

COURT ORDER

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF ELLIS §

BE IT REMEMBERED, at a regular meeting of the Commissioners Court of Ellis County, Texas, held on the 8 day of August 2023, on motion made by County Judge Little, and seconded by Commissioner Grayson, the following Order was adopted:

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2023, the Ellis County Commissioners Court was briefed on the recommendation to order a "Special Election" to be held in Ellis County, Texas for voting in an election to adopt or reject fourteen proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas;

WHEREAS, this election will be held on the next uniform election date which is November 7, 2023, in Ellis County and the county will be responsible for the election cost; conducting the election will be in accordance with the Texas Election Code;

WHEREAS, the voting precincts are 1001 through 1059;

WHEREAS, the voting locations shall be the standard county election vote centers along with any other established sites requested by other joining entities; and shall be open on election day from 7:00am to 7:00pm;

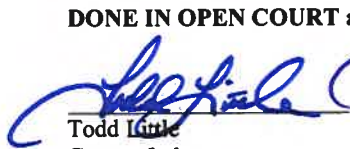
WHEREAS, the presiding judge and alternate judge of the early voting ballot board during an odd-numbered November elections are appointed by commissioner's court. The following names have been provided by the party chairs as the recommended appointments: Judge: Dorinda Sims (REP) and Alternate Judge: Lindley Stoker (DEM);

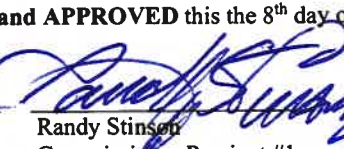
WHEREAS, Jana Onyon, Election Administrator is hereby appointed clerk for Early Voting, to be conducted at the listed locations, dates and times on the attached order, along with any other established sites requested by other joining entities;

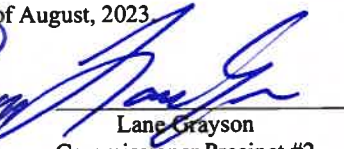
WHEREAS, at the completion of the election the Commissioners Court shall canvass the returns and make an order declaring the election results.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that the Ellis County Commissioners Court hereby approves the Ellis County Elections Department's request to order a special constitutional amendment election to be held on November 7, 2023 for voting in an election to adopt or reject fourteen proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas.

DONE IN OPEN COURT and APPROVED this the 8th day of August, 2023


Todd Little
County Judge


Randy Stinson
Commissioner Precinct #1


Lane Grayson
Commissioner Precinct #2


Paul Perry
Commissioner Precinct #3


Kyle Butler
Commissioner Precinct #4

Attest 
Krystal Valdez
County Clerk





ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION
ORDEN DE ELECCIÓN ESPECIAL

An election is hereby ordered to be held on November 7, 2023, in Ellis County, Texas for voting in an election to adopt or reject fourteen proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas.

Por la presente se ordena que se lleve a cabo una elección el día 7 de Noviembre de 2023, en el Condado de Ellis, Texas, para votar en la Elección Especial para adoptar o rechazar catorce enmiendas a la constitución propuestas tal como fueron presentadas por la 88 Legislatura del Estado de Texas.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at:

La votación anticipada en persona tendrá lugar en:

Elections Office (Main Location *Lugar principal*) 204 E. Jefferson Street, Waxahachie, Texas 75165
Ellis County Sub-Courthouse (Conference Rm), 207 S. Sonoma Trail, Ennis TX 75119
Midlothian Conference Center (Lobby), 1 Community Circle Dr., Midlothian TX 76065
Palmer ISD Annex Building (Portable Building), 303 Bulldog Way, Palmer TX 75152
Red Oak Municipal Center (Evelyn Pitts Rm) 200 Lakeview Pkwy, Red Oak TX 75154

Monday, October 23, 2023 through Friday, October 27, 2023	8:00am-5:00pm
Saturday, October 28, 2023	8:00am-4:00pm
Monday, October 30, 2023 through Wednesday, November 1, 2023	8:00am-5:00pm
Thursday, November 2, 2023 and Friday, November 3, 2023	7:00am-7:00pm
<i>lunes, 23 de octubre 2023 hasta viernes, 27 de octubre 2023</i>	<i>8:00am-5:00pm</i>
<i>sábado, 28 de octubre 2023</i>	<i>8:00am-4:00pm</i>
<i>lunes, 30 de octubre 2023 hasta miércoles, 1 de noviembre 2023</i>	<i>8:00am-5:00pm</i>
<i>jueves, 2 de noviembre 2023 y viernes, 3 de noviembre 2023</i>	<i>7:00am-7:00pm</i>

All eligible registered voters in Ellis County, Texas, may vote at any of the listed Early Voting Locations for the November 7, 2023 Special Election.

Todos los votantes elegibles registrados del Condado de Ellis, Texas, pueden votar en cualquiera de los locales de votación anticipada, como se indica, para la Elección Especial del 7 de Noviembre de 2023.

Absentee Application (Regular or Federal Postcard) for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Early Voting Clerk 204 E. Jefferson Street, Waxahachie, Texas 75165
or faxed to 972-923-5194

or email a scanned copy of signed application to elections@co.ellis.tx.us

(If faxed or emailed, the Election Office must receive original application within 4 days)

Application for ballot by mail must be received by mail no later than the close of business on Friday, October 27, 2023.

