## **PROCLAMATION**

BY THE

## Governor of the State of Texas

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 2410 as passed by the Eighty-Fifth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Mail-in ballot fraud is a serious problem that should be addressed by the Legislature in the upcoming special session. House Bill 2410 would have provided for mail-ballot-only elections in certain circumstances in small counties. While there is cost to taxpayers associated with holding live elections, ensuring the integrity of our electoral process is well worth it.

Since the Eighty-Fifth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 15th day of June, 2017.

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GREG ABBOTT Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

ROLANDO B. PABLOS Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE O'CLOCK

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