

NOTICE OF ELECTION

TO THE RESIDENT, QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE HALLETTSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a voter-approval tax rate election will be held in such DISTRICT, on November 4, 2025, in accordance with the following order:

ORDER CALLING VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF LAVACA §
HALLETTSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT §

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of the Hallettsville Independent School District (the “District”) has adopted the District’s tax rate for the current year (the “Adopted Tax Rate”); and

WHEREAS, Section 26.08(a), Texas Tax Code provides that if the Adopted Tax Rate exceeds the District’s voter-approval tax rate (as described in Section 26.08(n), Texas Tax Code), the registered voters of the District must determine whether to approve the Adopted Tax Rate at an election held for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements of Section 26.08, Texas Tax Code, the Board determines that it is necessary and appropriate to call an election to ratify the Adopted Tax Rate (the “Election”); and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that ratification of the Adopted Tax Rate at the Election and the levy thereof would maximize state funding to the District under current funding formulas; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to enter into one or more election agreements (the “Election Agreements”) with Lavaca County, Texas (the “County”) by and through the County’s Elections Administrator (the “Elections Administrator”), in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (the “State”) and applicable Federal Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE HALLETTSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Section 1. Call of Election; Date; Eligible Electors; and Hours. An election (the “Election”) shall be held on November 4, 2025 (“Election Day”), which is seventy-eight (78) or more days from the date of the adoption of this order (the “Election Order”), within and throughout the territory of the District at which all resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote. The Board hereby finds that holding the Election on such date is in the public interest. The hours during which the polling places are to be open on Election Day shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Section 2. Voting Precincts; Polling Places; Election Administrator and Officers. Except as otherwise may be provided herein, the boundaries and territories of the respective

County election precincts that are wholly or partially within the territorial boundaries of the District are hereby designated as the voting precincts of the District for the Election and the precinct numbers for the District's election precincts shall be the corresponding County precinct number of each precinct. The Election Day polling places shall be as shown in **Exhibit A** to this Election Order. The precinct judges and alternate judges for the Election shall be appointed in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the "Election Code").

In the event that the Superintendent, or her designee, shall determine from time to time that (a) a polling place hereafter designated shall become unavailable or unsuitable for such use, or it would be in the District's best interests to relocate such polling place, or (b) a presiding judge or alternate presiding judge hereafter designated shall become unqualified or unavailable, the Superintendent, or her designee, is hereby authorized to designate and appoint in writing a substitute polling place, presiding judge or alternate presiding judge, and correct or modify the exhibits to this Election Order, giving such notice as is required by the Election Code and as deemed sufficient.

Section 3. Proposition. At the Election there shall be submitted to the resident, qualified electors of the District the following proposition (the "Proposition"):

HALLETTSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT - PROPOSITION A

Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of \$0.907362 per \$100 valuation in Hallettsville Independent School District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of 10.65 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the District for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which is an additional \$736,648.

Section 4. Ballot. The ballots shall conform to the requirements of the Election Code and shall have written or printed thereon the following:

HALLETTSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT- PROPOSITION A

	)	THIS IS A TAX INCREASE. Ratifying the ad valorem tax rate of
[] FOR	)	\$0.907362 per \$100 valuation in Hallettsville Independent School
	)	District for the current year, a rate that will result in an increase of
	)	10.65 percent in maintenance and operations tax revenue for the
[] AGAINST	)	District for the current year as compared to the preceding year, which
	)	is an additional \$736,648.

Section 5. Voting. Electronic voting machines may be used in holding and conducting the Election on Election Day; provided, however, in the event the use of such electronic voting machines is not practicable, the Election may be conducted on Election Day by the use of paper ballots (except as otherwise provided in this section). Electronic voting machines or paper ballots may be used for early voting by personal appearance (except as otherwise provided in this section). As required by the Election Code, the District shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election. Such voting system shall comply with Texas and federal

laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Paper ballots may be used for early voting by mail.

Each voter desiring to vote in favor of the Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating “FOR” such Proposition, and each voter desiring to vote against the Proposition shall mark the ballot indicating “AGAINST” such Proposition. Voting will be conducted in accordance with the Election Code.

Section 6. Early Voting. For the use of those voters who are entitled by law to vote early by mail, the early voting clerks shall provide each voter with a ballot with instructions to mark the ballot indicating his or her vote “FOR” or “AGAINST” each Proposition. Early voting, both by personal appearance and by mail, will be conducted in accordance with the Election Code.

(a) Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted at the locations, on the dates and at the times as shown in Exhibit B. Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, October 20, 2025 and continue through Friday, October 31, 2025.

(b) The Lavaca County Elections Administrator, Tenia Hudson, is hereby designated as the Early Voting Clerk for the County to perform those functions for District voters who are qualified under state and federal law in the County. Applications for ballots to be voted by mail should be mailed to:

Tenia Hudson
Elections Administrator, Lavaca County
412 N. Texana Street
P.O. Box 727
Hallettsville, TX 77964
Phone: (361) 798-3594
Faxed to: (361) 798-4016
Email: elections@co.lavaca.tx.us
Website: <https://www.co.lavaca.tx.us/page/lavaca.Elections>

The Elections Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to designate the respective early voting ballot board and other officers required to conduct early voting for the Election.

