

ORDER TO POSTPONE ELECTION

Pursuant to Governor Abbott's proclamation on March 18, 2020, suspending provisions of the Texas Election Code to allow political subdivisions to postpone their 2020 local elections, Southwest Texas Junior College District elects to utilize this authority to postpone the May 2, 2020 election until November 3, 2020.

With this order the candidate filing for the May 2, 2020 election will remain valid for the November 3, 2020 election and will not be reopened.

All ballots by mail for those over 65 will be valid for the postponed election and all ballots by mail for those expected to be absent for the May election will not be valid for the postponed election.

Major relevant dates for the November election:

Voter registration deadline – October 5, 2020

Deadline to submit ABBM – October 23, 2020

Early Voting – October 19, 2020 – October 30, 2020

This order was adopted at a duly called meeting of Southwest Texas Junior College District Board of Trustees on March 23, 2020.

Election Official

Board Secretary

Date

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Governor Greg Abbott today issued a proclamation suspending provisions of the Texas Election Code to allow political subdivisions to postpone their 2020 local elections. This means local governments now have the ability to postpone their May 2, 2020 elections until November 3, 2020.

"I strongly encourage local election officials to take advantage of these waivers and postpone their elections until November," said Governor Abbott. "Right now, the state's focus is responding to COVID-19 — including social distancing and avoiding large gatherings. By delaying this election, our local election officials can assist in that effort."

Under Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, the Governor suspended Sections 41.0052(a) and (b) of the Texas Election Code and Section 49.103 of the Texas Water Code to the extent necessary to allow political subdivisions to move their elections for 2020 only to the next uniform date, occurring on November 3, 2020. The Governor also suspended Sections 31.093 and 42.0621(c) of the Texas Election Code to the extent necessary to require all county election officers to contract to furnish election services with political subdivisions if requested by

these subdivisions. Only political subdivisions have authority to postpone these elections, but the Governor’s suspensions allow political subdivisions to postpone the elections and strongly encourages them to do so.

In conjunction with today’s action, Texas Secretary of State Ruth Hughs is releasing an election advisory providing guidance for political subdivisions on the process of postponing their May 2nd elections. [Read the Texas Secretary of State's Election Advisory.](#)

[View the Governor's proclamation.](#)

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