

## TENESHIA HUDSPETH COUNTY CLERK

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## REMINDER: PRIMARY ELECTIONS VOTE-BY-MAIL APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 23

**(Houston, TX)** – The Harris County Clerk's Office reminds eligible registered voters that February 23, 2024, is the last day to submit an application to vote by mail for the upcoming Primary Elections. Qualified voters should be aware that to receive a mail ballot, they <u>must</u> request an application to vote by mail and submit it to the County Clerk's Elections Department. Applications and mail ballots are NOT sent automatically to voters.

"In even-numbered years, it is important to mark the primary and primary runoff election in which you want to participate," said Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth, the county's chief elections official. "It is also important that the voter completes the entire application correctly and selects the appropriate qualifying option."

Registered voters are eligible to vote by mail if they are:

- 65 years of age or older
- Sick or disabled (as defined in Texas Election Code 82.002(a))
- Out of the county on Election Day and during early voting hours
- Expected to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day
- Confined in jail or involuntary civil commitment but eligible to vote

## Click here to download the application to vote by mail.

Registered voters who are 65 years of age and older or disabled have the option of marking "annual" on the application to ensure they automatically receive a postal ballot for all of the 2024 elections that take place in the political jurisdictions where they reside. The "annual" application to vote by mail expires at the end of the year, or when the voter cancels the application, voter registration is canceled, or when the voter registers in a new county.

"Voters who are qualified to vote by mail but choose not to exercise the option may vote in person during the Early Voting Period or on Election Day," **concluded Clerk Hudspeth.** 

Early voting for the Primary Elections will take place from Tuesday, February 20 to Friday, March 1, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and on Sunday, February 25, from noon to 7 p.m. Vote centers will be open on Election Day, March 5, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Visit <u>www.HarrisVotes.com</u> for additional information or to review a sample ballot. For news and updates, voters may follow the County Clerk's Office on social media at **@HarrisVotes**.