Important Notices

What if I am turned away from the polls?

Under Texas law, each voter is entitled to have the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot before being turned away from the polling location.

Provisional voting is an opportunity for a voter to cast a ballot on Election Day. After the provisional ballot is cast, the Harris County Clerk and Harris County Voter Registrar will review the documentation provided to determine if the voter is eligible to vote. If the voter is determined eligible, the provisional ballot will count in the election. If the voter is determined ineligible, the voter's provisional ballot will be rejected. After Election Day, all provisional voters will be notified as to whether their ballot was accepted or rejected.

In some instances, voters will be notified by the polling place official that their provisional ballot will be rejected. This is done in good faith to ensure that an additional step is necessary for the provisional ballot to be properly reviewed.

Provisional voting is a fail-safe method of voting. If a voter is confirmed that the ballot will be rejected, the voter is encouraged to take the appropriate steps to vote in the regular ballot or to obtain the provisional ballot in property considered.

If I need assistance, can I bring someone to the polling place to assist me?

Disability voters or voters requiring assistance due to a limited English proficiency may bring assistance, if such assistance is needed in the polling place. The person providing assistance cannot be the voter’s employer or labor union representative. For more information, please contact 713-272-5050.

Whom do I contact if I feel intimidated during the voting process or feel that my voting rights were infringed upon?

Aggrieved voters may contact the Harris County Clerk’s office directly at 713-272-5000. If the complaint involves Harris County judges, it can be directed to the Texas Commission on Judicial Conduct at 512-463-1337.

YOU CAN HELP!
The County Clerk seeks civic-minded citizens to volunteer to serve as poll workers (paid $80 to $100) especially Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese bilingual speakers. Apply online at http://www.harrisvotes.com/PollWorker

Edison day voting hours are "open run," 7:30 am to 7:00 pm.
Registering to Vote

Requirements

• Be a United States citizen.
• Be a legal resident of Harris County.
• Be at least 18 years old on Election Day (certain 17-year-olds may pre-register for an election).
• Be present on Election Day.
• Not been convicted of a felony that would disqualify you from voting (see the Harris County Voter Registration Guide for more information).

How and where to register?

In Harris County, you may register to vote:

• At the Office of the Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector, who is also the Voter Registrar, at the county courthouse.
• When you file for or renew your driver’s license, or
• By mail.
• By contacting the Harris County Voter Registrar to request an application to be mailed to you.
• By picking up a voter registration application at your local library or government agency and simply mailing it in.

Where do I obtain a Voter Registration Application?

You may request an application from:

• The Harris County Voter Registrar’s office
  http://www.hcvoter.net
  713.348.3200
  Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector
  P.O. Box 3527, Houston, TX 77253-3527
  The Secretary of State’s office
  http://www.aos.state.tx.us
  1-800-332-8683
  Public libraries
  Post offices
  Other area government agency offices

What do I do if I move within the county?

If you move within the same county, promptly file the Voter Registration by completing and submitting a new voter registration application form and including the proper address.

If you have a copy of your voter registration card, you may also complete the form with your new address, sign it, and mail it to the Voter Registrar.

If you have moved but did not update your address in time for the election, you may still vote. If you have moved from one county to another, you must re-register to vote as a resident of the new county.

What do I do if I move within the state?

An address change in Texas is handled by the county in which you lived prior to moving. Please notify the county clerk of the change of address.

Most Common Elections

For many citizens, the most important elections in their lives may be the candidates who are running for the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives and the State legislature.

Uniform Election Dates

The Uniform Election Date is the day on which all elections are scheduled to take place.

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