



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

February 4, 2021

The Honorable Ruth R. Hughs
Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

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[Signature]
Secretary of State

Dear Secretary Hughs:

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. 68 on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the remainder of the full term of office declined by the Honorable Drew Springer.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]
Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

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, an expedited special election to fill the vacancy in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 68 was held on Saturday, January 23, 2021, 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 203.013(e) of the Texas Election Code provides that the runoff election must be held on a Tuesday or Saturday occurring not earlier than the 12th day or later than the 25th day after the date the election is ordered; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.003(a)(3) of the Texas Election Code requires a 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. 68 on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the remainder of the full term of office declined by the Honorable Drew Springer.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 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 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 4th day of February, 2021.

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

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth R. Hughs".

RUTH R. HUGHS
Secretary of State

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