

AN ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE TROUP
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAKING PROVISION FOR THE
CONDUCT OF A JOINT ELECTION, AND RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS
INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH ELECTION

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the TROUP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the *District*), located in Smith and Cherokee Counties, Texas (individually, the *County*, together, the *Counties*), hereby finds and determines that an election should be held to determine whether the District shall be authorized to issue bonds of the District in the amount and for the purposes hereinafter identified (the *Election*); and

WHEREAS, the District will contract with the Elections Administrator of Smith County (the *Smith County Elections Administrator*) and the Elections Administrator of Cherokee County (the *Cherokee County Elections Administrator* and together with the Smith County Elections Administrator, the *Election Administrators*) to conduct all aspects of the Election; and

WHEREAS, the Election will be conducted by each County and held jointly with other political subdivisions for which each County is also conducting their elections (such other political subdivisions, collectively, the *Participants*), as provided pursuant to the provisions of an election agreement and/or a joint election or similar agreement between or among (as applicable) the District, each County, and/or any Participants, entered into in accordance with the provisions of Section 271.002, as amended, Texas Election Code and the respective agreements for election services (each, an *Election Contract* and together, the *Election Contracts*); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that it is in the public interest to call and hold the Election at the earliest possible date to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purposes hereinafter identified; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the anticipated capital improvements referenced in Proposition A may be submitted to the qualified voters of the District as a single proposition as authorized by Section 45.003(g) of the Texas Education Code, as amended, (the *Code*) because these capital improvements will be used predominately for teaching required curriculum and/or administrative purposes and are not the type of facilities described in Section 45.003(g)(1-6) of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the actions hereinbefore described are in the best interests of the residents of the District; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TROUP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1: The Election shall be held in the TROUP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT on the 4th day of November, 2025 (*Election Day*), which is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this order (the *Order*), for the purpose of submitting the following proposition to the qualified voters of the District:

PROPOSITION A
THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

“Shall the Board of Trustees of the Troup Independent School District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District in the principal amount of \$22,205,000 for the purposes of designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, acquiring, and equipping school facilities in the District (and any necessary or related removal of existing facilities), such bonds to mature serially or otherwise (not more than 40 years from their date of issuance) in accordance with law; any issue or series of such bonds to bear interest per annum at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable, or otherwise) as may be determined within the discretion of the Board of Trustees, provided that such rate or rates of interest shall not exceed the maximum rate per annum authorized by law at the time of the issuance of any issue or series of such bonds; and shall the Board of Trustees of the District be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds?”

SECTION 2: On Election Day, the polls shall be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the locations designated by the Election Administrators in accordance with the Election Contracts. The locations of such polling places on Election Day are set forth in **Exhibit A-1** and **Exhibit A-2** which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part of this Order for all purposes. **Exhibit A-1** and **Exhibit A-2** shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places designated by the Election Administrators and to conform to the Election Contracts.

The Counties participate in the Countywide Polling Place Program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code, meaning that any County voter can vote in the Election at any polling place in their respective County identified in **Exhibit A-1** and **Exhibit A-2**.

SECTION 3: With respect to that portion of the District located in Smith County, the locations, dates and times for early voting for this election shall be as shown in **Exhibit B-1**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof for all purposes. Michelle Allcon, Smith County Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed early voting clerk and shall appoint and designate deputy clerks at such early voting polling place in accordance with the Election Contract with the Smith County Elections Administrator.

With respect to that portion of the District located in Cherokee County, the locations, dates and times for early voting for this election shall be as shown in **Exhibit B-2**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as a part hereof for all purposes. Kandace Herring, Cherokee County Elections Administrator, is hereby appointed early voting clerk and shall appoint and designate deputy clerks at such early voting polling place in accordance with the Election Contract with the Cherokee County Elections Administrator.

For purposes of processing ballots cast in early voting, the Election Administrators for the Early Voting Ballot Board for this Election shall be appointed and designated in accordance with the provisions of the Election Contracts.

SECTION 4: A voting system or systems meeting the standards and requirements of the Code, as amended, is hereby adopted and approved for early voting and for Election Day voting. Such voting system shall comply with Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Pursuant to Section 61.012, as amended, Texas Election Code, the Election Administrator shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election.

SECTION 5: With respect to voters of the District residing in Smith County, the Central Counting Station for the tabulation and counting of ballots for this Election shall be located at 302 E. Ferguson, Tyler, Texas and the Manager, Tabulation Supervisor, Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge at such Central Counting Station shall be determined, appointed and designated in accordance with the Election Contract with the Smith County Elections Administrator. The Manager and Presiding Judge of such Central Counting Station may appoint clerks to serve at such Station, as provided by Texas Election Code, Section 127.006, as amended.

