

POLI ✓ TALK

GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 7, 2017

Important Dates for the November 2017 Election

Last Day to File As Candidate	Monday, August 21	Location depends on what you are running for
Last Day to Register To Vote	Tuesday, October 10	Information HERE .
First Day of Early Voting	Monday, October 23	Fort Bend County voters may vote at any polling location.
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, November 3	Fort Bend County voters may vote at any polling location.

Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Friday, October 27	Received, not Postmarked
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 7, (Election Day) at 7:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is not postmarked, OR Wednesday, November 8, (next business day after Election Day) at 5:00 p.m. if carrier envelope is postmarked by 7:00 p.m.	Must be received at the location of the election on Election Day (unless overseas or military voter deadlines apply).

Fort Bend County voters may vote at ANY polling location.
For a complete list of times and locations,

[EARLY VOTING](#)

[ELECTION DAY](#)

Who's On The Ballot?

Ballots vary depending on the district in which you live. You may vote for one or none, depending on your district.

Missouri City City Council	District A	Yolanda Ford OR Sonja Giddings
	District B	Jeffrey L. Boney
	District C	Anthony G. Maroulis OR (There is a write-in candidate in this race.)
	District D	Floyd Emery
	<i>You may vote for one, two or none:</i>	
Weston Lakes City Council		Yvonne Wade Sanchez Linda Harnist N. B. "Buddy" Williams E. H. Gene Riggs Bill Ragle

To see your sample ballot, visit: www.fortbendcountytexas.gov.
Click on Elections Department and then click Sample Ballots on the left - **OR** -
Click [HERE](#).

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State of Texas Constitutional Amendments

These Amendments will appear on each ballot.

Vote FOR or AGAINST

November 7, 2017 Constitutional Amendment Election Ballot Language
Please visit the Texas Legislature Online home page to obtain further information.

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 1 (HJR 21)

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization for less than the market value of the residence homestead and harmonizing certain related provisions of the Texas Constitution.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 2 (SJR 60)

“The constitutional amendment to establish a lower amount for expenses that can be charged to a borrower and removing certain financing expense limitations for a home equity loan, establishing certain authorized lenders to make a home equity loan, changing certain options for the refinancing of home equity loans, changing the threshold for an advance of a home equity line of credit, and allowing home equity loans on agricultural homesteads.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 3 (SJR 34)

“The constitutional amendment limiting the service of certain officeholders appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate after the expiration of the person’s term of office.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 4 (SJR 6)

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to require a court to provide notice to the attorney general of a challenge to the constitutionality of a state statute and authorizing the legislature to prescribe a waiting period before the court may enter a judgment holding the statute unconstitutional.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 5 (HJR 100)

“The constitutional amendment on professional sports team charitable foundations conducting charitable raffles.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 6 (SJR 1)

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.”

STATE OF TEXAS PROPOSITION NUMBER 7 (HJR 37)

“The constitutional amendment relating to legislative authority to permit credit unions and other financial institutions to award prizes by lot to promote savings.”

If you are interested in reading an explanation along with arguments for and against each measure,
visit The League of Women Voters website: www.lwvtexas.org/files/CAVG_2017_Eng_Final.pdf
OR, visit www.lrl.texas.gov/scanned/Constitutional_Amendments/amendments85_HRO_2017-11-07.pdf

FORT BEND COUNTY - BOND REFERENDUM

Appears on all Fort Bend County ballots

Vote For or Against

FORT BEND COUNTY PROPOSITION A

THE ISSUANCE OF FORT BEND COUNTY GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$218,580,000 AND THE LEVY OF TAXES, IN PAYMENT OF THE BONDS

FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7 - SPECIAL ELECTION -PROP A

Not on all Fort Bend County ballots

Vote For or Against

FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7 PROPOSITION A

Adding the north westerly portion of the subdivision called Teal Run to Fort Bend Emergency Services District No. 7

FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7 - SPECIAL ELECTION - PROP B

Not on all Fort Bend County ballots

Vote For or Against

FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7 PROPOSITION B

Adding the south easterly portion of Fort Bend County with the eastern boundary and the southern boundary being the county line of Fort Bend County and Brazoria County; and the northern boundary being the southern boundary of the existing Fort Bend Emergency Services District No. 7 boundary line; and the western boundary being generally the eastern boundary of the existing Sienna Plantation subdivision boundary line to Fort Bend Emergency Services District No. 7

FORT BEND COUNTY - Sales Tax Election

Not on all Fort Bend County ballots

Vote For or Against

FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 SALES TAX ELECTION

FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL MANAGEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 PROPOSITION A THE LEVY OF A ONE PERCENT (1%) SALES AND USE TAX

FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT 215 ELECTION

Not on all Fort Bend County ballots

Vote For or Against

FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 215 ELECTION FOR APPROVAL OF FIRE PROTECTION PLAN

FORT BEND COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 215 PROPOSITION A THE PLAN AND AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE FIRE-FIGHTING AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND RESCUE SERVICES FOR THE DISTRICT



BOND ELECTION - Katy Independent School District

Vote For or Against

KATY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

THE ISSUANCE OF \$609,200,000 SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT (INCLUDING THE REHABILITATION, RENOVATION, EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENT THEREOF), THE PURCHASE OF THE NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES AND LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF



