

Nacogdoches County November 5, 2013 General Election

General Information:

On November 5, 2013, Nacogdoches County will be conducting a State Constitutional Amendment Election and a Special Election for the City of Nacogdoches. All registered voters in Nacogdoches County are eligible to vote in the State Constitutional Amendment Election. Registered voters who live within the City of Nacogdoches are eligible to vote in the Special Election.

Early Voting Schedule:

Early Voting will be conducted at The Courthouse Annex – 203 W. Main St., Room # 113, Nacogdoches, TX 75961

Monday, October 21, 2013 through Friday, October 25, 2013 – Daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Monday, October 28, 2013 through Wednesday, October 30, 2013 – Daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 31, 2013 through Friday, November 1, 2013 – Daily from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(Closed on October 26th and 27th)

Election Day Voting Schedule And Polling Places:

All polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 5, 2013.

Voting Precinct(s)	Site	Site Address
12	Beck Building – Cushing	720 Seventh Street Cushing, TX 75760
13	First Baptist Church – Douglass	15122 W. State Hwy. 21 Douglass, TX 75943
15	First Baptist Church – Garrison	275 W. Magnolia Street Garrison, TX 75946
16	Bethel Baptist Church	429 Happyland Road Nacogdoches, TX 75965
14, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 41, 42, 43	C. L. Simon Recreation Center	1112 North Street Nacogdoches, TX 75961
30, 31, 32, 33, 34	North Street Church of Christ	3914 North Street Nacogdoches, TX 75965
44	Woden I.S.D.	5263 FM 226 Woden, TX 75978
45	Martinsville I.S.D.	12952 E. State Hwy. 7 Nacogdoches, TX 75961
46	Chireno Methodist Church	799 Main Street Chireno, TX 75937
47	Etoile I.S.D.	16039 FM 226 Etoile, TX 75944

Propositions:

Propositions are listed in the order they will appear on the ballot.

City of Nacogdoches Special Election

Local Option Explanatory Statements can be found at: http://www.tabc.state.tx.us/local_option_elections/election_issues.asp (See #7)

PROPOSITION

The legal sale of all alcoholic beverages including mixed beverages. FOR/AGAINST

Nacogdoches County Constitutional Amendment Election

Constitutional Amendment Explanatory Statements can be found at: <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/2013novballotexp.shtml>

PROPOSITION 1

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action.” FOR/AGAINST

PROPOSITION 2

“The constitutional amendment eliminating an obsolete requirement for a State Medical Education Board and a State Medical Education Fund, neither of which is operational.” FOR/AGAINST

PROPOSITION 3

“The constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision of this state to extend the number of days that aircraft parts that are exempt from ad valorem taxation due to their location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state for purposes of qualifying for the tax exemption.” FOR/AGAINST

PROPOSITION 4

“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of part of the market value of the residence homestead of a partially disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of a partially disabled veteran if the residence homestead was donated to the disabled veteran by a charitable organization.” FOR/AGAINST

PROPOSITION 5

“The constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend lender disclosures and other requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan.” FOR/AGAINST

PROPOSITION 6

“The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas and the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas to assist in the financing of priority projects in the state water plan to ensure the availability of adequate water resources.” FOR/AGAINST

PROPOSITION 7

“The constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 12 months or less.” FOR/AGAINST

PROPOSITION 8

“The constitutional amendment repealing Section 7, Article IX, Texas Constitution, which relates to the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.” FOR/AGAINST

PROPOSITION 9

“The constitutional amendment relating to expanding the types of sanctions that may be assessed against a judge or justice following a formal proceeding instituted by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.” FOR/AGAINST

Information About Literature:

Voters can feel free to bring in literature to use in the voting booths that will help them in making their choices. However, voters are not allowed to leave their literature in the voting booths after they have voted. Sample ballots will be posted for voters to examine if they would like before receiving their ballots. Election workers will be happy to assist all voters in helping them understand how to mark their ballots and will be happy to read the ballots to voters as well if they are asked to. However, election workers will not be able to provide any insight to voters regarding propositions, so we recommend that voters research the propositions before they come in to vote. Printouts from the Secretary of State's Office's website of additional information and analyses of the propositions will be available to voters at all polling places upon request.

Other Important Information:

The most important upcoming date is Monday, **October 7, 2013**. This is the last day to register to vote for the **November 5, 2013 Nacogdoches County General Election, and the City of Nacogdoches Special Election**. All applications must be postmarked or received by the Nacogdoches County Elections Office by this date. The Elections Office will be open until 5:00 p.m. on **October 7, 2013**.

If you have moved recently you need to re-register to vote. Voter registration is connected to your address. If you stay at the same address year after year, then you don't ever have to re-register because your voter registration is automatically renewed every two years. However, whenever you move you have to re-register or you will eventually be removed from the voter roll. Even if you move within the same county, city, or even on the same street you have to re-register. You also need to re-register if you have made any changes to your mailing address. For example, if you had a P.O. Box last year, and now you don't, then you need to re-register/update your address information. Everyone in Nacogdoches County who has registered to vote should have received a yellow and white Voter Registration Certificate. Please contact the Elections Office by **October 7, 2013** if you are not sure if you are registered to vote and we will gladly help you.