Las solicitudes (Regular o Postal Federal) de boletas electorales por correo deben enviarse por correo a:

Secretaría de la Votación Adelantada 204 E. Jefferson Street, Waxahachie, Texas 75165

O por fax al 972-923-5194

O por correo electrónico una copia de su aplicación firmada a elections@co.ellis.tx.us

(Si se envía por fax o correo electrónico, la oficina de elecciones debe recibir la solicitud original dentro de los cuatro días)

Las solicitudes para boletas de votar adelantado por correo deberán recibirse no más tardar de las horas de negocio el Viernes 27 de Octubre de 2023.

More information at www.co.ellis.tx.us/elections or call 972-825-5195.

Para más información visite www.co.ellis.tx.us/elections o llámara 972-825-5195.

Issued this the 8th day of August, 2023.

Emitada este día 8 de agosto, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ladell J. ...", written over a horizontal line.

Signature of County Judge

Firma del Juez del Condado



The State of Texas

Secretary of State

I, JANE NELSON, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, in accordance with Section 274.003 of the Texas Election Code, the following amendments are the proposed constitutional amendments as submitted by the 88th Legislature, Regular Session, and 88th Legislature, Second Special Session, to appear on the constitutional amendment ballot for the special election to be held November 7, 2023.

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 1

"The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management."

PROPUESTA NÚMERO 1 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS

"La enmienda constitucional que protege el derecho a dedicarse a la agricultura, la ganadería, la producción de madera, la horticultura y la gestión de la vida silvestre".

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 2

"The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility."

PROPUESTA NÚMERO 2 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS

"La enmienda constitucional que autoriza una exención opcional a nivel local de impuestos ad valorem por un condado o municipio sobre la totalidad o parte del valor tasado de los bienes inmuebles utilizados para operar una instalación de cuidado infantil".

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 3

"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family."

PROPUESTA NÚMERO 3 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS

"La enmienda constitucional que prohíbe la aplicación de un impuesto sobre la riqueza o el patrimonio neto individual, lo que incluye un impuesto basado en la diferencia entre los activos y pasivos de una persona o familia".

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 4

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from \$40,000 to \$100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts."

PROPUESTA NÚMERO 4 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS

"La enmienda constitucional para autorizar a la legislatura a establecer un límite temporal sobre el valor máximo de tasación de los bienes inmuebles que no sean residencias familiares a efectos de impuestos ad valorem; a aumentar el monto de la exención de impuestos ad valorem por un distrito escolar aplicable a las residencias familiares de \$40,000 a \$100,000; a ajustar el monto de la limitación de los impuestos ad valorem del distrito escolar aplicados a las residencias familiares de personas mayores o discapacitadas para reflejar los aumentos en ciertos montos de exención; a exceptuar ciertas asignaciones de pagar para el alivio del impuesto ad valorem de la limitación constitucional sobre la tasa de crecimiento de las asignaciones; y a autorizar a la legislatura a prever un mandato de cuatro años de cargo para un miembro de la junta directiva de ciertos distritos de tasación".

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 5

"The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy."

PROPUESTA NÚMERO 5 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS

"La enmienda constitucional relacionada con el Fondo Universitario de Texas (Texas University Fund), que establece financiamiento para ciertas instituciones de educación superior con el fin de lograr renombre nacional como importantes universidades de investigación e impulsar la economía estatal".

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 6

"The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state."

PROPUESTA NÚMERO 6 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS

"La enmienda constitucional que crea el fondo de agua de Texas con el fin de facilitar el financiamiento de proyectos hídricos en este estado".

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 7

"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities."

PROPUESTA NÚMERO 7 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS

“La enmienda constitucional que establece la creación del fondo de energía de Texas con el fin de apoyar la construcción, mantenimiento, modernización y operación de instalaciones generadoras de energía eléctrica”.

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 8

"The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects."

PROPUESTA NÚMERO 8 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS

“La enmienda constitucional que crea el fondo para infraestructura de banda ancha con el fin de expandir el acceso a la banda ancha de alta velocidad y facilitar el financiamiento de proyectos de conectividad”.

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 9

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas."

PROPUESTA NÚMERO 9 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS

“La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la 88ª Legislatura a proporcionar un ajuste por costo de vida a ciertos beneficiarios del Sistema de Jubilación de Maestros de Texas”.

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 10

"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain."

PROPUESTA NÚMERO 10 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS

“La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a eximir de impuestos ad valorem los equipos o inventarios pertenecientes a un fabricante de productos médicos o biomédicos, con el fin de proteger a la red de atención médica de Texas y fortalecer nuestra cadena de suministro médico”.

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 11

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."

PROPUESTA NÚMERO 11 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS

“La enmienda constitucional que autoriza a la legislatura a permitir que los distritos de conservación y reclamación en el Condado de El Paso emitan bonos respaldados por impuestos ad valorem para financiar el desarrollo y mantenimiento de parques e instalaciones recreativas”.

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 12

"The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County."

PROPUESTA NÚMERO 12 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS

"La enmienda constitucional que establece la abolición del cargo de tesorero del condado en el Condado de Galveston".

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 13

"The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges."

PROPUESTA NÚMERO 13 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS

"La enmienda constitucional para aumentar la edad obligatoria de jubilación para los magistrados y jueces estatales".

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION 14

"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks."

PROPUESTA NÚMERO 14 DEL ESTADO DE TEXAS

"La enmienda constitucional que establece la creación del fondo de conservación de los parques centenarios que se utilizará para la creación y mejora de los parques estatales".



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the Seal of State at my office in the City of Austin, Texas this 16th day of August, 2023.



JANE NELSON
SECRETARY OF STATE