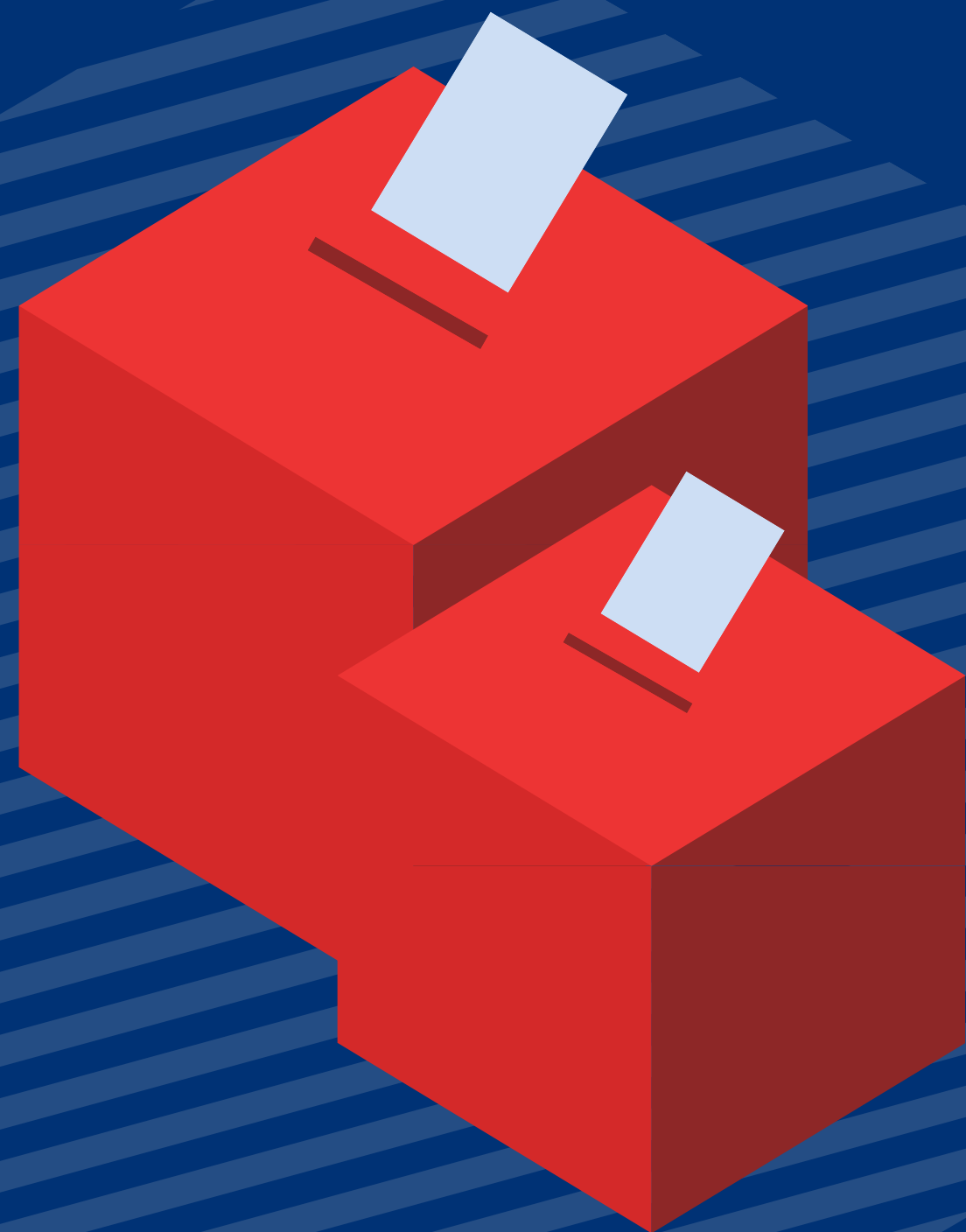




VOTER EDUCATION SEMINAR

Sunday, October 26

Presented by the Greater Texarkana Branch of NAACP

Community Coordination Committee & Political Action Committee

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AGENDA

Welcome
Prayer

Bowie County Election Admin
Texas Amendment Education
Election Information & Resources
Committee Member Introduction
City of Texarkana Amendments
Question & Answer Segment
Closing

**WELCOME
PAT MCCOY**

**BOWIE COUNTY ELECTIONS
ADMINISTRATOR**

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TEXAS AMENDMENTS

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Proposition 1 — Funds for Technical Colleges and Workforce Education

Summary:

Creates a permanent fund to support the construction, equipment, and expansion of technical colleges and job-training programs across Texas.