With respect to voters of the District residing in Cherokee County, the Central Counting Station for the tabulation and counting of ballots for this election shall be located at the 138 W. 5th Street, Rusk, Texas and the Manager, Tabulation Supervisor, Presiding Judge and Alternate Presiding Judge at such Central Counting Station shall be determined, appointed and designated in accordance with the Election Contract with the Cherokee County Elections Administrator. The Manager and Presiding Judge of such Central Counting Station may appoint clerks to serve at such Station, as provided by Section 127.006 of the Election Code, as amended.

SECTION 6: The official ballot shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit voters to vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” the aforesaid measure which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION A
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“The issuance of \$22,205,000 of bonds by the Troup Independent School District for constructing, renovating, improving and equipping school facilities in the District and the imposition of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.”

SECTION 7: All resident, qualified voters of the District shall be permitted to vote at the Election.

SECTION 8: Notice of election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, with such publication occurring not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days before Election Day. Moreover, a substantial copy of this Order and the voter information document, substantially as set forth in **Exhibit C**, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted (i) on the bulletin board used for posting notices of Board meetings not less than 21 days prior to Election Day, (ii) in three additional public places within the District’s boundaries not later than 21 days prior to Election Day, (iii) in a prominent location at each polling place on Election Day and during early voting, and (iv) in a prominent location on the District’s internet website not less than 21 days

prior to Election Day. A sample ballot shall be posted on the District's internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day.

SECTION 9: In accordance with Section 3.009(b)(5) and (7) through (9) of the Texas Election Code, the District, as of the date of the adoption of this Order had outstanding an aggregate principal amount of debt equal to \$4,460,000; the aggregate amount of the interest owed on such District debt obligations, through respective maturity, as of the date of the adoption of this Order totaled \$900,700; and the District levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of \$0.079388 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. Based on the bond market conditions on the date of the Board's adoption of this Order, the estimated maximum interest rate for any series of bonds authorized at the Election is 5.50% (expressed as a net effective interest rate applicable to any such series of bonds). The bonds that are the subject of this Election shall mature serially or otherwise over a specified number of years (but not more than 40 years from their date as prescribed by applicable Texas law), though the District estimates that, based on current bond market conditions, such bonds will amortize over a 30-year period from their respective date of issue. The foregoing estimated maximum net effective interest rate and amortization period are only estimates, provided for Texas statutory compliance; they do not serve as a cap on the per annum interest rate at which any series of bonds authorized at the Election may be sold, or the amortization period for bonds that are the subject of this Election.

SECTION 10: The Board authorizes the President, Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designee of either of such parties to make such modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law, including the Election Contracts, or to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced herein. By incorporating all essential terms necessary for a joint election agreement, this Order is intended to satisfy Section 271.002(d) of the Texas Election Code, as amended, without further action of the Board.

SECTION 11: The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Board.

SECTION 12: All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 13: This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America. If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 14: It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 15: This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so ordered.

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PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 12th day of August, 2025.

TROUP INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)

[Signature Page to Troup Independent School District Bond Election Order]

Exhibit A-1

SMITH COUNTY ELECTION DAY POLLING INFORMATION

Election Day: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Presiding Judges and Alternates: to be appointed by the Election Administrator

Smith County Election Day Voting Locations

Location (ubicación)	Location Address (dirección del sitio)
The HUB	304 E. Ferguson Street, Tyler, TX 75702

Smith County participates in the Countywide Polling Place program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code. Registered voters of Smith County will be able to cast their Election Day ballots at the Vote Centers identified above in Smith County or as identified on the County's website. Preliminary, subject to change. If any locations are changed, this will be reflected on the County's website:

<https://www.smith-county.com/government/departments/elections>

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Exhibit A-2

CHEROKEE COUNTY ELECTION DAY POLLING INFORMATION

Election Day: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Presiding Judges and Alternates: to be appointed by the Election Administrator

Cherokee County Election Day Voting Locations

Location (ubicación)	Location Address (dirección del sitio)
Gallatin Missionary Baptist	252 Melton St., Gallatin, 75764
Cherokee County Elections Department	138 W. 5 th St Rusk, 75785
Mt Selman Baptist Church	47408 HWY 69 Bullard, 75757
Jacksonville Public Library	526 E. Commerce St Jacksonville, 75766
Craft Baptist Church	245 CR 1629 Jacksonville, 75766
The River Church- Wells	287 Rusk Ave Wells, 75976
East Lake Baptist Church	153 Eastdale Ln Bullard, 75757 (corner of FM 346 & Eastdale)
Redemption Rock Church	214 CR 2131 Maydelle, 75772
First Christian Church	1920 Beaumont St Jacksonville, 75766
The River Church- Alto	595 Marcus St Alto, 75925
Cove Springs Church	4948 HWY 175 W Jacksonville, 75766
New Summerfield Church of Christ	155 Church St New Summerfield, 75780
Blackjack Baptist Church	18214 Hwy 110 S Troup, 75789

