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TO: County Election Officials  
FROM: Keith Ingram, Director of Elections   
DATE: November 10, 2022  
RE: Instructions and Procedures for Filing the Statement of Canvass

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Please be advised that Section 67.003 of the Texas Election Code states that the commissioners court must canvass the returns for the **November 8, 2022 General Election** not earlier than Friday, November 11, 2022 or later than Tuesday, November 22, 2022. **Only two members of the commissioners court are required to be present to canvass the returns.** The early voting ballot board must reconvene and count all provisional and overseas ballots. These two functions of the board may be performed at the same meeting, but must be completed no later than Monday, November 21, 2022. The votes from the late ballots and provisional ballots **must be included in the official canvass** by the court.

Pursuant to Section 67.007 of the Texas Election Code, the County Clerk/Elections Administrator must certify the county returns as canvassed by the commissioners court and deliver those returns to the Secretary of State **not later than 24 hours after the completion of the canvass.**

Please report the official returns to our office through the Texas Election Administration Management (TEAM) system. Detailed instructions and reference materials are available on the TEAM DocShare site. Once all official results have been entered, please print, sign, date, affix your county seal, and **upload your official canvass document.**

All official canvass returns should be entered no later than **Tuesday, November 22, 2022.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (800) 252-8683 or at [Elections@sos.texas.gov](mailto:Elections@sos.texas.gov).

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Canvass between  
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**ELECTION ADVISORY**  
**No. 2022-33**

TO: County Election Officers (County Clerks/Elections Administrators/Tax Assessors-Collectors)

FROM: Keith Ingram, Director of Elections

DATE: November 3, 2022

RE: Canvass and Recount Deadlines for the November 8, 2022 General Election for Federal, State, and County Officers

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This advisory is designed to be read together with the [recount outline](#) on our website. The [recount forms](#) can be downloaded from our website; alternatively, you may contact our office and request that the outline and forms be sent directly to you.

All statutory references in this advisory are to the Texas Election Code ("the Code"), unless otherwise indicated.

**Canvass Dates**

For all county and precinct races, the final canvass is the local canvass. (Tex. Elec. Code § 67.005). The local canvass for the November 8, 2022 General Election must be held not earlier than the third day after election day (Friday, November 11, 2022) and not later than the fourteenth day after election day (Tuesday, November 22, 2022).

The canvass cannot occur until the early voting ballot board has verified and counted all provisional ballots (if a provisional ballot has been cast in the election), the deadline for a voter to come to the early voting clerk's office to correct certain defects on their carrier envelope, or the date on which all timely received late-arriving ballots, including next business day, military and overseas ballots, are counted. See summary of late-arriving ballots below. (Tex. Elec. Code § 67.003).

The county election returns for an election for the office of Governor or Lieutenant Governor are canvassed by the legislature and the official result declared by the speaker of the house of representatives in accordance with Article IV, Section 3, of the Texas Constitution. (Tex. Elec. Code §67.011(a)). If a county's election returns are incomplete or missing, the legislature may

*Last day  
for BBM  
11-9-22*

*Nov 14<sup>th</sup> last  
day for  
FPCA  
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substitute the Secretary of State's tabulation for that county or may obtain the necessary information from the county. (Tex. Elec. Code §67.011(b)). Instructions for the submission of the legislative canvass requirements will be provided immediately following the election.

For all district (including single county districts), federal, and statewide races, the final canvass is the state canvass. (Tex. Elec. Code § 67.010). The state canvass for the November 8, 2022 General Election must be held no earlier than the 18th day after election day (Saturday, November 26, 2022) and no later than the thirty-third day after election day (Monday, December 12, 2022, as the thirty-third day falls on a Sunday). (Tex. Elec. Code §§ 1.006, 67.012).

### Recount Deadlines

The deadline for filing a recount depends on the date the election is canvassed. **You cannot canvass your election until the early voting ballot board has convened and counted all provisional and various late-arriving ballots.** (Tex. Elec. Code §§ 67.003, 86.007, 101.057).

All ballots received by 7:00 p.m. on election day must be counted on election day. However, you may count a "late domestic ballot" from a non-military voter or a military voter using an ABBM (not an FPCA) that arrives no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after election day (November 9, 2022) if it bears a cancellation mark of the postal service or a receipt mark of a common or contract carrier or a courier not later than 7:00 p.m. on November 8, 2022. The last day to receive a ballot from an overseas non-military voter using an FPCA is five days after the election, which is Monday, November 14, 2022 (as the fifth day falls on a Sunday). The last day to receive a ballot from a military voter using an FPCA is the sixth day after the election, which is Monday, November 14, 2022. The last day a voter may come in person to the early voting clerk's office to correct certain defects on their carrier envelope is the sixth day after the election, which is Monday, November 14, 2022. (Tex. Elec. Code §§ 87.0271, 87.0411). The last day for the early voting ballot board to convene and count "late domestic ballots," provisional, and overseas ballots is the thirteenth day after the election, which is Monday, November 21, 2022. (Tex. Elec. Code §§ 65.051, 86.007(a)(2), 86.007(d)(3), 87.125, 101.057).

### Deadlines for Regular Recount Requests

The deadline to request a recount for a county or precinct office on the November 8, 2022 General Election ballot is 5:00 p.m. of the second day after the canvass is conducted. (Tex. Elec. Code § 212.028).

Below are the canvass dates and the deadlines for filing a recount in county and precinct races. Please note that if the last day for performance of an act is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal state or national holiday, such as the Thanksgiving Day national holiday on November 24, 2022 and the day after Thanksgiving Day which is a state holiday, Friday, November 25, 2022 the act is timely if performed on the next regular business day, except as otherwise provided by the Code. (Tex. Elec. Code § 1.006).