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Early Voting for November 5 General and Special Elections Begins October 21

(HOUSTON, TX)—Harris County Clerk Teneshia Hudspeth has announced that early voting for the November 5 General and Special Elections begins on Monday, October 21, and ends Friday, November 1. During the early voting period, Harris County voters may cast their ballots at one of <u>88 vote centers</u>.

"During this period, voters will have 144 total hours to exercise their right to vote early," **said Clerk Hudspeth.** "Life can be unpredictable, and casting a ballot ahead of Election Day ensures that illness, work, or unexpected events will not keep citizens from voting."

In Texas, early voting spans over a 12-day period, allowing citizens, more time, including a weekend, to fit voting into their busy schedules. Voting early not only ensures voters have adequate time to vote, but also reduces congestion at the polls on Election Day.

Early Voting Hours

October 21–26 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
October 27 (Sunday) 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
October 28–30 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
October 31 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
November 1 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

To ensure voters are well-prepared before voting, they can view, download, and print their personalized <u>sample</u> <u>ballot</u> and take it to the polls.

"Our office is committed to making voting in Harris County as accessible and secure as possible," added **Clerk Hudspeth.** "Voters should take advantage of the early voting period and not wait until Election Day. However, if they decide to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, vote centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m."

Voting by Mail

The deadline to request a ballot by mail for the November 5 elections is Friday, October 25 (received, not postmarked). To be eligible to vote early by mail in Texas, a registered voter must:

- be 65 years or older
- be sick or disabled
- be out of the county on election day and during the period for early voting by personal appearance
- be expected to give birth within three weeks before or after Election Day or
- be confined in jail but otherwise eligible.

For additional information, visit <u>www.HarrisVotes.com</u>. For the latest news and updates, follow **@HarrisVotes** on social media.