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Important Information Regarding Provisional Voting During Court-Ordered Extension of Early Voting for the January 31, 2026 Congressional District 18 Special Runoff Election

(HOUSTON, TX) – Due to a court-ordered extension of early voting for the January 31, 2026, Congressional District 18 Special Runoff Election, Federal law requires voters who cast a ballot during those extended days to vote provisionally.

“We want voters to feel confident in the process and assured that their ballots are being handled properly,” **said Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth.** “This clarification is meant to ease concerns and ensure every eligible voter understands what provisional voting means in this unique circumstance.”

Here’s what this means for your vote

Your vote WILL count. If you voted provisionally on January 28 or January 29, presented proper identification, and are registered in Congressional District 18, your ballot **WILL** be counted and included in the official election results. There is no need to take additional action.

Only voters whose voter registration was not up to date and/or who did not present one of the seven required photo identifications must cure their provisional ballots.

How to cure a provisional ballot in Texas

If you need to cure your ballot, you must:

1. Visit the Voter Registrar’s Office (Office of Annette Ramirez, Harris County Tax Assessor-Collector & Voter Registrar, 713-274-8200)
2. Bring an acceptable form of ID
3. Do so within six days after Election Day

Deadline matters

Ballots that are cured by the deadline **WILL** be counted. And again, **you only need to cure if you did not present a valid ID or if your voter registration was not up to date.**

Bottom line

Provisional voting during the court-ordered extension was a legal safeguard, not a rejection of your vote. The process ensures every eligible vote is counted accurately and transparently.

For cure locations and acceptable forms of ID, please contact the Voter Registrar’s Office at 713-274-8200

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