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Voters' Bill of Rights in English
Lists 15 basic voting rights
www.lwvsa.org

Voters' Bill of Rights in Spanish
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Voters Guide Printed Version
Local Public Library
(Available around mid-February)
Includes responses from candidates to questions
asked by the League

Voters Guide Electronic Version
www.lwvsa.org
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Voting in the Texas primary elections is easy

Yes, that's elections, not election.

Unlike in most elections, where you are given one ballot, in this election you will be asked by the poll worker whether you want to vote Republican or Democratic. That's because this one is actually two separate elections being held in the same place, and you can vote in only one.

It wasn't long ago that the Republicans and Democrats held their primary elections in separate places, but then for the sake of efficiency, the county took over administering both elections.

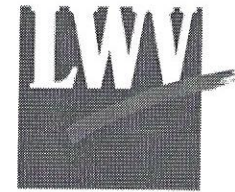
If you vote in the Democratic primary, you cannot vote in the Republican runoff election. If you vote in the Republican primary, you cannot vote in the Democratic runoff. After that, you are free to vote for whomever you want.

(Other parties choose their candidates for the general election through other processes.)

**Early voting for the primaries runs
Feb. 20-March 2. During this time, you can vote
at any Bexar County early voting site.**

**Election Day is March 6. You must go to the
polling place assigned to your precinct.**

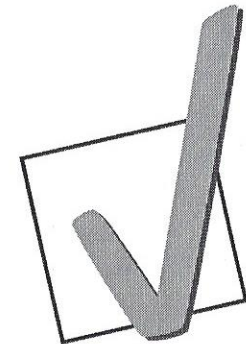
**For times and locations, go to
www.bexar.org/elections or call 210-335-8683.**



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WOMEN VOTERS®
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VOTE

**It's in Your Best
Interest**



"It is not the hand that signs the law that holds the destiny
of America. It is the hand that casts the ballot."

-President Harry S. Truman

**This election is not about
someone else
This election is about
YOU and *YOUR* family**

The decisions made by your elected officials in Washington, in the state capitals and in our communities affect each of us:

When the issue of downsizing the economy comes up, remember, it's not somebody else's job they are talking about – it's *YOUR* job.

When the issue of pre-existing conditions comes up, it's not somebody else's health care coverage they are talking about – it's *YOUR* health care.

When the issue of tuition tax credits comes up, it's not somebody else's education they are talking about – it's *YOUR* children's education.

If you care about your neighborhood schools, potholes on your street, the safety of your communities....**VOTE!!!**

AND then hold your elected officials accountable.

For the last comparable election in Bexar county in 2014, only 109,430 voters out of 916,408 registered voters cast their ballot.

88% of the registered voters opted out.

Will you allow a fraction of the registered voters decide your and your family's future?

VOTE! IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTEREST

**So you don't think
ONE VOTE
makes a difference**

- Ingram Mayor James Salter won against Twanda Brown in May 2014 by one vote. Brown sued over her 63-62 defeat in May, claiming irregularities on election day - when a tie was logged - and in the recount that gave Salter a one-vote lead. The suit was settled by an agreement to conduct a new election which Salter won 105 votes to 86.
- In November 2016, two Bandera City Council candidates, Jim Hannah and Justin Knight, each garnered 89 votes. Knight beat Hannah in the runoff with Knight's 49 to Hannah's 32 votes.
- Campaigning for a seat on the Massachusetts Governor's Council on the day of the primary in 1988, Herbert Connolly lost track of time – and got to his polling place too late to vote. When the ballots were counted that night, he'd lost by one vote.
- A Lansing, Michigan, school district bond issue was defeated in 1989 when the final recount produced a tie vote. As a result, the school district had to reduce its budget by \$2.5 million.
- Marcus Morton was elected Governor of Massachusetts in 1839 by one vote out of 102,066 cast.

**VOTE:
ONE VOTE DOES
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
YOUR VOTE MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

**Important decisions that affect
us all have been made because of
very few votes**

- Congress voted to admit Texas to the union in 1845 by a two-vote margin.
- Women won the right to vote in 1920 by the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution. Tennessee was the last state needed to pass the amendment. One 24-year representative, Harry Burn, changed his vote, and the Tennessee legislature ratified the amendment by a vote of 49 - 47.
- A tie vote in the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1997 defeated a bill to reinstate the death penalty. The tie came about when one representative, who had voted earlier for the death penalty, changed his mind.
- One vote in the U.S. Senate saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment conviction in 1868.
- In 2003 Vice President Dick Cheney, as president of the Senate, cast the deciding vote on a Senate tax-cut package amendment that reduced income taxes on capital gains and corporate dividends.

VOTE! IT COUNTS