2020 General Election: Voting Resources

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This year the general election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The Texas Secretary of State's website, VoteTexas.gov, has a listing of other important 2020 elections dates, including the last day to register to vote, the last day to apply for a ballot by mail, and the dates for early voting.

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published recommendations for election officials, poll workers, and voters on their webpage, Considerations for Election Polling Locations and Voters (updated June 10, 2020).

Below we've also compiled a list of resources from Texas state officials and other organizations related to the upcoming election, voting by mail, and voting and holding elections during a pandemic. Please use the contact information on the respective agencies' websites for any questions specific to their purposes.

Texas state resources:

- Office of the Governor
  - General Proclamation (Ordering a general election on November 3, 2020), August 26, 2020
  - General Proclamation (Related to early voting by personal appearance and delivery of a marked mail ballot), June 27, 2020

- Texas Secretary of State
  - Am I Registered?
  - Application for a Ballot by Mail
  - COVID-19 Resources for Election Officials (Election Law Advisories, Voting and Election Health Protocols)
  - Elections Division
  - VoteTexas.gov — Register to Vote
  - VoteTexas.gov — WHEN (Early Voting, Helpful Hints on Voting Early by Mail)

Additional resources related to voting by mail and elections during a pandemic:

- Preparing Your State for an Election Under Pandemic Conditions, Brennan Center for Justice, last updated September 25, 2020

- Voting Outside the Polling Place: Absentee, All-Mail and Other Voting at Home Options, National Conference of State Legislatures, September 21, 2020
- *Voting by Mail in a Pandemic: A State-by-State Scorecard*, Brookings Institution, September 2020
- How Does Vote-by-Mail Work and Does It Increase Election Fraud?, Brookings Institution, June 22, 2020
- *COVID-19: Remote Voting Trends and the Election Infrastructure Subsector*, Congressional Research Center, June 10, 2020
- *Accessing the Vote During a Pandemic*, Bipartisan Policy Center, May 2020
- *The Neutral Partisan Effects of Vote-by-Mail: Evidence from County-Level Rollouts*, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research, Stanford University, April 2020
- How to Protect the 2020 Vote from the Coronavirus, Brennan Center for Justice, March 16, 2020

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