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**Election Outlook:** Last day to register to vote is Tuesday, October 11, 2011. [Voter information](#) | [What's on the Nov. 8th Constitutional Amendment Election Ballot](#)

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### May 14, 2011 - Uniform Election Date

*The more detailed [May 14, 2011 Election Law Calendar](#) is available on the [Elections homepage](#) and on the ["Conducting Your Elections"](#) pages.*

**First Day to File for Place on Ballot (for cities and schools ONLY)(filing deadline for other political subdivisions may vary)	Saturday, February 12, 2011 (first day to file does not move forward)
**Last Day to File for Place on Ballot, <b>Local General Election</b>	Monday, March 14, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. (deadline is extended to next business day)  ***Friday, March 18, 2011 (see note below relating to four-year terms)
Last Day to Order General Election	Monday, March 14, 2011 (deadline is extended to next business day)
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, March 15, 2011 (does not apply to FPCA)
Last Day to Register to Vote	Thursday, April 14, 2011
First Day of Early Voting <b>By Personal Appearance</b>	Monday, May 2, 2011
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail ( <b>Received</b> , not Postmarked)	Friday, May 6, 2011 (May 7, 2011 is the seventh day, but deadline moves back to <b>preceding</b> business day, Friday)
Last Day of Early Voting <b>By Personal Appearance</b>	Tuesday, May 10, 2011

### November 8, 2011 - Uniform Election Date

*The more detailed [November 8, 2011 Election Law Calendar](#) is available on the [Elections homepage](#) and on the [Conducting Your Elections](#) pages.*

**First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for cities and schools ONLY) (filing deadline for other political subdivisions may vary)	Monday, August 8, 2011
Last Day to Order General Election	Wednesday, September 7, 2011
**Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot (for local political subdivisions ONLY)	Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Friday, September 9, 2011 (does not apply to FPCA)
Last Day to Register to Vote	Tuesday, October 11, 2011 (deadline is extended to next business day after Columbus Day)
First Day of Early Voting	Monday, October 24, 2011 (17th day before election day falls on a Saturday, first day moves to next business day)
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail (Received, not Postmarked)	Tuesday, November 1, 2011
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, November 4, 2011

\*Local political subdivisions: county local propositions, cities, school districts, water districts, hospital districts, and any other local government entity that conducts elections. The majority of these elections are conducted on the May uniform election date.

#### \*\*Filing deadlines:

1. Generally, the filing deadline is the 62nd day prior to Election Day (70th day prior to election day in November of an even-numbered year); however, the Election Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code.
2. Local political subdivisions, other than cities or school districts, might not have a "first day" to file. Write-in deadlines for general and special elections also vary, but the deadline is usually on the 5th day after the regular filing deadline for the election.

\*\*\*If no candidate for a **four-year term** has filed an application for a place on the ballot for a **city office**, the filing deadline for that office is extended to 5 p.m. of the 57th day before the election. See Section 143.008 of the Texas Election Code.

#### Water Districts, Chapters 36 & 49

Special procedures apply to a newly-elected director of a water district governed by Chapters 36 or 49 of the Texas Water Code. A duplicate original of the oath (but not the statement of elected/appointed officer) shall also be filed with the secretary of state within 10 days after its execution and need not be filed before the new director begins to perform the duties of office. (Texas Water Code, Sections 36.055, 49.055). **As this is an odd-numbered year, we are aware that most water districts are not conducting a general election.**