



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

January 15, 2016

The Honorable Carlos Cascos  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
4:00pm O'CLOCK

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Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following proclamation:

A proclamation ordering a special election to be held in Texas House of Representatives District No. 139 on Saturday, May 7, 2016, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Sylvester Turner.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

*Gregory S. Davidson*  
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Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

# PROCLAMATION

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

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**TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:**

WHEREAS, the acceptance of another office by former State Representative Sylvester Turner has caused a vacancy to exist in Texas House of Representatives District No. 139, which consists of a part of Harris County; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 13 of the Texas Constitution and Section 203.002 of the Texas Election Code require that a special election be ordered upon such a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the vacancy occurred on January 2, 2016, and, therefore, pursuant to Section 203.004 of the Texas Election Code, the special election must be held on the first uniform date occurring on or after the 36th day after the date the special election is ordered; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.003 of the Texas Election Code requires the special election to be ordered by proclamation of the governor; and

WHEREAS, Saturday, May 7, 2016, is the first uniform election date occurring on or after the 36th day after the date the special election is ordered;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby order a special election to be held in Texas House of Representatives District No. 139 on Saturday, May 7, 2016, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Sylvester Turner.

Candidates who wish to have their names placed on the special election ballot must file their applications with the Secretary of State no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016, in accordance with Sections 1.006 and 201.054(a)(1), of the Texas Election Code.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, April 25, 2016, in accordance with Section 85.001(e) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be mailed immediately to the County Judge of Harris County, and all appropriate writs will be issued and all proper proceedings will be followed for the purpose that said election may be held to fill the vacancy in Texas House of Representatives District No. 139 and its result proclaimed in accordance with law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 15th day of January, 2016.

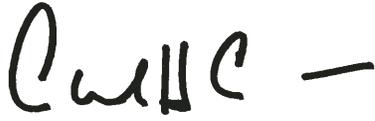
GREG ABBOTT  
Governor of Texas

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Abbott".

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ATTESTED BY:



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CARLOS CASCOS  
Secretary of State

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