

GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

May 29, 2023

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

Dear Secretary Nelson:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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Secretary of State

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

A proclamation ordering a special election to be held in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 2 on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the unexpired term of Mr. Bryan Slaton.

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

Covernor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the constitutional actions taken by the Texas House of Representatives on May 9, 2023, as reflected in the adoption of House Resolution No. 1542, have caused a vacancy to exist in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 2, which consists of Hopkins, Hunt, and Van Zandt Counties; 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 Section 3.003 of the Texas Election Code requires the special election to be ordered by proclamation of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Section 203.004(a) of the Texas Election Code provides that the special election generally must be held on the first uniform date occurring on or after the 36th day after the date the election is ordered; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, the first uniform election date occurring on or after the 36th day after the date the special election is ordered is Tuesday, November 7, 2023;

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 State House of Representatives District No. 2 on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the unexpired term of Mr. Bryan Slaton.

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 Wednesday, September 6, 2023, in accordance with Section 201.054(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, October 23, 2023, and end on Friday, November 3, 2023, in accordance with Sections 85.001(a) and (e) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be mailed immediately to the county judges of all counties contained within Texas State House of Representatives District No. 2, and all appropriate writs shall be issued and all proper proceedings shall be followed to the end so that said election may be held to fill the vacancy in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 2 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 29th day of May, 2023.

GREG ABBOTT

Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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Governor Greg Abbott May 29, 2023

ATTESTED BY:

JANE NELSON Secretary of State