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## Hidalgo County Elections Department "On the Ballot" for November 3, 2015

Constitutional	Seven Propositions		
<b>City of Alamo</b>	<i>City Mayor-</i>	Diana Martinez Trinidad "Trino" Medina	
	<i>City Commissioner Pl. 2</i>	Pedro "Pete" Morales Tomas "Tommy" Moncivais Jr.	
	<i>City Commissioner Pl. 4</i>	Adrian M. Gutierrez Maria Del Pilar Garza	
	<b>City of Donna</b>	<i>Councilmember Pl. 2</i>	Joey Garza Humberto Zavala
		<i>Councilmember Pl. 4</i>	Elizabeth "Liz" Cerda Cathy Silva Alvarado
	<b>City of Edcouch</b>	<i>Mayor-</i>	Robert Tanguma Schmalzried Joseph Campos
<i>Alderman Pl. 3-</i>		Ruben Gonzalez Jr. Marcy Moreno	
<i>Alderman Pl. 4-</i>		Danny Guzman Orlando "O.J." Villarreal	
<b>La Joya</b>		<i>Mayor-</i>	Fito Salinas Isidro Casanova Mike Salinas
	<i>City Commissioner Pl. 2</i>	Anna Lisa Ruiz Rosie Trevino	
	<i>City Commissioner Pl. 4</i>	Eugena "Geny" Salinas Daniel Flores Jr. Maria Pena Salinas	
	<b>Palmview</b>	<b><i>Municipal Referendum Election</i></b> Whether the Palmview (PD) crime control and prevention district should be continued for 5 years and the Palmview crime control and prevention district sales tax of one-half cent should be continued for 5 years.	
		<b>Weslaco</b>	<i>City Comm. District 1</i>
	<i>City Comm. District 4</i>		Gerardo "Jerry" Tafolla Rafael Caballero
<b>Special Election</b> City Comm. District 5	Lupe Rivera Letty Lopez		

**November 3, 2015 -- Uniform Election Date**

Authority conducting elections	County Elections Officer/Local political subdivisions
Deadline to post notice of candidate filing deadline	Thursday, June 25, 2015  Saturday, July 25, 2015 for local political subdivisions that do not have a first day to file for their candidates
First Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot <sup>1</sup>	Saturday, July 25, 2015
Last Day to Order General Election or Election on Measure	Monday, August 24, 2015
Last Day to File for Place on General Election Ballot	Monday, August 24, 2015 at 5:00 P.M.
First Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, September 1, 2015 (does not apply to FPCA)  * <b>NEW LAW:</b> Effective September 1, 2015, there will no longer be a "first day" to file a regular application for ballot by mail.
Last Day to Register to Vote	Monday, October 5, 2015
First Day of Early Voting	Monday, October 19, 2015
Last Day to Apply for Ballot by Mail ( <b>Received, <u>not</u> Postmarked</b> )	Friday, October 23, 2015 (ABBM and FPCA*)  * <b>NEW LAW:</b> Effective September 1, 2015, the FPCA deadline is the same as the ABBM deadline.
Last Day of Early Voting	Friday, October 30, 2015
Last day to Receive Ballot by Mail	Tuesday, November 3, 2015 (election day) at 7:00 p.m. (unless overseas deadline applies)

<sup>1</sup>Local political subdivisions might not have a "first day" to file. **However, under new law, most local entities now have a first day to file.** Write-in deadlines for general and special elections also vary; the deadline for most local (city, school, other) general elections is now the same day as the filing deadline for application for a place on the ballot in a May election or November of an odd-numbered year; special election write-in rules vary, see long calendars for details.

Generally, the filing deadline is the 71st day prior to Election Day (78th day prior to November General Election in even-numbered years); however, the Election Code may provide a different special election filing deadline. See Section 201.054 of the Texas Election Code.

