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Harris County Elections Recommendations for Ballot by Mail Applications
Tips to avoid delays due to new State law

Houston, TX – As a result of voting laws passed by Senate Bill 1, new mail ballot requirements have led to an increased number of mail ballot applications flagged for rejection.

The new state law requires voters to provide their Texas driver's license number, Texas ID number, or the last four digits of their social security number.

Failure to provide an exact match on the application to what is on your voter record could result in a rejection of the application, meaning voters will need to return a corrected mail ballot application before the mail ballot application deadline. The deadline to apply to vote by mail in the March Primary Election is February 18, 2022.

Below are some helpful voter tips to avoid delays in successfully processing a voter's application in time for the March Primary. Additionally, [here is an instructional video](#) available for download.

- **Call Harris County Elections at 713-755-6965.** The voter services team is dedicated to walking voters through the process of filling out applications. There are operators who are fluent in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese.
- **Provide both forms of ID.** Even though the form only asks for one, the best way to ensure an application isn't rejected is to provide both a Texas ID and the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- **Provide a contact email or phone number on your application** so our team can immediately reach out and address any issues with the application to minimize potential delays.

Senate Bill 1 requires voters to request a ballot by mail application every year. Voters can go to www.HarrisVotes.com to find a downloadable version of the Harris County application.

Voters can drop off their application in person at any of our [branch locations](#).

If a voter filling out the Harris County application selects "Annual Application: Send me a ballot for all elections in this voting year" and wants to vote in the March Primary, they must select "March 1st Democratic Primary and Runoff" or "March 1st Republican Primary and Runoff" in the options to the right.

For more information, including sample ballots and polling locations, visit HarrisVotes.com in the coming weeks and follow @HarrisVotes on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram. Call Harris County Elections at 713-755-6965.

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