

## GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

June 27, 2025

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

Dear Secretary Nelson:

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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 Senate District No. 9 on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, for the purpose of electing a state senator to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Kelly Hancock.

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**

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## Governor of the State of Texas

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the resignation of Honorable Kelly Hancock, and its acceptance, have caused a vacancy to exist in Texas Senate District No. 9, which is wholly contained within Tarrant County; 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(a)(3) and (b) 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 that the election is ordered; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 41.001(a)(3) of the Texas Election Code, the first uniform election date occurring on or after the 36th day after the date that the special election is ordered is Tuesday, November 4, 2025;

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 Senate District No. 9 on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, for the purpose of electing a state senator to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Kelly Hancock.

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 3, 2025, in accordance with Section 201.054(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, October 20, 2025, and end on Friday, October 31, 2025, in accordance with Section 85.001(a) and (c) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be mailed immediately to the Tarrant County Judge, who presides over the county within which Texas Senate District No. 9 is 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 in Texas Senate District No. 9 and its result proclaimed in accordance with law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto 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 27th day of June, 2025.

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GREG ABBOTT
Governor

SECRETARY OF STATE

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ATTESTED BY:

JANE NELSON Secretary of State