



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®
OF TEXAS

Dear Christopher Davis,

The League of Women Voters of Texas (LWV-TX) conducted a county website review for voter and election information during the last two weeks of August. We conducted this study to determine the level of voter and election information provided online by official county websites in Texas.

Texas voters should be able to find voter election information easily. Since counties run elections, the county election website is the most reasonable place to find the information Texas voters need.

The League of Women Voters of Texas based the review criteria on the best practice guidance from The Center for Civic Design's "[Field Guides to Ensuring Voter Intent](#)", that outline website voter education practices based on solid research. The survey asked:

- Does the county have a website page that displays election information?
- How easy is it to find election information?
- How adequate is the election information?
- How adequate is voter ID information?
- Is a link to the Secretary of State website provided?
- Is election information and voter ID information provided in Spanish?

Summary of Results

- 182 (72%) of the 254 counties in Texas had a website that provided election information. 12 counties had no official website.
- Among the 242 counties with websites, it was relatively easy to find election and/or voter registration information at 159 (66%) of the websites.
- 87 (36%) of the 242 county websites provided at least minimally adequate election information.
- 49 (20%) provided at least minimally adequate voter ID information.
- 55% (134) of the county websites provided a link to election-related information on one of two Texas Secretary of State websites.
- 39 (16%) of the county websites provided election and voter ID information in Spanish or a link to the Secretary of State Spanish language website.
- Considering the six criteria overall, 105 (43%) county websites provided at least adequate election and voter ID information. In addition, 16 (7%) county websites provided a link to a League of Women Voters website.

The League of Women Voters of Texas will present the "Outstanding" and "Honorable Mention" counties with certificates to recognize this accomplishment and

service to their community. Thirteen county websites were rated "Outstanding" for providing excellent election and voter ID information. These counties included both large ([Dallas](#) and [Travis](#)) counties and smaller counties, such as [DeWitt County](#) and [Bastrop County](#). The other "Outstanding" county election websites are [Brazos](#), [Denton](#), [Grimes](#), [Hays](#), [Jefferson](#), [Lubbock](#), [Refugio](#), [Waller](#), and [Williamson](#) counties.

We understand that the survey was done at the end of August, perhaps before counties had updated their election webpages. We hope that this survey will provide Texas counties with helpful feedback. Simple recommendations are provided to improve your county website voter and election information in the [LWV-TX report](#).

We look forward to working with you on our common goals:

- Educating Texas Voters
- Encouraging Texans to be informed and active participants in their government
- **Making Democracy Work®** in Texas.

The complete study is available on the [League's website](#) at http://www.lwvtexas.org/Voter_Rights_Election_Laws.html. Individual county results are included in the Appendix available at the same link.

If you have any questions about this survey or would like additional information, please contact the League of Women Voters of Texas office at lwvtexas@lwvtexas.org or 512-472-1100.

Thank you for all you do to **Make Democracy Work® in Texas!**

Sincerely,



Elaine Wiant
President

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