BOND ELECTION - Stafford Municipal School District

Vote For or Against

STAFFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSITION A

THE ISSUANCE OF \$62,000,000 BONDS BY THE CITY OF STAFFORD, TEXAS, FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE STAFFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT, INCLUDING THE REPAIR, RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE DISTRICT AND THE PURCHASE OF TECHNOLOGY, THE PURCHASE OF NECESSARY SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND THE PURCHASE OF NEW SCHOOL BUSES AND THE LEVYING OF AN AD VALOREM TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF



BOND REFERENDUM - LAMAR CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vote For or Against

LAMAR CONSOLIDATED ISD PROPOSITION A

THE ISSUANCE OF \$445,451,000 OF BONDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, ACQUISITION, AND EQUIPMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, THE PURCHASE OF SITES FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES, AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF

CITY OF KENDLETON SPECIAL ELECTION

Vote For or Against

CITY OF KENDLETON PROPOSITION A

Authorization for the adoption of an Ordinance extending the terms of office of the Mayor and City Council members from two (2) year terms to four (4) year terms



CITY OF MISSOURI CITY SPECIAL ELECTION

Vote Yes or No

CITY OF MISSOURI CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION A

Shall Section 3.05 of Article III of the Charter of the City of Missouri City be amended to clarify that the mayor pro tem of the city council may be elected at the first regular city council meeting following a runoff election?

CITY OF MISSOURI CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION B

Shall Subsection 4.01.A of Article IV of the Charter of the City of Missouri City be amended to remove the requirement that the city manager must be bonded at city expense in an amount not less than twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)

CITY OF MISSOURI CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION C

Shall Subsections 4.01.D and 4.01.F of Article IV of the Charter of the City of Missouri City be amended to provide that the city manager may appoint, suspend, and remove department directors and assistant city managers without the concurrence of the city council?

CITY OF MISSOURI CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION D

Shall Section 4.05 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of Missouri City be amended to allow the city manager to establish, combine, discontinue, redesignate, or combine city departments?

CITY OF MISSOURI CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION E

Shall Sections 6.01 and 6.02 of Article VI of the Charter of the City of Missouri City be amended to make the Charter consistent with City of Missouri City Resolution No. R-16-32, adopted on October 17, 2016, changing the City's election date from May to November?

CITY OF MISSOURI CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION F

Shall Section 7.01 of Article VII of the Charter of the City of Missouri City be amended to change the name of the city's finance department to the "financial services department?"

CITY OF MISSOURI CITY CHARTER PROPOSITION G

Shall Sections 9.01 and 9.03 of Article IX of the Charter of the City of Missouri City be amended to change the City of Missouri City's fiscal year from July 1 through June 30 to October 1 through September 30?

CITY OF HOUSTON BOND ELECTION

Vote For or Against

CITY OF HOUSTON PROPOSITION A

The issuance of \$1,010,000,000 pension obligation bonds for the purpose of funding a portion of the unfunded liability of the City with respect to the Houston Police Officers' Pension System and the Houston Municipal Employees Pension System as contemplated by the pension reform plan contained in Senate Bill 2190 (adopted in the 85th (2017) Texas Legislature, Regular Session), and the levying of taxes sufficient for the payment thereof and interest thereon.



CITY OF HOUSTON PROPOSITION B

The issuance of \$159,000,000 public safety improvement bonds for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and equipment of public safety permanent improvements for the police and fire departments and the levying of taxes sufficient for the payment thereof and interest thereon.



CITY OF HOUSTON PROPOSITION C

The issuance of \$104,000,000 park improvement bonds for the conservation, improvement, acquisition, construction and equipment of neighborhood parks, recreational facilities and bayous, including such green spaces along all bayous to create an integrated system of bayou walking, running and bicycle trails to enhance, preserve and protect the health of citizens, water quality, natural habitat and native wildlife and the levying of taxes sufficient for the payment thereof and interest hereon.



CITY OF HOUSTON PROPOSITION D

The issuance of \$109,000,000 public facility improvement bonds for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, remediation and equipment of permanent improvements that support public health and wellness, sanitation and other essential governmental and general services of the City and the levying of taxes sufficient for the payment thereof and interest thereon.



CITY OF HOUSTON PROPOSITION E

The issuance of \$123,000,000 library improvement bonds for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and equipment of the public library system and the levying of taxes sufficient for the payment thereof and interest thereon.



TEXAS PRIMARIES

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

Texas Primary Elections are held every two years in March. The next Primary Election is March 6, 2018. The Primary is basically an election held to narrow the field of candidates running for each position. As candidates declare for office in the general elections, they must select a party. Republicans run against Republicans and Democrats run against Democrats. If there are multiple Libertarian or Green party candidates challenging each other, they also have a primary.

Voters MUST decide before they vote, whether they wish to vote on a Democrat or a Republican ballot.

Early voting for the March primaries will begin on Tuesday, February 20 and will end on Friday, March 2.

If you know you will be out of the country from February 20 through March 6, 2018, you may request an absentee ballot. If you are a registered voter of Fort Bend County, you may be able to vote by mail if any of the following conditions would prevent you from going to the polls.

- Disability
- 65 years of age or older
- Confinement in jail and not finally convicted of a felony

You must make a written request for a ballot by mail. Click [HERE](#).

In applying, you must:

- State the address at which you are registered to vote.
- Give one of the reasons listed above for requesting a ballot.
- Provide the address to which you want the ballot mailed. If the ballot is not being mailed outside the County, nor to the address at which you are registered, then you must provide a description of that such as nursing home, hospital, etc.
- You must sign the application

If you are over the age of 65, you may request a ballot by mail application.

You can find more information about elections at the Fort Bend County Elections Office website:

www.fortbendcountytexas.gov.



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