




GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

December 28, 2020

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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The Honorable Joe Esparza  
Deputy Secretary of State  
State Capitol Room 1E.8  
Austin, Texas 78701

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Secretary of State

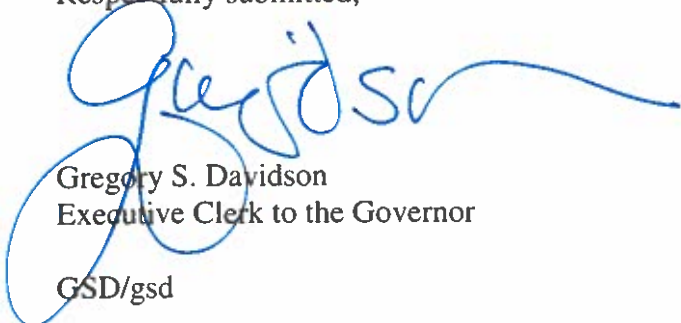
Dear Deputy Secretary Esparza:

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. 68 on Saturday, January 23, 2021, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the unexpired term of office declined by the Honorable Drew Springer.

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, the declination of office by the Honorable Drew Springer has caused a vacancy to exist in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 68, which consists of Childress, Collingsworth, Cooke, Cottle, Crosby, Dickens, Fisher, Floyd, Garza, Hall, Hardeman, Haskell, Jack, Kent, King, Montague, Motley, Stonewall, Throckmorton, Wheeler, Wilbarger, and Young 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, the vacancy occurred on December 26, 2020, which, under Section 203.013(a), is within the 60 days immediately prior to the date of convening the 87th Regular Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, Section 203.013(c) of the Texas Election Code provides that an expedited special election must be held on a Tuesday or Saturday occurring not earlier than the 21st day or later than the 45th day after the date the 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 State House of Representatives District No. 68 on Saturday, January 23, 2021, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the unexpired term of office declined by the Honorable Drew Springer.

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, January 4, 2021.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, January 11, 2021, in accordance with Sections 85.001(a) and (d) 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. 68, 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 in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 68 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

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in the City of Austin, Texas, this  
the 28th day of December, 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

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GREG ABBOTT  
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Esparza".

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JOE ESPARZA  
Deputy Secretary of State

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