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## November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election Explanatory Statements

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### Proposition 1 (SJR 1)

**SJR 1** – Current law provides an exemption of \$15,000 from the ad valorem taxation for public school purposes of a residence homestead. The proposed amendment would increase this exemption to \$25,000, starting in the tax year beginning January 1, 2015. In order to reflect the increased exemption on the homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or a disabled person, the proposed amendment would provide a reduction to the current limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes. The proposed amendment would protect school districts from all or part of the revenue loss by authorizing an appropriation of funds according to formulas set by the legislature. In addition, the proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision from reducing or repealing a homestead exemption adopted by the political subdivision. Finally, the proposed amendment would prohibit the imposition of a tax on the conveyance of real property, but would not prohibit the imposition of a business tax measured by business activity, a tax on the production of minerals, a tax on the issuance of title insurance, or a change in the rate of a tax in existence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property.”**

### Proposition 2 (HJR 75)

**HJR 75** – In 2011, voters approved a constitutional amendment to allow a surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the disabled veteran's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse had not remarried. The amendment did not apply to surviving spouses of veterans who died before 2011. This amendment would extend the exemption in such cases. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **“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 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect.”**

### Proposition 3 (SJR 52)

**SJR 52** proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the requirement for the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, and any other officers elected statewide to reside in Austin, Texas, the state capital. Under current law, these statewide elected officers are required to reside in the capital of the State of Texas while in office. This amendment would not apply to the residency requirement for the Governor.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capital.”**

**Proposition 4 (HJR 73)**

**HJR 73** proposes a constitutional amendment that would grant the legislature the authority to pass statutes to allow a professional sports team charitable foundation to conduct charitable raffles under the terms and conditions imposed by general law. The laws passed under this authority may provide that the professional sports team charitable foundation may use proceeds from such charitable raffles to pay reasonable advertising, promotional, and administrative expenses. Any law enacted by this provision only applies to entities defined as professional sports team charitable foundations on January 1, 2016. Additionally, any law enacted by this provision may only allow charitable raffles to be conducted at games hosted at the home venue of the professional sports team associated with a professional sports team charitable foundation.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles.”**

**Proposition 5 (SJR 17)**

**SJR 17** proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase from 5,000 to 7,500 the maximum total population threshold of a county that is allowed to construct and maintain private roads as long as the county imposes a reasonable charge for the work.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance.”**

**Proposition 6 (SJR 22)**

**SJR 22** proposes a constitutional amendment that would add the right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife, including by use of traditional methods, in the Bill of Rights of the Texas Constitution. This right would be subject to laws and regulations intended to conserve and manage wildlife and to preserve the future of hunting and fishing. The proposed amendment would establish hunting and fishing as the preferred method of managing and controlling wildlife in Texas. The proposed amendment is not intended to affect any law or provision related to trespass, property rights or eminent domain, and would not prevent the legislature from authorizing a municipality to regulate the discharge of a firearm in a populated area in the interest of safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment recognizing the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws that promote wildlife conservation.”**

**Proposition 7 (SJR 5)**

**SJR 5** proposes a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of revenues from (1) the state sales and use tax, and (2) the tax imposed on the sale, use, or rental of a motor vehicle, to the State Highway Fund (SHF). Under current law, these funds would be deposited to the General Revenue Fund. Money deposited to the SHF is intended to be used only to construct, maintain, or acquire rights-of-way for public roadways other than toll roads; or to repay certain transportation-related debt.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **“The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue**

**to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt.”**

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*November 3, 2015 (3 de Noviembre de 2015)*

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION (Elección Sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución)**  
**EARLY VOTING SCHEDULE (Horario para el Voto Adelantado)**

<u>Days/ Dias</u>	<u>Dates/ Fechas</u>	<u>Hours/ Horas</u>
Monday/ Lunes	Oct. 19, 2015	8:00 A.M. -- 5:00 P.M.
Tuesday/ Martes	Oct. 20, 2015	8:00 A.M. -- 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday/ Miércoles	Oct. 21, 2015	8:00 A.M. -- 5:00 P.M.
Thursday/ Jueves	Oct. 22, 2015	8:00 A.M. -- 5:00 P.M.
Friday/ Viernes	Oct. 23, 2015	8:00 A.M. -- 5:00 P.M.
Saturday/ Sabado	Oct. 24, 2015	7:00 A.M. -- 7:00 P.M.
Sunday/ Domingo	Oct. 25, 2015	10:00 A.M. -- 3:00 P.M.
Monday/ Lunes	Oct. 26, 2015	8:00 A.M. -- 5:00 P.M.
Tuesday/ Martes	Oct. 27, 2015	8:00 A.M. -- 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday/ Miércoles	Oct. 28, 2015	8:00 A.M. -- 5:00 P.M.
Thursday/ Jueves	Oct. 29, 2015	7:00 A.M. -- 7:00 P.M.
Friday/ Viernes	Oct. 30, 2015	7:00 A.M. -- 7:00 P.M.

