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Early Voting for March Primaries Begins Tomorrow

(HOUSTON, TX) – Early Voting for the March 3, 2026, Primary Elections begins **Tuesday, February 17**, and ends **Friday, February 27**. There are **60** [vote centers](#) across Harris County. Primary elections are held by the political parties to allow voters to select their party's nominees for the November general election. Texas is an open primary state, so voters do not need to register with a political party. However, a voter can only participate in one party's primary election.

"Primary elections are the first step to November," **said Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth**. "As we enter the midterm election season, I urge voters to educate themselves on the issues and candidates, and to make their voices heard early in the process."

Early Voting Schedule

- Tuesday, February 17 – Friday, February 27, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 22, 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Texas required photo IDs

- TX driver's license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- TX Election Identification Certificate (EIC) issued by DPS
- TX personal identification card issued by DPS
- TX Handgun License issued by DPS
- US Military Identification card containing the person's photograph
- US Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph
- US Passport (book or card)

Voting by Mail

- **Deadline to apply:** February 20, 2026.
- **Eligible voters:** 65 years of age or older, sick or disabled, out of the county during the voting period, expect to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day, confined in jail, but eligible to vote.

For sample ballots, vote center locations, and additional election information, visit www.HarrisVotes.com. State law prohibits the use of wireless communication devices in voting areas; however, voters may bring written notes or sample ballots to the polls. Follow **@HarrisVotes** for updates.

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