We are now accepting applications for mail ballots. To qualify to vote by mail you must be 65 years of age or older, or have a disability, or be confined in jail, or be able to provide an address outside of Nacogdoches County if you will not be in Nacogdoches County during voting times. The last day for the Elections Office to accept/receive applications for mail ballots is **October 29, 2013**. Applications for mail ballots can be hand delivered to the Elections Office until Early Voting begins on **October 21, 2013**. Once Early Voting begins the applications have to be mailed to the Elections Office.

No campaign signs, buttons, apparel, hats, or shirts are allowed in the polling place. No exceptions. Voters may bring in literature to the polling place regarding candidates or issues to use in the voting booths, but these materials are not to be left in the voting booths. No campaigning is allowed within 100 feet of a polling place.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day for all polling locations.

A public waiting area will be open at 7:00 p.m. on Election Night in the Courthouse Annex for the media and voters who want to receive printouts of election results as soon as they are available. Early Voting results will be released around 7:00 p.m. Final results for the elections are estimated to be available between 9:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Election Night.

Public Test:

I will be conducting a public test on **Wednesday, October 30, 2013** at 4:30 p.m. of the electronic voting equipment to be used in the **November 5, 2013 Nacogdoches County General Election, and the City of Nacogdoches Special Election**. It would be greatly appreciated if the Daily Sentinel would print the following anywhere in the newspaper on **Monday, October 28, 2013**:

"A public test of the electronic voting equipment to be used in the November 5, 2013 Nacogdoches County General Election, and the City of Nacogdoches Special Election will take place at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 in the Elections Office located within the Courthouse Annex Building – 203 W. Main St. – Nacogdoches, TX 75961."

Photo ID:

All voters need to bring an acceptable form of photo ID in addition to, or instead of, their Voter Registration Certificates. Acceptable forms of photo ID are:

Texas Driver License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety

Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety

Texas Personal Identification Card issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety

Texas Concealed Handgun License issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety

United States Military Identification Card containing the person's photograph

United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph

United States Passport

With the exception of the U.S. Citizenship Certificate, the ID must be current or have expired no more than 60 days before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

A permanent exemption is available for voters with documented disabilities. Voters with disabilities may apply with the County Voter Registrar for a permanent exemption. The application must contain written documentation from either the U.S. Social Security Administration evidencing the applicant's disability, or from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs evidencing a disability rating of at least 50 percent. In addition, the applicant must state that he or she has no valid form of photo ID. Those who obtain a disability exemption will be allowed to vote by presenting a Voter Registration Certificate reflecting the exemption.

If a voter does not have a permanent disability exemption indicated on his or her Voter Registration Certificate and the voter does not have any of the photo IDs indicated above at the time of voting, the voter may cast a provisional ballot at the polls. However, in order to have the provisional ballot counted, the voter will be required to visit the Elections Office within six calendar days of the date of the election to either present one of the above forms of photo ID or submit one of the temporary affidavits addressed below (religious objection or natural disaster) in the presence of the County Voter Registrar while attesting to the fact that he or she does not have any of the required photo IDs.

Affidavits are available for voters who have a consistent religious objection to being photographed and for voters who do not have any photo identification as a result of certain natural disasters as declared by the President of the United States or the Texas Governor within 45 days of the day the ballot was cast.

The address on the photo ID does not have to match the voter's address on the Official List of Registered Voters at the time of voting.

There has been some confusion over whether or not a voter's name on his or her approved photo ID has to exactly match his or her name on his or her Voter Registration Certificate or the Official List of Registered Voters used by poll workers to qualify voters at the polls. The answer is No. The names do not have to match exactly. However, the names do need to be substantially similar. Election officials will review the voter's photo ID and if his or her name is substantially similar to the name on the Official List of Registered Voters, the voter will still be able to vote, but the voter will also have to sign an affidavit provided by the poll workers stating that he or she is the same person on the Official List of Registered Voters. The voter will then be given an opportunity to update his or her name on the Voter Roll if so desired so that in the future it will exactly match the name on his or her photo ID.

A voter's name is considered substantially similar if one or more of the following circumstances applies:

The name on the ID is slightly different from one or more of the name fields on the Official List of Registered Voters.

The name on the voter's ID or on the Official List of Registered Voters is a customary variation of the voter's formal name. For example, Bill for William, or Beto for Alberto.

The voter's name contains an initial, middle name, or former name that is either not on the Official List of Registered Voters or on the voter's ID.

A first name, middle name, former name, or initial of the voter's name occupies a different field on the presented photo ID than it does on the Official List of Registered Voters.

Closing Information:

Thank you so much for your help towards getting the word out about voting year after year. Please feel free to contact the Elections Office at 936-560-7825 if you have additional questions or need any quotes. In the past, it was very helpful when polling locations and voting times were printed in the newspaper on Election Day to help voters know where they needed to go to vote, and it would be very much appreciated if that information would be printed on Election Day for these elections as well. All of the information in this email should also be available on the Nacogdoches County website in the next few days: www.co.nacogdoches.tx.us

Sincerely,

Todd Stallings – Nacogdoches County Elections