Section 7. Conduct of Election. The Election shall be conducted by the Elections Administrator and other election officers, including the precinct judges and alternate judges or clerks appointed by the Board, in accordance with the Election Agreements, the Texas Education Code, the Election Code and the Constitution and laws of the State and the United States of America. The President of the Board, the Superintendent, and their respective designees, are authorized to enter into, execute and deliver one or more Election Agreements, in accordance with applicable provisions of the Election Code. The terms and provisions of each Election Agreement are hereby incorporated into this Election Order. To the extent of any conflict between this Election Order and an Election Agreement, the terms and provisions of the Election Agreement shall prevail, and the President of the Board, the Superintendent, and their respective designees, are authorized to make such corrections, changes, revisions and modifications to this Election Order, including the exhibits hereto, as are deemed necessary or appropriate to conform to the Election Agreement, to comply with applicable state and federal law and to carry out the intent of the Board,

as evidenced by this Election Order. The Elections Administrator shall be responsible for establishing the central counting station for the ballots cast in the Election and appointing the personnel necessary for such station.

Section 8. Bilingual Election Materials. Notice of the Election in the County shall be given in English and Spanish and persons capable of acting as translators in English and Spanish in Lavaca County shall be made available to assist Spanish language speaking voters in understanding and participating in the election process.

Section 9. Delivery of Voted Ballots; Counting; Tabulation; Canvassing of Returns; Declaring Results. The ballots shall be counted by one or more teams of election officers assigned by the presiding judges, each team to consist of two or more election officers. After completion of his responsibilities under the Election Code, including the counting of the voted ballots and the tabulation of the results, the presiding judge shall make a written return of the Election results to the District in accordance with the Election Code. The Board shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the Election.

If a majority of the resident, qualified electors of the District voting at the Election, including those voting early, shall vote in favor of the Proposition, then the tax rate for the current year shall be the rate adopted by the Board. If the Proposition is not approved, then the Board may not adopt a rate that exceeds the District's voter-approval tax rate.

Section 10. Training of Election Officials. Pursuant to the Election Code, a public school of instruction for all election officers and clerks may be held as arranged or contracted by the Elections Administrator.

Section 11. Notice of Election. Notice of the Election shall be given in the manner required by the Election Code and other applicable law. To the extent required by law, each notice of the Election shall include the District's internet website address, which is <https://www.hisdbrahmas.org/>.

Section 12. Notice of Meeting. The Board officially finds, determines, recites and declares that written notice of the date, hour, place and subject of the meeting at which this Election Order is adopted was posted on a bulletin board located at a place convenient to the public at the District's administrative offices for a least seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled time of the meeting; that a telephonic or telegraphic notice of such meeting was given to all news media who have consented to pay any and all expenses incurred by the District in connection with providing such notice, both as required by the Open Meetings Law, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended; and that such meeting was open to the public as required by law at all times during which this Election Order and the subject matter thereof was discussed, considered and formally acted upon.

Section 13. Authority of the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall have the authority to take, or cause to be taken, all reasonable or necessary actions to ensure that the Election is fairly held and returns properly counted and tabulated for canvass by the Board, which actions are hereby ratified and confirmed. Without limiting the generality of the immediately preceding sentence, the Superintendent and her designees are hereby authorized to complete and update, as

necessary, the exhibits hereto with the necessary information as same is made available to the District and to make any changes to this Election Order necessary to carry out the intent of this Election Order and the Election.

Section 14. Authorization to Execute. The President or Vice President of the Board is authorized to execute and the Secretary of the Board is authorized to attest this Election Order on behalf of the Board; and the President or Vice President of the Board is authorized to do all other things legal and necessary in connection with the holding and consummation of the Election.

Section 15. Effective Date. This Election Order is effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED August 11, 2025.

/s/ *Brian Smith*

President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

/s/ *Holly Cliffe*

Secretary, Board of Trustees

EXHIBIT A

ELECTION DAY POLLING LOCATIONS (Between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.)

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>Physical Address</u>
101	Lavaca County Courthouse	109 N. La Grange St. Hallettsville, Texas 77964
102	Senior Citizens Center	326 S. La Grange Hallettsville, Texas 77964
208	Moravia Parish Hall	11175 FM 957 Schulenburg, Texas 78956
309	Shiner Baptist Church	120 W. 15 th Shiner, Texas 77984
311	Sweet Home Community Center	348 CR 391 Sweet Home, Texas 77987
416	Hope Community Hall	122 CR 413A Yoakum, Texas 77995
119	Vienna Baptist Church	2767 CR 125 Hallettsville, Texas 77964
223	Moulton Community Center	102 Veterans Drive Moulton, Texas 77975
329	Shiner Public Library	115 East Walters/Second Street Shiner, Texas 77984
430	Yoakum Methodist Church	1026 East Gonzales Yoakum, Texas 77995
231	Lavaca County Courthouse Annex	412 N. Texana Street Hallettsville, Texas 77964

Note: Hallettsville Independent School District registered voters in Wharton, Colorado, and Jackson Counties vote at the Lavaca County Courthouse Annex, 412 N Texana St., Hallettsville, TX 77964.

EXHIBIT B

EARLY VOTING POLLING LOCATIONS AND TIMES

Main Early Voting Location:

Lavaca County Courthouse Annex
412 N. Texana Street
Hallettsville, TX 77964

Hours

Monday, October 20 through Friday, October 24.....8 AM – 5 PM

Monday, October 27 through Wednesday, October 29.....8 AM – 5 PM

Thursday, October 30 through Friday, October 31.....7 AM – 7 PM

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