

# Nacogdoches County May 27, 2014 Democratic and Republican Runoff Elections

## General Information:

Election Day for the Nacogdoches County Democratic and Republican Runoff Elections is May 27, 2014.

**Voters Who Voted in the 2014 Democratic Primary Election:** Registered voters in Nacogdoches County are eligible to vote in the May 27, 2014 Democratic Runoff Election if they voted in the March 4, 2014 Democratic Primary Election, or if they did not vote in either of the March 4, 2014 Democratic or Republican Primary Elections. Voters who voted in the March 4, 2014 Republican Primary Election are not eligible to vote in the May 27, 2014 Democratic Runoff Election. Voters who signed the petition of a Democratic candidate are eligible to vote in the May 27, 2014 Democratic Runoff Election. Voters who signed the petition of a Republican candidate, an independent candidate, or a candidate of another political party are not eligible to vote in the May 27, 2014 Democratic Runoff Election.

**Voters Who Voted in the 2014 Republican Primary Election:** Registered voters in Nacogdoches County are eligible to vote in the May 27, 2014 Republican Runoff Election if they voted in the March 4, 2014 Republican Primary Election, or if they did not vote in either of the March 4, 2014 Democratic or Republican Primary Elections. Voters who voted in the March 4, 2014 Democratic Primary Election are not eligible to vote in the May 27, 2014 Republican Runoff Election. Voters who signed the petition of a Republican candidate are eligible to vote in the May 27, 2014 Republican Runoff Election. Voters who signed the petition of a Democratic candidate, an independent candidate, or a candidate of another political party are not eligible to vote in the May 27, 2014 Republican Runoff Election.

**Voters Who Did Not Vote in Either of the 2014 Democratic or Republican Primary Elections:** Registered voters in Nacogdoches County who did not vote in either of the March 4, 2014 Democratic or Republican Primary Elections may either vote a Republican ballot or a Democratic ballot, but may not vote in both of the May 27, 2014 Runoff Elections. If a voter has signed the petition of a Democratic candidate, then that voter must vote in the Democratic Runoff. If a voter has signed the petition of a Republican candidate, then that voter must vote in the Republican Runoff. If a voter has signed the petition of an independent candidate or a candidate of another political party other than the Democratic or Republican parties, then that voter is ineligible to vote in the Republican or Democratic Runoff elections.

## Information About Campaigning and Literature:

No campaign signs, buttons, apparel, hats, or shirts are allowed in the polling place. No exceptions. No campaigning is allowed within 100 feet of a polling place.

Voters may feel free to bring in literature to use in the voting booths to help them make 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 to 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 contests on the ballots, so we recommend that voters research the contests before they come in to vote.

## Public Test:

A public test of the electronic voting equipment to be used in the **May 27, 2014 Nacogdoches County Democratic and Republican Runoff Elections** will take place at 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 21, 2014** in the Elections Office located within the Courthouse Annex Building – 203 W. Main St. – Nacogdoches, TX 75961.

## Other Important Information:

The most important upcoming date is **Monday, April 28, 2014**. This is the last day to register to vote for the **May 27, 2014 Nacogdoches County Democratic and Republican Runoff Elections**. 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 **April 28, 2014**.

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 an orange and white Voter Registration Certificate. Please contact the Elections Office by **April 28, 2014** if you are not sure if you are registered to vote and we will gladly help you.

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.

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 **May 16, 2014**. Applications for mail ballots can be hand delivered to the Elections Office until Early Voting begins on **May 19, 2014**. Once Early Voting begins, the applications must be mailed to the Elections Office.

### **Early Voting Locations and Times (Both Parties):**

*The Courthouse Annex – 203 W Main St. – Room # 113 – Nacogdoches, TX 75961*

May 19, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
May 20, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
May 21, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
May 22, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
May 23, 2014	8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### **Democratic Election Day Voting Locations and Times:**

*All polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, May 27, 2014.*

Voting Precinct	Site	Site Address
12, 14, 15, 16, 17	Central Heights ISD	10317 N US Hwy. 259 Nacogdoches, TX 75965
13, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	C. L. Simon Recreation Center	1112 North St. Nacogdoches, TX 75961
30, 31, 32, 33, 34	Calvary Baptist Church	3732 NE Stallings Dr. Nacogdoches, TX 75965
41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47	Woden ISD	5263 FM 226 Woden, TX 75978

### **Republican Election Day Voting Locations and Times:**

*All polling locations will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Election Day, May 27, 2014.*

Voting Precinct	Site	Site Address
12, 14, 15, 16, 17	Central Heights ISD	10317 N US Hwy. 259 Nacogdoches, TX 75965
13, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	C. L. Simon Recreation Center	1112 North St. Nacogdoches, TX 75961
30, 31, 32, 33, 34	Calvary Baptist Church	3732 NE Stallings Dr. Nacogdoches, TX 75965
41, 43	New Hope Methodist Church	5301 E Main St. Nacogdoches, TX 75961
42	Civil Air Patrol Building – Airport	3330 Armory Dr. (Off W State Hwy. 7) Nacogdoches, TX 75964
44	Woden ISD	5263 FM 226 Woden, TX 75978
45	Martinsville ISD	12952 E State Hwy. 7 Nacogdoches, TX 75961
46	Chireno Methodist Church	799 Main St. Chireno, TX 75937
47	Etoile ISD	16039 FM 226 Etoile, TX 75944

## **Candidates:**

# **Democratic Party** *PARTIDO DEMOCRATA*

**Note: Candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the ballot.**

## **United States Senator**

*Senador de los Estados Unidos*

Kesha Rogers  
David M. Alameel

## **Commissioner of Agriculture**

*Comisionado de Agricultura*

Jim Hogan  
Richard "Kinky" Friedman

# **Republican Party** *PARTIDO REPUBLICANO*

**Note: Candidates are listed in the order they will appear on the ballot.**

## **Lieutenant Governor**

*Gobernador Teniente*

David Dewhurst  
Dan Patrick

## **Attorney General**

*Procurador General*

Ken Paxton  
Dan Branch

## **Commissioner of Agriculture**

*Comisionado de Agricultura*

Sid Miller  
Tommy Merritt

## **Railroad Commissioner**

*Comisionado de Ferrocarriles*

Wayne Christian  
Ryan Sitton

## **County Commissioner, Precinct No. 4**

*Comisionado del Condado, Precinto Núm. 4*

Elton Milstead  
Darren Cook

## **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.