- ✓ **For:** Supports using state funds to build and equip technical campuses and job-training programs.
- ✗ **Against:** Opposes creating these funds; keeps things as they are.

Proposition 2 — Ban on Capital Gains Tax

Summary:

Amends the Texas Constitution to prohibit any future state tax on realized or unrealized capital gains (investment profits).

✓ **For:** Bans any future state tax on investment profits.

✗ **Against:** Keeps the option open for lawmakers to create such a tax someday.

Proposition 3 — Bail Reform for Certain Felony Offenses

Summary: Requires judges to deny bail for people accused of certain serious felonies under specified circumstances.

- ✓ **For:** Adds constitutional authority to deny bail for certain violent or repeat felony offenders.
- ✗ **Against:** Keeps current bail laws; judges retain more discretion to grant bail.

Proposition 4 — Texas Water Fund

Summary: Sets aside part of state sales-tax revenue for a permanent fund to finance water supply and infrastructure projects.

✓ **For:** Up to \$1 billion in state sales tax revenue will be automatically deposited into the Texas Water Fund each year to support water infrastructure projects like pipe repairs, desalination, and flood mitigation until 2035.

✗ **Against:** Water infrastructure funding will continue to rely on annual legislative decisions, without a guaranteed long-term funding stream.

Proposition 5 — Property-Tax Exemption for Animal Feed

Summary: Exempts from property tax all animal feed held for retail sale.

✓ **For:** The legislature will be allowed to exempt animal feed held for retail sale from local property taxes, potentially lowering costs for agricultural retailers.

✗ **Against:** Retailers will continue to pay property taxes on animal feed inventory, maintaining the current tax structure.

Proposition 6 — Ban on Taxes for Financial Transactions

Summary: Prohibits the state from imposing taxes on trades of stocks, bonds, or other securities, or on related financial entities.

✓ **For:** Texas will be constitutionally prohibited from imposing taxes on securities transactions or creating new occupation taxes on financial market entities like brokers and exchanges.

✗ **Against:** The legislature retains the authority to impose such taxes in the future if deemed necessary.

Proposition 7 — Tax Relief for Surviving Spouses of Deceased Veterans

Summary: Expands property-tax exemptions for surviving spouses of veterans who died from service-related causes.

✓ **For:** Surviving spouses of veterans who died from presumed service-connected conditions may receive a property tax exemption on their homestead, even if they move to a new home.

✗ **Against:** These spouses will not be eligible for this exemption unless the veteran's death meets stricter criteria or they remain in the same home.

Proposition 8 — Ban on Estate, Inheritance, and Gift Taxes

Summary: Permanently prohibits Texas from creating state-level “death taxes.”

✓ **For:** Texas will be constitutionally barred from ever imposing estate, inheritance, or gift taxes, reinforcing its current no-death-tax policy.

✗ **Against:** The legislature could potentially introduce such taxes in the future, subject to voter approval.

Proposition 9 — Tax Breaks for Business Personal Property

Summary: Allows partial property-tax exemptions on income-producing business equipment or inventory.

✓ **For:** The legislature may exempt a portion of the value of business personal property (like equipment or inventory) from property taxes, potentially benefiting small businesses.

✗ **Against:** Business property will continue to be taxed at current rates, preserving local revenue streams.

Proposition 10 — Tax Relief for Homes Destroyed by Fire

Summary: Allows a temporary property-tax exemption for homes that are completely destroyed by fire.

✓ **For:** You support giving temporary property tax breaks to homeowners whose homes are completely destroyed by fire while they rebuild.

✗ **Against:** You oppose allowing tax breaks for fire-damaged homes; property taxes would continue as usual even if the home is gone.

Proposition 11 — Higher Exemptions for Seniors and Disabled Homeowners

Summary: Lets lawmakers raise school-district property-tax exemptions for seniors and people with disabilities.

✓ **For:** You support increasing the school property tax exemption for seniors and disabled homeowners, lowering their property taxes.

✗ **Against:** You oppose increasing the exemption, keeping current tax rates the same.

Proposition 12 — Judicial Conduct Reform

Summary: Changes how the State Commission on Judicial Conduct operates, including membership and authority to discipline judges.

✓ **For:** You support changing the makeup of the commission that investigates judges and revising who reviews its decisions.

✗ **Against:** You want to keep the current structure of the commission and review system as it is today.

Proposition 13 — Increase Homestead Exemption to \$140,000

Summary: Raises the school-district homestead property-tax exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000.

✓ **For:** You support raising the standard school property tax exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000, lowering taxes for all homeowners.

✗ **Against:** You oppose increasing the exemption, keeping it at \$100,000.

