

The FORUM POLITICAL EDITION

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Primary Election -----

The primary election will be held March 12, 2002. There are two different ballots for the primary election. You must choose your ballot for the primary on your application request:

- Ballot for Republican Party primary or
- Ballot for Democratic Party primary

After the winners are determined from both primaries, all candidates (Republican, Democratic, etc.) will be listed on one ballot for the November 5, 2002, general election.

Early Voting By Mail-----

The last day to register to vote to be eligible for the March 12 primaries is February 11, 2002. When you apply for a ballot by mail, you must first request an application. Applications for voting by mail will be accepted January 11 through March 5. Once your application is received by the County Clerk, a ballot will then be mailed to you. The ballot must be mailed to an address outside of Polk County unless you are 65 (or older) or disabled (no proof necessary); however, you must indicate your reason for applying for an absentee ballot, e.g. disabled, away traveling, etc.

Escapees Mail Service members who will be traveling out of state may have their ballots sent to the following address:

Your Name • c/o Escapees RV Club • PO Box 1578 • Shepherd, TX 77371

This special box is for Escapees members who will be away traveling and do not have a secure temporary mailing address that they are comfortable using. Escapees mail service agents will forward these ballots to you, but it is important to recognize that this can cause an additional time delay. It is always best to have your applications and ballots sent directly to you if at all possible.

Remember, the window of time is slim. You must request your application first, send it back to the County Clerk, receive your ballot, and mail it back to the County Clerk (see address below for returning ballots), all before the March 12, 2002, election deadline!

Mail application requests and return ballots to:
Early Voting Clerk • PO Drawer 2119
Livingston, TX 77351-9401

The following have filed for candidacy in their respective party primaries:

Republican Candidates -----

Governor: Rick Perry

Lieutenant Governor: David Dewhurst, Tom Kelly

Attorney General: Greg Abbott

State Comptroller: Carole Keeton-Rylander

Land Commissioner: Jerry Patterson, Kenn George

Agriculture Commissioner: Susan Combs

Railroad Commissioner: Michael L. Williams

Chief Justice, Supreme Court: Tom Phillips

Chief Justice Ninth Court of Appeals: Gary A. Hinchman, Steve McKeithen

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1: Mike Schneider

Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2: John Cayce, Elizabeth Ray, Dale Wainwright

Justice Supreme Court, Place 3: Wallace Jefferson, Sam Lee

Justice Supreme Court, Place 4: Xavier Rodriguez, Steven Wayne Smith

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1: Tom Price, Carolyn Denero, Tim Taft

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2: David Richards, Steve Mansfield, Paul Womack

Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3: Cathy Cochran, Blair Davis, Connie J. Kelley, Guy Williams

State Board of Education, District 8: Grace Shore, Linda Bauer

US Senator: Douglas Deffenbaugh, John Cornyn, Lawrence Cranberg, Bruce Rusty Lang, Dudley Mooney

