



# Elections and Practical Considerations

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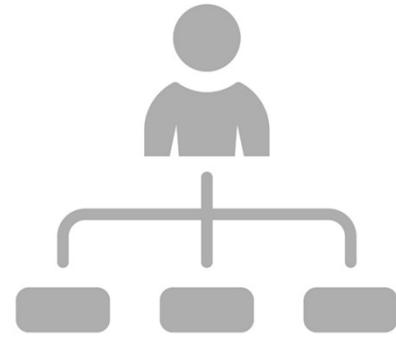
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## Changes Within the Elections Division

- **Leadership Changes**
  - Letty Salazar, Director of Election Administration
  - Lisa Hayes, Director of Training and Compliance
  - Chuck Pinney, Legal Director
  - Lena Proft, Managing Attorney
- **Temporary Relocation**
  - Renovations to Rudder Building



## Updated Resources



## Updated Handbooks, Guides, Advisories, and Webinars

- Election Judges and Clerks Handbook
- Early Voting Ballot Board Handbook
- Signature Verification Committee Handbook
- Central Counting Station Handbook
- Appointment of Election Workers Handbook
- County Chairs Handbook
- Poll Watcher's Guide
- Candidate's Guide for Local Political Subdivisions
- Advisories and Webinars



**SB 2753**



## SB 2753

- Applies to elections ordered **after** the date the Office of the Secretary of State publishes a report and procedures on the implementation of SB 2753
- Does **not** apply to any elections ordered **before** the report is published
- Report and procedures will involve substantial input, discussion, and participation from counties, local entities, and interested parties

Does Not Apply To:



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## SB 506

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## SB 506 – Ballot Proposition Review

### SB 506 (effective Sept. 1, 2025)

- SB 506 made four major changes:
  - Upon request, SOS can review a home-rule city ballot proposition to see if it is “misleading, inaccurate or prejudicial” [Sec. 273.101(b)]
  - “Definiteness, certainty, and neutrality” requirement for all Texas ballot propositions [Sec. 52.072(g)]
  - Clarifies procedure in lawsuits over the language of ballot propositions
  - Prohibits political subdivisions from obstructing petition-initiated ballot measures by placing contrary measures on the same ballot

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## Candidacy and Practical Considerations

What You Need to Know

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## Major Topics

Know what Offices are on the Ballot and When

Candidate Postings and Where to Place Them

Distributing and Accepting the Correct Candidate Application (See the Candidate Guide)

Be Aware of Correct Filing Periods and Deadlines

Know What the Qualifications for Office Are

Be Aware of Deadlines for Declaring Candidates Ineligible and Form, Content and Procedure Challenges

Can the City Cancel the Election?

Proof your Ballot

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## Vacancies in Office and How to Fill Them

What You Need to Know

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## Major Topics

What Type of City (Type A, Type B, etc.)

How Long are your Terms and How Much Time is Left in the Officer's Term?

When Does the City Hold a General Election?

Timely Ordering a Special Election (Sec. 201.054)

Be Aware of Candidate Filing Periods if Ordering a Special Election (Sec. 201.054)

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## Election Day and Post-Election Issues

What You Need to Know

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## Major Topics

- Contracting with Your County
- Know Your City's Boundaries
- Meet Your Web Posting Requirement Deadlines
- Timely Canvassing Your Election and Potential Recounts
- Inspection of Voted Ballots and Post-Election Hand Count Audits



## Available Support



**WEBINARS**



**TRAINING**



**RESOURCES**

[elections@sos.texas.gov](mailto:elections@sos.texas.gov)  
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