Proposition 14 — Dementia Prevention and Research Institute of Texas

Summary: Creates a new state institute to fund dementia, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's research, with \$3 billion in initial funding.

✓ **For:** Establishes and funds the new research institute.

✗ **Against:** Opposes creating the institute or transferring funds.

Proposition 15 — Parental Rights Amendment

Summary: Declares that parents are the primary decision-makers for their children's education, healthcare, and upbringing.

- ✓ **For:** Adds explicit parental-rights protections to the Constitution.
- ✗ **Against:** Leaves current legal protections unchanged.

Proposition 16 — Citizenship Requirement for Voting

Summary: Clarifies in the state constitution that only U.S. citizens may vote in Texas elections.

✓ **For:** Formally states that voting is limited to U.S. citizens.

✗ **Against:** Keeps existing state law without adding constitutional wording.

Proposition 17 — Border-Security Property-Tax Exemption

Summary: Allows property-tax exemptions for the value of improvements used for border-security infrastructure (e.g., fencing, lighting, cameras) in counties bordering Mexico.

- ✓ **For:** Authorizes tax exemptions for property value from border-security improvements.
- ✗ **Against:** Keeps all such improvements taxable.

ELECTION INFORMATION & RESOURCES

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Are You Registered to Vote?

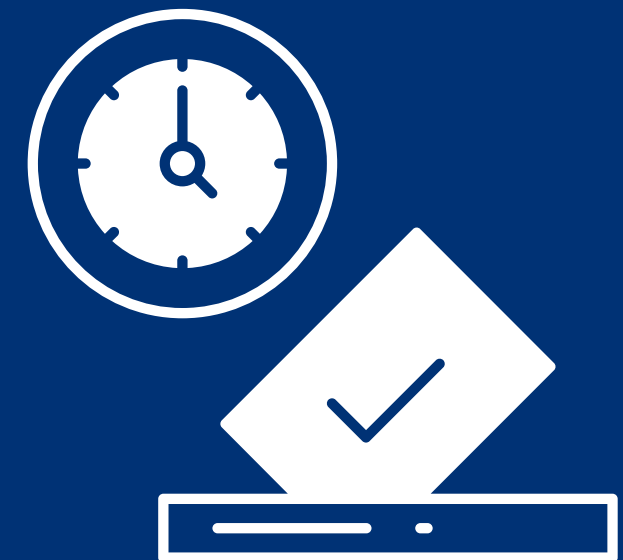
✓ Check your status: VoteTexas.gov

You must be registered at least 30 days
before Election Day to vote.

Early Voting Schedule

Mon-Wed, October 27-29, 2025
8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Thu-Fri, October 30-31, 2025
7:00 AM to 7:00 PM



Where to Vote – Early Voting Locations (Bowie County)

You can vote at any early voting location in Bowie County during the Early Voting period.

Bowie County Courthouse (Main Location)
710 James Bowie Drive, New Boston, TX



Southwest Center
3222 W. 7th Street, Texarkana, TX

Northside Church
5801 Summerhill Road, Texarkana, TX

****On Election Day, voters may vote at any of Bowie County's 25 Vote Centers****

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HELPFUL WEBSITE RESOURCES

Curbside Voting Changes:

<https://disabilityrightstx.org/en/handout/important-changes-to-curbside-voting-in-2025/>

Sample Ballot:

https://www.co.bowie.tx.us/upload/page/11424/2025%20Election/NOV.4.2025_COMBINED%20Sample%20Ballot.pdf

Voting Locations:

<https://www.co.bowie.tx.us/upload/page/11424/2025%20Election/Nov%202025%20Vote%20Center%20Locations.pdf>

Explanatory videos at the link:

<https://lwvtexas.org/Be-a-Texas-Voter#gsc.tab=0>

Texas Amendments:

<https://www.co.bowie.tx.us/upload/page/11424/2025%20Election/2025-amendment%20explanatory-statements.pdf>

City of Texarkana, TX Special Election:

<https://www.texarkanatexas.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11232/2025-082-ORD-Charter-Amendments-signed>

THANK YOU!

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CITY OF TEXARKANA AMENDMENTS

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City of Texarkana Charter Amendment A —

Summary: Amending the City Charter, Article I. - Incorporation, Form of Government and Powers, by adding Section 8 - Mission, Vision. and Values statements. Providing for the city council to adopt by resolution and periodically review the City' s official Mission, Vision and Values statements.

