

GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 11, 2020

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE 5:30PM O'CLOCK

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs Secretary of State State Capitol Room 1E.8 Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Secretary Hughs:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation concerning early voting for special elections to occur on July 14, 2020.

The original of this proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson

executive Clerk to the Governor

GSD/gsd

Attachment

Post Office Box 12428 Austin, Texas 78711 512-463-2000 (Voice) Dial 7-1-1 For Relay Services

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Covernor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, issued a disaster proclamation on March 13, 2020, certifying under Section 418.014 of the Texas Government Code that the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) poses an imminent threat of disaster for all counties in the State of Texas; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2020, I issued a proclamation renewing the disaster declaration for all counties in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), Dr. John Hellerstedt, has determined that COVID-19 represents a public health disaster within the meaning of Chapter 81 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, and renewed that determination on April 17, 2020; and

WHEREAS, I have issued executive orders, proclamations, and suspensions of Texas laws in response to the COVID-19 disaster, aimed at protecting the health and safety of Texans and ensuring an effective response to this disaster; and

WHEREAS, I issued a proclamation on March 16, 2020, ordering a special election on July 14, 2020, to fill the vacancy in Texas State Senate District No. 14; and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, I issued a proclamation postponing the runoff primary election date from May 26, 2020, to July 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, I also issued a proclamation suspending Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions that would otherwise hold elections on May 2, 2020, to move their general and special elections for 2020 only to the next uniform election date, occurring on November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, I subsequently issued proclamations on April 2, April 6, April 8, and May 8, 2020, authorizing certain political subdivisions to call emergency special elections on July 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Texas law provides that eligible voters have a right to cast a vote in person; and

WHEREAS, as counties across Texas prepare for the upcoming elections on July 14, 2020, and establish procedures for eligible voters to exercise their right to vote in person, it is necessary that election officials implement health protocols to conduct elections safely and to protect election workers and voters; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure that elections proceed efficiently and safely when Texans go to the polls to cast a vote in person during early voting or on election day, it is necessary to increase the number of days in which polling locations will be open during the early voting period, such that election officials can implement appropriate social distancing and safe hygiene practices; and

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE 5:301M O'CLOCK WHEREAS, Section 85.001(a) of the Texas Election Code provides that the period for early voting by personal appearance begins 17 days before election day; and

WHEREAS, Section 85.001(b) of the Texas Election Code provides that the period for early voting for a runoff primary election begins 10 days before election day; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Texas Secretary of State, it has become apparent that strict compliance with the statutory requirements relating to the duration of early voting contained in Sections 85.001(a) and 85.001(b) of the Texas Election Code would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the COVID-19 disaster; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor has the express authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders or rules of a state agency if strict compliance with the provisions, orders, or rules would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with a disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby suspend Sections 85.001(a) and 85.001(b) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require that, for any election ordered or authorized to occur on July 14, 2020, early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, June 29, 2020, and shall continue through the fourth day before election day, excluding any legal state or federal holidays. I further amend the proclamations issued on April 2, April 6, April 8, and May 8, 2020, authorizing emergency special elections, and the proclamation issued on March 16, 2020, ordering a special election to fill the vacancy in Texas State Senate District No. 14, so as to require that for each of these elections to be held on July 14, 2020, early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, June 29, 2020, in accordance with the above suspension.

The Secretary of State shall take notice of this proclamation and shall transmit a copy of this order immediately to every County Judge of this state and all appropriate writs will be issued and all proper proceedings will be followed to the end that said elections may be held and their results proclaimed in accordance with law.

CE OR AGO

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 11th day of May, 2020.

GREG ABBOTT Governor of Texas

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5:30 PM O'CLOCK

ATTESTED BY:

RUTH R. HUGHS Secretary of State

JULY 14, 2020 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION POLLING PLACES

PRECINCT/LOCATION/CONTACT

Central Counting Station

Lamb County Courthouse

100 6th Drive, Room 103 Littlefield, TX 79339 (806) 385-4222 ext. 210

Early Voting

Lamb County Courthouse

100 6th Drive, Room 103 Littlefield, TX 79339 (806) 385-4222 ext. 210

Precincts 1&5

Olton Lions Club/Community Center Bldg.

406 2nd Street Olton, TX 79064 (806) 285-7772 Josie

Precinct 3&12

Earth Community Center

104 N. Birch Street Earth, TX 79031 806-257-2111

Precincts 4 & 11

Sudan Community Center

109 East 1st Avenue Sudan, TX 79371 806-227-2112 Michelle Edwards cell 806-638-6155

Precincts 2, 6, 7, 8 & 9

Lamb County Ag Center

17th and Hall Avenue Littlefield, TX 79339 Courthouse 806-385-4222 x200 Cynthia Bussey

Precinct 10

Amherst City Hall

1011 Main Street Amherst, Texas 79312 806-246-3421 Jennifer Bellar cell 806-786-5693 Rosa Angel cell 806-777-9235

2020 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION JULY 14, 2020

JUDGE AND POLL WORKERS Paid \$12.00 an hour

Judge Paid \$25.00 for picking up/returning ballots, etc.

