



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

August 6, 2021

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Secretary of State

Mr. Joe A. Esparza
Deputy Secretary of State
State Capitol Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Deputy Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation ordering a special election to be held in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 10 on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Jake Ellzey.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,


Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

PROCLAMATION
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the Honorable Jake Ellzey, in taking the Oath of Office as U.S. Representative for Congressional District 6, has caused a vacancy to exist in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 10, which consists of Ellis County and part of Henderson County; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 13 of the Texas Constitution and Section 203.002 of the Texas Election Code require that a special election be ordered upon such a vacancy, and Section 3.003 of the Texas Election Code requires the special election to be ordered by proclamation of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Sections 5 and 40, and Article IV, Section 8 of the Texas Constitution authorize the Governor to call an extraordinary session of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, I have called a second extraordinary session of the 87th Legislature to convene on Saturday, August 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the vacancy in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 10 occurred on July 30, 2021, which, under Section 203.013(a)(2) of the Texas Election Code, is within the 60 days immediately prior to the date of convening any session of the legislature; and

WHEREAS, Section 203.013(c) of the Texas Election Code provides that an expedited special election must be held on a Tuesday or Saturday occurring not earlier than the 21st day or later than the 45th day after the date the election is ordered;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby order a special election to be held in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 10 on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Jake Ellzey.

Candidates who wish to have their names placed on the special election ballot must file their applications with the Secretary of State no later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, 2021.

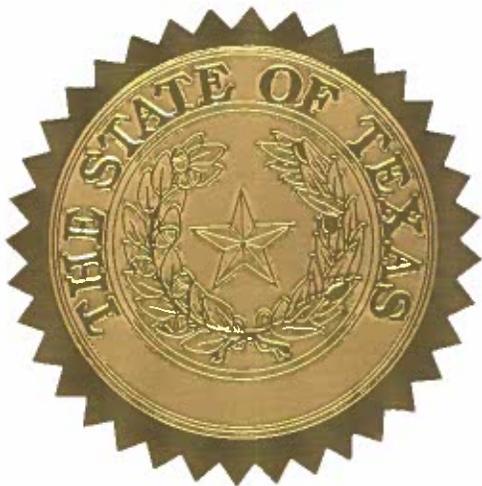
Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, August 23, 2021, in accordance with Sections 85.001(a) and (d) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be mailed immediately to the County Judges of all counties contained within Texas State House of Representatives District No. 10, and all appropriate writs shall be issued and all proper proceedings shall be followed to the end that said election may be held to fill the vacancy in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 10 and its result proclaimed in accordance with law.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I
have hereunto signed my name
and have officially caused the Seal
of State to be affixed at my office

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in the City of Austin, Texas, this
the 6th day of August, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

ATTESTED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe A. Esparza".

JOE A. ESPARZA
Deputy Secretary of State

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