City of Texarkana Charter Amendment B—

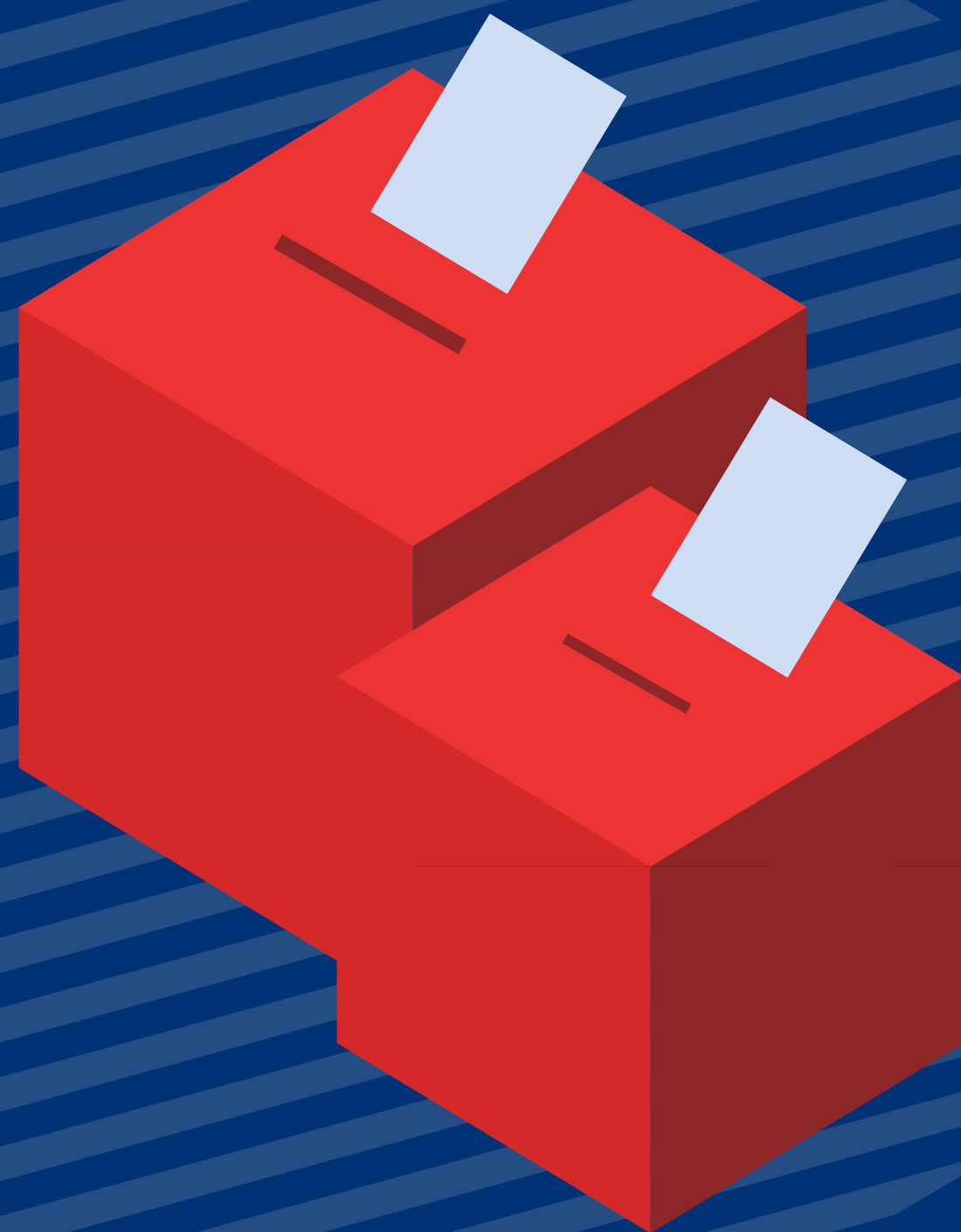
Summary: Amending the City Charter by revising Article II I. - City Manager, § 1 - Qualifications; Article X, Judiciary, § 3 - City judge; and Article XVII. - General Provisions, § 10 - Reside for officers and employees. Providing for the expansion of the territory for the city manager and city judge residence requirement to include the entirety of Bowie County, Texas, and retitling Art. XVII • Residence requirements for city manager and city judge.

City of Texarkana Charter Amendment C —

Summary: Amending the City Charter by revising Article X. Judiciary, .§ :4., - Clerk of court. Providing for the city manager or designee to appoint the clerk of the court.

City of Texarkana Charter Amendment D —

Summary: Amending the City Charter by revising Article XIII. Planning. - Planning department: director of planning. Providing for the city manager to designate an employee in lieu of the director of planning to serve as the technical adviser to the city planning commission.



QUESTIONS?