

GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

November 16, 2019

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs Secretary of State State Capitol Room 1E.8 Austin, Texas 78701 FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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Dear Madam Secretary:

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

A proclamation ordering a special runoff election to be held in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 28 on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable John Zerwas.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory S. Davidson

Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

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PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the resignation of the Honorable John Zerwas, and its acceptance, has caused a vacancy to exist in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 28, which is wholly contained within Fort Bend County; and

WHEREAS, a special election to fill the vacancy in House District No. 28 was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2019, and the results of that special election have been officially declared; and

WHEREAS, no candidate in the special election received a majority of the votes cast, as required by Section 203.003 of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.021 of the Texas Election Code requires that a runoff election be held if no candidate receives the votes necessary to be elected; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.025(d) of the Texas Election Code provides that the runoff election must be held not earlier than the 70th day or later than the 77th day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.003(a)(3) of the Texas Election Code requires the special runoff election to be ordered by proclamation of the governor;

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 runoff election to be held in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 28 on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable John Zerwas.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, in accordance with Sections 85.001(b) and (c) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be mailed immediately to the Fort Bend County Judge which is the county within which Texas State House of Representatives District No. 28 is wholly contained, and all appropriate writs shall be issued and all proper proceedings shall be followed to the end that said special runoff election may be held to fill the vacancy in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 28 and its result proclaimed in accordance with law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto 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 16th day of November, 2019.

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GREG ABBO Governor ATTESTED BY:

RUTH R. HUGHS Secretary of State