**-----EARLY VOTING SUBSTATION LOCATIONS-----**  
**(Casillas Electorales para el Voto Adelantado)**

**ALAMO SUB**  
*(Class Room 1 & 2)*  
 Sgt. Fernando de la Rosa Lib.  
 416 N. Tower Rd.  
 Alamo, TX

**DONNA SUB**  
*(Main Entrance)*  
 Amigos Del Valle  
 1408 Silver Ave.  
 Donna, TX

**EDINBURG SUB**  
*(Warehouse Bldg.)*  
 Elections Annex Bldg  
 317 N. Closner "Rear"  
 Edinburg, TX

**EDINBURG SUB**  
*(Student Union Bldg.)*  
 UTRGV  
 1201 W. University  
 Edinburg, TX

**ELSA SUB**  
*(Chambers)*  
 Fire Station  
 216 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Elsa, TX

**EDCOUCH SUB**  
*(Main Entrance)*  
 Fire Station  
 201 W. Santa Rosa Ave.  
 Edcouch, TX

**LA JOYA SUB**  
*(Main Entrance)*  
 "New" La Joya City Hall  
 701 E. Expressway 83  
 La Joya, TX

**MCALLEN SUB**  
*(Exercise Room)*  
 Lark Comm. Ctr.  
 2601 Lark Ave.  
 McAllen, TX

**MCALLEN SUB**  
*(Meeting Room A)*  
 McAllen Public Lib.  
 4001 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> St.  
 McAllen, TX

**MCALLEN SUB**  
*(Main Entrance)*  
 Palmer Pavilion  
 301 E. Hackberry  
 McAllen, TX

**MCALLEN SUB**  
*(Exercise Room)*  
 Palmview Comm. Ctr.  
 3401 Jordan Ave.  
 McAllen, TX

**MERCEDES SUB**  
*(Civic Center Room)*  
 Mercedes Civic Ctr.  
 530 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
 Mercedes, TX

**MISSION SUB**  
*(Community Room)*  
 Mission City Hall  
 1201 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St.  
 Mission, TX

**MISSION SUB**  
*(Gym)*  
 B&G @ Bannworth Park  
 1822 N. Shary Rd.  
 Mission, TX

**PALMVIEW SUB**  
*(Main Entrance)*  
 Co. Comm. Pct. #3  
 (The Mansion)  
 2401 N. Moorefield Rd.  
 Palmview, TX

**PHARR SUB**  
*(Conference Rm.)*  
 Jose Pepe Salinas Ctr.  
 1011 W. Kelly  
 Pharr, TX

**PROGRESO SUB**  
*(Main Event Room)*  
 Progreso Comm. Ctr.  
 510 FM 1015  
 Progreso, TX

**SAN JUAN SUB**  
*(Commissioner's Rm.)*  
 Fire Station #2  
 2301 N. Raul Longoria  
 San Juan, TX

**WESLACO SUB**  
*(Conference Room)*  
 Business Visitor & Event Ctr.  
 275 S. Kansas  
 Weslaco, TX



*Constitutional Amendment Election*  
*(Elección Sobre Enmiendas a la Constitución)*  
 November 3, 2015  
 (3 de Noviembre del 2015)  
 Hidalgo County, Texas  
 (Condado de Hidalgo, Texas)



*Election Day Polls OPEN from 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.*

*(Dia de la Eleccion las Casillas Electorales abren de 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.)*

