



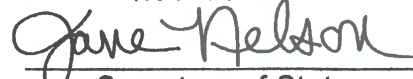
GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

November 17, 2025

The Honorable Jane Nelson  
Secretary of State  
State Capitol, Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

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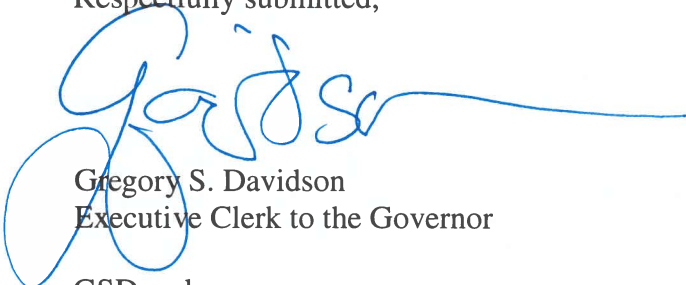
Dear Secretary Nelson:

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 for the unexpired term in previous Congressional District No. 18 on Saturday, January 31, 2026, for the purpose of electing a U.S. Representative for previous Congressional District No. 18 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  
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, in August 2025, the Texas Legislature passed, and Governor Greg Abbott signed House Bill 4, which revised Texas's congressional districting map for the U.S. House of Representatives as reflected in the plan identified as Plan C2333 on the redistricting computer system operated by the Texas Legislative Council; and

WHEREAS, "the Texas legislature's [2025] duly enacted law" creating a new congressional districting map "became the new 'status quo'" under Texas law, *Tex. Alliance for Retired Americans v. Hughs*, 976 F.3d 564, 568 (5th Cir. 2020) (per curiam); and

WHEREAS, candidates have already commenced running as candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives under the new congressional map, including several candidates who have filed or announced to run for the current Congressional District No. 18; and

WHEREAS, the death of the Honorable Sylvester Turner created a vacancy for an unexpired term in the U.S. House of Representatives for the previous Congressional District No. 18, which was wholly contained within Harris County; and

WHEREAS, a special election to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term in previous Congressional District No. 18 was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, and the results of that special election have been officially declared and canvassed on Saturday, November 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, no candidate in the special election for the unexpired term received a majority of the votes cast, as required by Sections 203.003 and 204.021 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, Sections 2.024 and 3.003(a)(3) of the Texas Election Code require a special congressional runoff election to be ordered by proclamation of the governor no later than the fifth day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed;

WHEREAS, Section 2.025(d) of the Texas Election Code provides that the runoff election for a special election to fill a vacancy in Congress must be held not earlier than the 70th day nor later than the 77th day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed; and

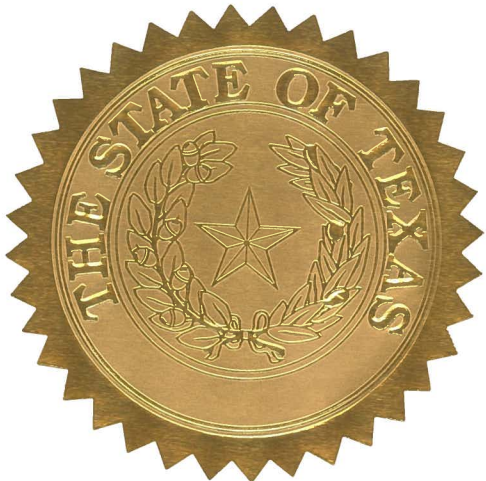
NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby order a special runoff election to be held for the unexpired term in previous Congressional District No. 18 on Saturday, January 31, 2026, for the purpose of electing a U.S. Representative for previous Congressional District No. 18 to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Sylvester Turner.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, and end on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, in accordance with Sections 85.001(a)–(b) and 204.021 of the Texas Election Code.

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A copy of this order shall be mailed immediately to the Harris County Judge, who presides over the county within which previous Congressional District No. 18 was wholly contained, and all appropriate writs shall be issued, and all proper proceedings shall be followed to the end that said election may be held to fill the vacancy for an unexpired term in previous Congressional District No. 18 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 17th day of November, 2025.

  
GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

ATTESTED BY:  
  
JANE NELSON  
Secretary of State

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