

**ELECTION ADMINISTRATION PREVIEW
TEXAS PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008**

electionline's Election Administration Previews provide basic election administration information for upcoming primary and general elections. They are generally available up to five days before the vote.

On the ballot: Democratic and Republican candidates for President; U.S. Senate; U.S. House of Representatives; state and local offices. [Click here](#) for a complete list of races on the ballot. The primary is open since the state does not require registration by party.

[Republicans](#) and [Democrats](#) employ a "prima-caucus" – that is, a system whereby after polls close, party members may attend a caucus.

Polling place hours: 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Registered voters: 12,752,417 (February 2008)

Absentee and early voting: An excuse is required to [vote early by mail](#). Ballots must be returned by close of polls on election day. No excuse is required for in-person early voting, which ends Friday.

Voter ID: Voters must [present either a voter certificate or show photo or non-photo identification](#) and sign an affidavit.

Voting systems: DRE, optical-scan and ballot-marking devices by Premier Election Solutions (formerly Diebold), Hart InterCivic and ES&S. as well as ballot markers [Click here](#) for a complete list.

State election links:

[Texas Secretary of State – Elections Division](#)

Recent news stories:

[Commissioners court formally approves rental of 200 voting machines](#), *FortBendnow.com*, Feb. 27, 2008

[Travis voting glitch prompts 'what-ifs'](#), *Austin-American Statesman*, Feb. 27, 2008

[Texas primary combines traditional vote, caucus](#), *Star-Telegram*, Feb. 10, 2008

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