Cherokee County participates in the Countywide Polling Place program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code. Registered voters of Cherokee County will be able to cast their

Election Day ballots at the Vote Centers identified above in Cherokee County or as identified on the County's website. Preliminary, subject to change. If any locations are changed, this will be reflected on the County's website:

<https://www.co.cherokee.tx.us/ips/cms/othercountyoffices/elections.html>

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Exhibit B-1

SMITH COUNTY EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES, AND HOURS

Early voting begins Monday, October 20, 2025 and ends on Friday, October 31, 2025.

Voters entitled to vote an early ballot by personal appearance may do so at any Early Voting site in their County of registration.

Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Friday, October 24, 2025. If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed (or if a federal postcard application is faxed), the applicant must also mail the original application so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than four days after receiving the emailed or faxed copy.

Smith County

Days/Dates	Times
Monday - Friday, October 20-24	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 25	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday, October 27-29	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday-Friday, October 30-31	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Location (ubicación)	Location Address (dirección del sitio)
Heritage Building	1900 Bellwood Road, Tyler, TX 75701
Lindale Masonic Lodge	200 W. Margaret Street, Lindale, TX 75771
The HUB (Main Location)	304 E. Ferguson Street, Tyler, TX 75702
Noonday Community Center	16662 CR 196, Tyler, TX 75703
Whitehouse Methodist Church	405 W. Main Street, Whitehouse, TX 75791

*Preliminary, subject to change. If any locations are changed, this will be reflected on the Smith County elections website: <https://www.smith-county.com/government/departments/elections>

Early Voting By Mail: Applications should be sent to: Early Voting Clerk, 302 E. Ferguson Street Tyler, Texas 75702, phone: (903) 590-4777, fax: (903) 590-4778, email: sselections@smith-county.com

Early Voting Clerk: Michelle Allcon, 302 E Ferguson St, Tyler, Texas 75702.

Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board: to be named by the Election Administrator.

Exhibit B-2

CHEROKEE COUNTY EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS, DATES, AND HOURS

Early voting begins Monday, October 20, 2025 and ends on Friday, October 31, 2025.

Voters entitled to vote an early ballot by personal appearance may do so at any Early Voting site in their County of registration.

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Cherokee County

Days/Dates	Times
Monday - Friday, October 20-24	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 25	9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday, October 27-29	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday-Friday, October 30-31	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Location (ubicación)	Location Address (dirección del sitio)
Cherokee County Elections Department (Main Location)	138 W. 5 th St Rusk, 75785
Jacksonville Public Library	526 E. Commerce St Jacksonville, 75766
The River Church- Alto	595 Marcus St Alto, 75925

*Preliminary, subject to change. If any locations are changed, this will be reflected on the Cherokee County elections website: <https://www.co.cherokee.tx.us/ips/cms/othercountyoffices/elections.html>

Early Voting By Mail: Applications should be sent to: Early Voting Clerk, 138 W. 5th Street, Rusk, Texas 75785, phone: (903) 683-8409, fax: (903) 683-8419, email: ea@cocherokee.org

Early Voting Clerk: Kandace Herring, 138 W. 5th Street, Rusk, Texas 75785.

Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board: to be named by the Election Administrator

Exhibit C

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Troup Independent School District Proposition A:

<input type="checkbox"/> FOR	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PROPOSITION A</u> THIS IS A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> AGAINST	<p>“The issuance of \$22,205,000 of bonds by the Troup Independent School District for constructing, renovating, improving and equipping school facilities in the District and the imposition of a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds.”</p>

principal of debt obligations to be authorized	\$22,205,000
estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized presuming an interest rate of 5.50%	\$25,455,350
estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized if amortized over 30 years	\$47,660,350
as of the date the election was ordered, principal of all outstanding debt obligations	\$4,460,000
as of the date the election was ordered, the estimated interest on all outstanding debt obligations	\$900,700
estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations amortized over [] years	\$5,360,700
estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes on a residence homestead with a taxable appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, if approved. This figure makes conservative assumptions about the amortization period of the debt obligations and the estimated interest rate; and presumes growth in estimated future taxable values within the District.	\$287.30