US Representative, District 2: Van Brookshire

State Senator, District 3: Todd Staples

State Representative, District 18: Eddie Shaubberger

County Chairman: Benny Fogleman

Precinct #1 Chairman: Shirley Cain

County Clerk: Carol Bigler

Justice of Peace, Pct. 1: Darrell Longino

Democrat Candidates -----

Governor: Tony Sanchez, Bill Lyon, John Worldpeace, Dan Morales

Lieutenant Governor: John Sharp

Attorney General: Kirk Watson

State Comptroller: Marty Akins

Land Commissioner: David Bernsen, Ray Madrigal

Agriculture Commissioner : Tom Ramsay, Ernesto De Leon
Railroad Commissioner: Paul C. Looney, Sherry Boyles
Chief Justice, Supreme Court: Richard G. Baker
Chief Justice Ninth Court of Appeals: Ronald L Walker
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 1: Linda Yanez
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2: Jim Parsons
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3: William E. Moody
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4: Margaret Mirabal
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 1: John W. Bull
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 2: Pat Montgomery, Julius Whittier
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3: J.R. Molina
U.S. Senator: Gene Kelly, Ron Kirk, Ken Bentsen, Victor Morales, Ed Cunningham
U.S. Representative, District 2: Jim Turner
State Representative, District 18: Dan Ellis
258th District Judge: Elizabeth Coker
Criminal District Attorney: John S. Holleman
County Court at Law Judge: Stephen Phillips
County Judge: John Thompson
District Clerk: Kathy Clifton
County Treasurer: Nola Reneau
County Chairman: Sharon Lee Teal
County Clerk: Barbara Middleton
Justice of Peace, Pct. 1: Judy McDowell

Libertarian Candidates -----

Governor: Jeff Daiell
Lieutenant Governor: Mark David Gessner
State Representative, District 18: Barbara Elizondo
State Senator, District 3: Michael Carter
U.S. Representative, District 2: Peter Beach
U.S. Senator: Michael Idrogo, Scott Lanier Jameson, Kenneth Neil Grubaugh
Attorney General: Jon Roland
State Comptroller: Steve Martin
Land Commissioner: Marjory Staehle-Glowka
Agriculture Commissioner: Vincent J. May
Railroad Commissioner: Nazirite R. Flores-Perez
Chief Justice, Texas Supreme Court: Clifford F William
Texas Supreme Court, Place 1: Royce Mitchell Jr.
Court of Crimminal Appeals, Place 1: Stephan Kinsella

Independent Candidates -----

Governor: LeRoy F. Gillam, William A. Dyson
Lieutenant Governor: Joseph William Roberts
U.S. Senator: Kevin Dale Harrison, Thomas Francis Gibbons, David Latimer, Eric Lawrence Kirkland, Altero F. Salazar, II

Green Party Candidates -----

Governor: Rahul Mahajan
Lieutenant Governor: Nathalie Paravicini
Attorney General: David Keith Cobb
State Comptroller: Rueben L. Reyez
Land Commissioner: Michael B. McInerney

Agriculture Commissioner: Jane Woodward Elioseff
Railroad Commissioner: Charles L. Mauch
Chief Justice, Supreme Court: Ben G. Levy
Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2: Brad Rockwell
Judge, Court Criminal Appeals, Place 1: Robert C. (Rob) Owen
Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 3: Ollie Ruth Jefferson
U.S. Senate: Roy H. Williams, James W. Wright

In the event there is no clear winner in the respective primary elections, runoffs will be held on April 9, 2002. Winners in the primary election will run in next November's general election.

Additional Candidate Resource Information

Local candidate announcement information viewable at: easttexasnews.com

Polk Co. Republican Party 401 N. Washington Livingston, TX 77351 936-327-8683	Polk Co. Democratic Party 705 N. Jackson St. Livingston, TX 77351 936-327-5911
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Vehicle Registration On-line -----

Want to renew your vehicle registration on line? Follow the steps below for Polk County registration renewals: Type in www.texasonline.state.tx.us. Click on Vehicle Registration Renewal. Under Counties, click on Polk. (Current cost of e-mail registration is \$3.)

Texas inspection fees update -----

Some of you have been following the possible implementation of increased fees when registering an out-of-state vehicle in Texas. We reported in the January/February issue that a court hearing was tentatively scheduled for November 15, 2001. The case has once again been postponed. We were unable to acquire any information on a new court date. A Department of Public Safety resource said the maximum \$1 fee for this inspection will stay intact until a court order is issued.

Mail Service Branch Office -----

We reported earlier this year that we are conducting feasibility studies on various states to determine if a subsidiary mail service would be a viable option. We are still gathering materials but have no immediate plans for expansion at this time.

Important Phone Numbers:

Applications Fax Line 936-327-6874
 County Clerk/Voting Info. 936-327-6804
 or 936-327-6805
 Note: Early voting by personal appearance is Feb. 25 - March 8.