

NEWS RELEASE:

Early voting by personal appearance for the General Election to be held November 4, 2014 will begin on Monday, October 20, 2014 and continue through Friday, October 31, 2014. Voting will be conducted at the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department, 212 N. Gagon Street in Rockport, Texas (entrance will be at the back door located on the corner of Concho and Ann Streets). Voting hours will be from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 25, 2014 and 12:00 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 26, 2014.

Any qualified voter is eligible to vote early by personal appearance.

Qualified voters who are eligible to vote early by mail include voters 65 years of age or older, disabled voters, voters confined in jail, and voters who expect to be absent from the county of their residence on election day and during the regular hours for conducting early voting. Applications for ballots by mail may be received September 5, 2014 through October 24, 2014. No applications may be accepted after this deadline. After early voting has started, an application for a ballot by mail cannot be "hand delivered"; it must be mailed. Only the voter may hand deliver his/her application before early voting begins.

Any voter who is eligible to vote early by mail may call (361) 790-0122 for information and/or assistance. Additionally, applications are available on the State's website at www.votetexas.gov.

Voter registration questions may be directed to (361) 729-7431.

NOTE: In 2011, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 14 (SB14) creating a new requirement for voters to show photo identification when voting in person. While pending review within the judicial system, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its opinion in *Shelby County v. Holder*, which effectively ended all pending litigation. As a result, voters are now required to present an approved form of photo identification in order to vote in all Texas Elections. This requirement is effective immediately. Below is a list of the acceptable forms of photo ID:

- Texas driver license issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport