sup>
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Wednesday, January 1, 2022*  <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 2022 election may be filed earlier, but not earlier than the 60th day before the date of the January or February election.</i>
First Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Political Subdivisions Only)	Saturday, July 23, 2022
First Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (General Election for State and County Officers)	Saturday, July 23, 2022
Last Day to Order General Election or	Monday, August 22, 2022

Special Election on a Measure	
Last Day to File for a Place on the General Election Ballot (Local Political Subdivisions Only) <sup>2</sup>	Monday, August 22, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (General Election for State and County Officers)	Monday, August 22, 2022
Last Day to File a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy (Local Political Subdivisions Only)	Friday, August 26, 2022
Last Day to Register to Vote	Tuesday, October 11, 2022* *First business day after Columbus Day
First Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Monday, October 24, 2022
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail ( <b>Received, not</b> Postmarked)	Friday, October 28, 2022
Last Day of Early Voting by Personal Appearance	Friday, November 4, 2022
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 8, 2022 (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is <b>not</b> postmarked, <b>OR</b> Wednesday, November 9, 2022 (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m. at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply) <sup>4</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Filing deadlines: generally, the filing deadline is the 78th day prior to Election Day. The Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code (the "Code"). Write-in deadlines for general and special elections vary; the deadline for most local (city, school, other) special 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.

<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 7, 2022 election, this is Friday, March 11, 2022. See Section 143.008 of the Code.

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and who submitted an FPCA. See Secs. 86.007, 101.001 and 101.057 of the Code. Please contact the Elections Division of the Office of the Texas Secretary of State at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683) for additional information.