



BEVERLY B. KAUFMAN COUNTY CLERK

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LAST CHANCE TO VOTE IN MARCH PRIMARY ELECTIONS IS TOMORROW: Knowing in which election a voter will vote-in facilitates finding poll

Houston, TX, - The Harris County Clerk, Beverly Kaufman, advises voters to know in which primary election they will be voting-in before heading to vote on Tuesday, March 2. According to the Clerk, knowing in which election a voter will vote facilitates finding the correct polling location. Tuesday is the last chance voters have to participate in the 2010 Democratic and Republican Primary Elections. Polling locations will be open from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.

"During a primary election, the political parties determine the number of polling locations and where the polls are located. As a result, voters who share the same precinct but different party loyalty may have to go to separate polling locations to vote", informed Clerk Kaufman, the chief elections officer of the County. On Election Day, the Democratic Party will have 400 polling locations and the Republican Party 395. The polling locations will be shared in 201 instances.

Voter may find a list of polling locations by calling the County Clerk's office, 713-755-6965, or the Voter Registrar's office, 713-368-2200, or visiting www.harrisvotes.com or www.hctx.com. Voters may also call the office of the Harris County Democratic Party, 713-802-0085, or the Republican Party, 713-838-7900, for assistance finding their polling location.

For voting purposes, at a poll, a voters may use: 1. A voter registration certificate; 2. a driver's license or personal identification card issued to the voter by the Department of Public Safety or a similar document issued to the voter by an agency of another state, regardless of whether the license or card has expired; 3. a form of identification containing the voter's photograph that establishes the voter's identity; 4. a birth certificate or other document confirming birth that is admissible in a court of law and establishes the voter's identity; 5. United States citizenship papers issued to the voter; 6. a United States passport issued to the voter; 7. official mail addressed to the voter, by name, from a governmental entity; 8. a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and address.

In Texas, any registered voter may participate in a primary election. However, a voter may vote in either the Republican Primary or the Democratic Primary, but not in both. This year a voter can expect to see about 80 contests if they vote in the Democratic Primary and about 90 if they choose to vote in the Republican Primary. In Harris County, 75 to 80 percent of the contests voters will see on the ballot are for judicial positions.

In primary elections, the two major political parties select nominees for public office at the federal, state and county, district and precinct level. The primary winners go on to represent their party in the General election held in November.

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ABOUT THE HARRIS COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

In Harris County, the County Clerk's office has three major responsibilities. The Clerk's office maintains records for Commissioners Court, County Probate Courts, and County Civil Courts at Law. The office records real property records including state and federal tax liens; vital statistics records such as marriage licenses; assumed names; and uniform commercial code records. The County Clerk's office is also responsible for the conduct of county, state and federal elections in the third largest county in the United States.

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