OLTON Precincts # 1 and 5

Bobbye Dennis - Judge Melinda Rose–Co-Judge Amelia Luera- Clerk Bilingual

LITTLEFIELD Precinct #2

Joyce McGehee – Judge Jesusa Garcia–_Co-Judge _Bilingual

LITTLEFIELD Precinct #6

Doris Muller – Judge Sylvia Fuentes – Co-Judge Bilingual

LITTLEFIELD Precincts #7&8

Johnny Rosemond– Judge Gloria Duran–Co-Judge Bilingual Rachel Roberson – Clerk Melany Garcia – Student Clerk

LITTLEFIELD Precinct #9

Retha Williams – Judge Margaret Casas – Co-Judge Bilingual

SPRINGLAKE AND EARTH Precinct #3 and #12

Lauren Busby - Judge Yvonne Layman-Co-Judge Molly Treizo- Clerk *Bilingual*

Sudan Precincts #4 and #11

Toni Montez – Judge Gloria Montez – Co Judge (Bilingual) Norma Burnett – Clerk Charles Burnett – Clerk

Amherst Precinct #10

Diana Aguilar – Judge *Biliingual* Minnie Moore–Co-Judge Jennifer Sawyer - Clerk

2020 PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION July 14, 2020

EARLY VOTING BALLOT BOARD

Paid \$12.00 an hour

Hollis Cain-Presiding Judge P.O. Box 158 Springlake, TX 79082 806-893-0400 cell

Suzanne Reese 1281 CR 177 Springlake, TX 79082 806-292-1163 cell

Connie Maxwell 1504 Highway 70 Olton, TX 79064

Violet Lopez
500 E. 14th Street
Littlefield, TX 79339
806-598-0446 cell

Lacee Francis 209 E. 21st Street Littlefield, TX 79339 806-385-4222 x265

Tonya Ritchie

From:

Tonya Ritchie <tonyaritchie@nts-online.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 8:18 AM

To:

tomasanatonio@yahoo.com

Cc:

'Tonya Ritchie'

Subject:

Violet Lopez Resigned - PLEASE Replace

Importance:

High

Tomas,

Violet Lopez called our office and has resigned off the Early Voting Ballot Board.

Please send me the name and address of who you would like to replace her with.

The Board will meet on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 1:30 pm in the County Clerk's office to open Ballots by mail for the Runoff Election.

Then the Board will meet again on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 2:00pm in the Tax Assessor's office to count Provisional Ballots.

This is a very small Runoff Election, so it should not take much time at either meeting.

The NOVEMBER Election will be huge and the person you replace her with will be working on November 3rd and then again November 10th or 12th.

Thanks for your help,

Tonya Ritchie

Lamb County Clerk 806-485-0058 100 6th Drive, Room 103 Littlefield, Texas 79339

Tonya Ritchie

From:

Tonya Ritchie <tonyaritchie@nts-online.net>

To: Sent:

'Tonya Ritchie'

C 1:

Thursday, June 18, 2020 9:01 AM

Subject:

Read: Violet Lopez Resigned - PLEASE Replace

Your message

To: tomasanatonio@yahoo.com

Cc: 'Tonya Ritchie'

Subject: Violet Lopez Resigned - PLEASE Replace

Sent: 6/17/2020 8:18 AM

was read on 6/17/2020 9:23 AM.

Tuesday, July 14, 2020 CENTRAL COUNTING STATION

Paid \$12.00 an hour

Ricky Yantis – Manager and Presiding Judge 102 E. 28th Street Littlefield, Texas 79339 806-385-3424 Cell: 806-523-3555 Email: yannic@windstream.net

Johnny Rosemond – Co Judge in Training 1221 S. Westside Avenue Littlefield, Texas 79339 806-523-8446

Andrew A. Eisenwine – Judge in Training 2502 S. Farwell Avenue Littlefield, Texas 79339

Julie Rogers - Tabulating Supervisor and Alternate Judge 101 E. 28th Street Littlefield, Texas 79339 Cell: 806-787-3187

Gena Yantis - - Counting Station Clerk 102 E. 28th Street Littlefield, Texas 79339 806-385-3424 Cell: 806-441-4113 Email: geleya@windstream.net

Lori Durham --Counting Station Clerk 1520 FM Road 54 Littlefield, Texas 79339 Cell: 806-638-3882

Sheri Tooley-- Counting Station Clerk PO Box 227 Littlefield, Texas 79339 Cell: 806-893-5400

NOTICE OF CONSOLIDATED PRECINCT	
Notice is hereby given to the registered voters of Problem been consolidated with Precinct Three (3.)	ecinct Twelve (12) that this precinct has
Voting in the <u>Primary Rung</u> EARTH Community Cev (location)	election will be conducted at:
LARTH Community Cer	nter-104 N. Birch Street
(location)	Earth, TX 79031
Some UD.	
Signature of County Judge or County Chair	
/ 6/22/2020	
Date	
AVISO DE PRECINTO CONSOLIDADO	
Por lo presente se les da aviso a los votantes registrado precinto se ha consolidado con el Precinto Three	s del Precinto Twelve 12 que este
La votación en la elección Primary Runoff	_ se manejará en:
EARTH Community Center	
/ (sitio)	Earth, TX 79031
Sound D. El	
Firma del Juez del Condado o Presidente del Condado	_
6/22/2020	_
Fecha	