



Bruce Elfant, Travis County Tax Assessor-Collector and Voter Registrar

# News Release

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## **Voter registration deadline Jan. 31 to qualify for March primary election**

AUSTIN – Voter registration ends Jan. 31 for those wanting to vote or needing to change their address for the March primary election.

People can register to vote by:

- Going to any of the five Travis County Tax Office locations. The county's Voter Registration Division is in the main tax office, 5501 Airport Blvd.
- Filling out the voter registration application at [VoteTravis.gov](http://VoteTravis.gov) or [VoteTexas.gov](http://VoteTexas.gov), printing it out and dropping it off at any county tax office.
- Finding one of the almost 4,000 volunteer deputy registrars trained to register voters.

In Texas, voter registration requires a paper application.

A new state law allows voters to update their voter registration online if they moved within Texas. Previously, this online option was only available to those who moved within the same county. Those needing to update their address can go to the Texas Secretary of State's website, [VoteTravis.gov](http://VoteTravis.gov), or use the state [Texas.gov](http://Texas.gov) portal.

"It is very common for Texans to move within the state and forget to update their voter registration," said Bruce Elfant, the Travis County voter registrar and tax assessor-collector. "You can update your address online at [Texas.gov](http://Texas.gov) and if you do it before the Jan. 31 deadline, you will be able to vote in the precinct where you live."

The tax office is offering special voter registration hours and locations, including:

- 8 a.m. to Noon, Friday; 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday; and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31, at the main Travis County Tax Office, 5501 Airport Blvd.

- University of Texas:
  - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday, at Delta Gamma House, 2419 Rio Grand St.
  - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday, at Absolute Texxas House, 2307 Leon St.
- 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, at the Alpha Seventh-day Adventist Church, 3016 E. 51<sup>st</sup> St.
- 10 a.m. to Noon, Saturday, at the following Austin Public Library locations:
  - Central library, 710 W. Cesar Chavez St.
  - Manchaca branch, 5500 Manchaca Road
  - Little Walnut Creek branch, 835 W. Rundberg Lane
  - Ruiz branch, 1600 Grove Blvd.
  - Yarborough branch, 2200 Hancock Drive
  - Recycled Reads Bookstore, 5335 Burnet Road

Texas voter registration is a nonpartisan activity and voters do not declare a political party when they register to vote.

Travis County is gaining more than 160 new residents daily. “We want them to become a part of our community by making their voice heard in the ballot box and the first step is to register to vote in Texas,” Elfant said.

Here are the criteria for registering to vote in the Lone Star state and Travis County:

- You must be a United States citizen and Travis County resident
- At least 17 years and 10 months old, and you are 18 years of age on Election Day
- If you are a convicted felon, you need to be “off paper,” meaning you completed your sentence, parole and probation and are no longer under any court supervision.
- A court exercising probate jurisdiction has not declared you totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote