SUBJECT: Canvassing the Election Returns From the May 6, 2023 Election

RATIONALE:

The final canvass is the local canvass for cities, schools, and other local political subdivisions (Tex. Elec. Code 67.005). The local canvass for the May 6, 2023 uniform election must be held not earlier than the third day after the election (Tuesday, May 9, 2023) and not later than the eleventh day after the election (Wednesday, May 17, 2023).

The canvass cannot occur until the early voting ballot board has qualified and counted all provisional ballots, if any; or the date on which all timely received late-arriving ballots (if any) are counted. (Tex. Elec. Code 67.003).

For school districts that canceled school board elections due to unopposed candidates, the first day a newly elected trustee may be issued a certificate of election and take the oath of office is Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

The Young County Elections Administrator, Kaitlyn Mosely, will provide the district with the final election results regarding the school bond election as soon as possible.

As the District canceled the trustee election due to unopposed candidates, we will issue certificates of election, take the oath of office, and reorganize the board officers at the beginning of the meeting on May 10, 2023.

After taking the Oath of Office, newly-sworn officers may assume the duties of their office. The superintendent's office will coordinate dates/times to complete the required new board member local orientation as well as other required training.

Counties, Cities, and School Districts: NEW LAW: SB 1116 (2021, R.S.) amended Chapter 65 of the Election Code by adding Section 65.016 of the Code regarding election results information which must be posted on county, city, and school district websites. A county that holds an election or provides election services for an election for a public entity must post certain information regarding election results on its website after the election. A city or independent school district that holds an election and maintains an Internet website must also post certain information on their website related to election results, even if the county is also posting. All entities must post the required information as soon as practicable after the election. The required information includes:

- 1. the results of each election:
- 2. the total number of votes cast;
- 3. the total number of votes cast for each candidate or for or against each measure:
- 4. the total number of votes cast by personal appearance on election day;

- 5. the total number of votes cast by personal appearance or mail during the early voting period; and
- 6. the total number of counted and uncounted provisional ballots cast. (Sec. 65.016).

RECOMMENDATION:

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