	<u>PRECINCT</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1	44, 77, 91, 123, 126, 127 130, 176, 177, 178, 181, 192 229, 242, 251, 253 & 255	Alamo	Sgt. Fernando de la Rosa Lib.	416 N. Tower Rd.	Class Room 1 & 2
2	3, 23, 45, 55, 87, 120, 157, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175 & 232	Donna	Amigos Del Valle	1408 Silver Ave.	Main Entrance
3	16, 79 & 179	Edcouch	Edcouch Fire Station	201 Santa Rosa Ave.	Main Entrance
4	13, 14, 30, 31, 52, 53, 106, 107, 108, 109, 151, 152, 158 & 224	Edinburg	Elections Annex. Bldg.	317 N. Closner "REAR"	Warehouse Bldg.
5	105, 221, 222, 223 & 230	Edinburg	Magee Elem. School	3420 W. Rogers Rd.	
6	19, 68, 69 & 239	N. Edinburg	Guerra Elem. School	10010 N. Via Fernandez	
7	15, 70, 90, 119, 153, 225 & 237	Elsa	Elsa Fire/ PD Station	216 E. 4th St.	Chambers
8	12 & 82	Granjeno	Granjeno City Hall	6603 S. FM 494	Conference Room
9	18, 92 & 180	Hargill	Hargill Elementary School	13394 4th St.	
10	20, 233 & 234	Hidalgo	Hidalgo City Hall	704 E. Texano	Council Chambers
11	11, 50, 145, 170, 194, 195, 197, 198 & 257	La Joya	"New" La Joya City Hall	701 E. Expressway 83	Main Entrance
12	17, 169 & 184	La Villa	Multi-Purpose Bldg	500 E. 9th St.	Board Room
13	8, 150 & 252	McAllen	STC Nursing Center	1101 E. Vermont Ave.	Atrium West Wing
14	26, 27, 37, 47, 49, 66, 97, 138, 164, 216 & 231	McAllen	Las Palmas Comm. Center	1921 N. 25th St.	Mesquite Room
15	48, 95, 149 & 193	McAllen	Palmview Community Center	3401 Jordan Avenue	Exercise Room
16	54, 73, 96, 199 & 201	McAllen	Gonzalez Elem. School	201 E. Martin	Main Hallway/ Front Ofc.
17	65, 72, 81, 84, 161, 162 163 & 200	McAllen	Lark Community Center	2601 Lark Avenue	Exercise Room
18	62, 67, 124, 134, 135, 140, 141, 160 & 168	McAllen	Milam Elementary School	3800 N. Main St.	South Entrance
19	7, 34, 136, 139, 148, & 246	McAllen	Palmer Pavilion	301 E. Hackberry	Main Entrance
20	74, 129, 166, 167, 206 & 207	McAllen	Fossum Middle School	7800 N. Ware Rd.	Front Entrance Foyer
21	24 & 76	McCook	Immaculate Conception Parish Hall	28212 S. FM 2058	Main Entrance
22	1, 32, 56, 85, 202, 213 & 249	Mercedes	Mercedes Civic Center	530 W. 2nd St.	Civic Center Room
23	9, 10, 63, 102, 103 & 220	Mission	Mission City Hall	1201 East 8th	Community Room
24	64, 75, 89, 125, 131, 133, 165, 182, 209, 241, 244, 254 & 256	Mission	Juarez-Lincoln High School	7801 W. Mile 7 Rd.	JROTC Bldg.

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25	28, 93, <b>94</b> , 98, 128, 204, 218 & 248	Mission	Mission Fire Department	415 W. Tom Landry	Training Room
26	<b>38</b> , 83, 188, 203 & 215	Mission	Boys & Girls Club Bannworth	1822 N. Shary Rd.	Gym
27	<b>33</b>	Monte Alto	Monte Alto Community Center	25149 1st St.	
28	<b>86</b> , 88, 101, 183, 205, 211, 212, 236, 243 & 247	Palmhurst	Church of Christ	1410 E. 3 Mile Rd	Family Room
29	29, 78, 99, <b>100</b> , 185, 187, 210, 217 & 219	Palmview	Co. Comm. Pct. #3 (The Mansion)	2401 N. Moorefield Rd.	
30	6, 25, <b>35</b> , 36, 61, 115 & 147	Pharr	Jose Pepe Salinas Center	1011 W. Kelly	Conference Room
31	5, 122, 137, <b>146</b> , 226, 227 & 228	Pharr	Las Milpas Comm. Center	7107 S. Cage Blvd.	Main Room
32	<b>60</b> , 116, 142, 143, 144 & 240	Pharr	PSJA North High School	500 E. Earling Rd.	Lobby
33	<b>40</b> , 155, 235 & 238	Progreso	Progreso Community Center	510 N. FM 1015	Main Event Room
34	43, <b>104</b> , 154 & 189	San Carlos	San Carlos Resource Center	230 N. 86th St.	Main Room
35	4, 39, 59, <b>117</b> 118, 156, 159 & 245	San Juan	San Juan Fire Station #2	2301 N. Raul Longoria Rd.	Commissioner's Room
36	<b>51 &amp; 80</b>	Sullivan	Fire Station	500 Cenizo Drive	Main Entrance
37	2, 21, 22, 41, 42, 46, 57, 58, 71, 110, <b>111</b> , 112, 113, 114, 121, 132, 186, 190, 191, 196 & 250	Weslaco	Business Visitor & Event Center	275 S. Kansas	Conference Room

CC Pending Sept. 29, 2015