

Tax Ratification/Roll Back Election
September 3, 2013
ELECTION TIMETABLE

# Days Prior to or After Election Date ¹	Date	Required Action
- 30 days	Aug 4, 2013	Last date for ordering election. [Election Code § 3.005]
- 60 days	July 5, 2013	Generally, first day that a request for a ballot by mail may be submitted. Timing may be different for certain special circumstances. [Election Code §84.007]
- 45 days	July 20, 2013	First day ballots may be mailed to persons who applied to vote by mail. [Election Code § 86.004]
- 30 days	Aug 4, 2013	Earliest date for publication of notice of election in a newspaper. [Election Code § 4.003 requires publication of notice of the election one time in a publication of general circulation in the county not earlier than the 30th day before the election or later than the 10th day before the election.
- 21 days	Aug 13, 2013	Not later than the 21st day before election day, the county must post a copy of the election notice, including the location of each polling place, on the bulletin board used to post notices for the commissioners court's meetings. This notice must remain posted through election day. [Election Code § 4.003(b)] In addition to the notice required by § 4.003, notice must also be given by posting a substantial copy of the election order at three public places within the county and at the county court house. [Government Code § 1251.003]
Not later than 15 days before the election or the 7th day after election is ordered, whichever is later	Aug 19, 2013	Deadline for delivering written notice of election to Presiding Judge of each election precinct. [Election Code § 4.007] Election deemed "pre-cleared" by U.S. Dept. of Justice if no objection is received within 60 days of submission. [42 U.S.C. § 1973c] NOTE: Submission to the Justice Department may request expedited review, but there is no requirement that the request be honored. A jurisdiction which is confident of gaining pre-clearance may choose to hold the election prior to the expiration of the 60 days, but it risks the possibility of invalidating the election if a substantive objection is interposed.
72 hours preceding Saturday or Sunday voting		Publication of early voting notice for Saturday and Sunday voting. (When early voting will occur on a Saturday or Sunday, the early voting clerk must post notice stating the dates and hours of such voting on the commissioners court's bulletin board if the county clerk is the early voting clerk or on the city's bulletin board if the city secretary is the early voting clerk, 72 hours preceding the Saturday or Sunday voting.) [Election Code §85.007]
- 17 days	Aug 19, 2013	First day for early voting by personal appearance. [Election Code § 85.001] Note: When this date falls on a Saturday or a Sunday, if early voting is not ordered to begin on a Saturday or Sunday pursuant to §85.006 of the Election Code, then the first day of early voting commences on the next regular business day. [Election Code §85.001(c)]
- 10 days	Aug 26, 2013	Deadline for posting notice of consolidation of precincts. (Notice as to precincts' consolidation and location of polling place must be posted at location of the polling place used in the preceding election. This notice must remain posted

¹ §1.006 of the Election Code provides that except where otherwise provided in the Election Code, when an act is required to be performed on a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal state or national holiday, the act may be timely performed on the next regular business day.

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- 7 days	Aug 27, 2013	In general, last date to submit application for ballot to be voted by mail. [Election Code § 84.007]
- 4 days	Aug 30, 2013	Last day of early voting by personal appearance. [Election Code § 85.001]
ELECTION DAY	Sept 3, 2013	Polls must be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. [Election Code § 41.031]
+ 8 days	Sept 11, 2013	Earliest date for canvassing returns by Board of Trustees. [Election Code § 67.003]
+ 11 days	Sept 14, 2013	Last date for canvassing returns by Board of Trustees. [Election Code § 67.003]