

ELECTION DAY REMINDERS

The Primary Runoff Election, to be held on May 22, 2018 from 7 A.M. to 7 P.M., has some very specific rules you need to be aware of. Use the resources provided to assist you throughout the day:

- Refer to the [JBC Flipchart](#) for equipment help.
- Refer to the [Judges Flipchart](#) for help with forms.
- Refer to the [Election Day Setup & Operations Manual](#) for setup and take down.

THIS IS IMPORTANT

- **DO NOT** call for every *Statement of Residence (SOR)* unless you are unsure the address is actually in Montgomery County. In a Primary Runoff a voter will vote where registered. (see *Judges Flipchart* for instructions on filling out form)
- A voter **MUST** vote in the same Party as he or she affiliated with in the March 6, 2018 Primary Election. A voter may sign an affidavit if the voter claims the information as shown in eVote is incorrect.
- If a voter disputes the Party of Record as shown in eVote the *Affidavit of Non-Participation and Affiliation* **MUST** be filled out and signed by the voter before voting. Information on how to process such a voter in eVote is paper-clipped to the Affidavit.
- 2 Combination Forms will be used at the check-in station (*ePollbook*). WHITE=Republican; BLUE=Democratic. Each should be stamped as such. The voter **SIGNS** the Combination Form (see image in *Judges Flipchart*).
- 2 Label Sheets at the JBC Station. WHITE=Republican; PINK=Democratic. The voter **DOES NOT** sign the Label Sheet (see image in *Judges Flipchart*).
- The posting Total # of Voters Who Voted is split out by Party so that two separate totals will be needed at the designated times. Get these totals from eVote (*Judges Menu, Daily Totals*).
- **CALL** for **EVERY** provisional voter *unless* the reason for the provisional ballot is failure to present acceptable photo ID or failure to complete the RID procedure.

JUDGE LINE 936-442-7745

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PARTY AFFILIATION FAQ

In Texas, there are two main ways for a voter to affiliate with a party: by being accepted to vote in a party's primary election or by taking an oath of affiliation with a party. (§§162.003, 162.006).

- A voter's affiliation with a party automatically expires at the end of each calendar year, which is December 31. (§162.010)
- A voter who has affiliated with a party is unable to participate in the party affairs of a party other than the party that he/she has affiliated with. (§§162.012, 162.013)
- If a voter has not voted in a party primary or taken an oath of affiliation with a party this calendar year, he/she has not yet affiliated with any party. If a voter has not yet affiliated with a party, he/she is able to vote in either party's primary election. However, if a voter votes in the primary of one party, he/she will only be able to vote in that party's primary runoff election. (§§162.012, 162.013)
- After being affiliated with a party, a voter is not able to change or end the party affiliation until the end of the calendar year. (§162.010)

1. Does a voter have to vote in the main election in order to vote in a runoff election?

No. Section 11.001 of the Texas Election Code prescribes the specific qualifications necessary in order to vote in a Texas election. There is no requirement to have previously voted in the main election in order to participate in the subsequent run-off election.

2. If I have voted for one party in the past, do I have vote in the same party's primary this year?

No. A voter's party affiliation ends at the end of each calendar year. Affiliation with a party in a prior year does not affect what primary an unaffiliated voter can vote in this year. (§162.010)

3. How can I change my party affiliation?

After affiliating with a party by voting in a party's primary or by taking an oath of affiliation with a party, a voter cannot change party affiliation during the calendar year. (§162.010)

4. Can I vote in one party's primary election and another party's primary runoff election?

No. By voting in a party's primary election, a voter has affiliated with that party and is unable to participate in the convention or runoff election of another party during that calendar year. (§§162.012, 162.013)

5. If I vote in a party's primary, am I required to vote for that party's candidates in the November 6, 2018 general election?

No. A voter who votes in the primary is not required to vote for a particular party's candidates in the succeeding general election.

6. What if I consider myself an independent, but wish to vote in a primary election?

The act of voting in a primary election affiliates a voter with a political party. (§162.003). However, if a voter has not otherwise affiliated with a political party, he/she is able to vote in the primary of either party.