

WHITEHOUSE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF TAX RATIFICATION ELECTION

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

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the District as provided in an order duly passed by the Board of Trustees of the District, which order is substantially as follows:

**ORDER CALLING ELECTION
TO RATIFY SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES PURSUANT TO
SECTION 26.08 PROPERTY TAX CODE**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Whitehouse Independent School District (the "District") deems it advisable to call an election to ratify District taxes pursuant to Section 26.08, Property Tax Code, as hereinafter ordered; and

WHEREAS, it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Order was adopted was open to the public, and public notice of the time, place, and purpose of the meeting was given, all as required by the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

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

1. That a tax ratification election (the "Election") be held in the District on August 25, 2018 ("Election Day"). At the Election, the following PROPOSITION shall be submitted in accordance with law, and the official ballots for the Election shall be prepared in accordance with the Texas Election Code (the "Code") so as to permit the electors to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the PROPOSITION, which shall be expressed as follows:

PROPOSITION A

For	_____)	Approving the ad valorem tax rate of \$1.413 per \$100 valuation in
)	Whitehouse Independent School District for the current year, a rate
Against	_____)	that is \$0.02 higher per \$100 valuation than the school district
)	rollback tax rate, for the purpose of generating additional state
)	funding at a final tax rate of \$1.413, which is the same as the 2017
)	tax rate.

2. The Election shall be administered by the Smith County Elections Administrator in accordance with the agreement between the Smith County Elections Department and the District for the Smith County Elections Department to conduct the Election (the "Election Contract"). The appointment of the Presiding Election Judges, Alternate Judges, early voting clerks, the Presiding Judge of the early ballot board and other election officials for the Election shall be made in accordance with the Election Contract.

3. Voting for the Election on Election Day shall occur on the dates, during the hours and at the designated polling places as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto, which exhibit is hereby made a part hereof for all intents and purposes. **Exhibit A** shall be modified to include additional or different Election Day polling places as may be required to conform to the Election Contract and/or the Code or as may be deemed appropriate by any one or more of the District officials listed in Section 8 hereof.
4. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted on the dates and at the times set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto. The early voting polling places shall remain open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance for any registered voter of the District at such voting place. **Exhibit A** shall be modified to include additional or different early voting polling places as may be required to conform to the Election Contract and/or the Code or as may be deemed appropriate by any one or more of the District officials listed in Section 8 hereof.

The main early voting location for voting by personal appearance shall be at the location designated in **Exhibit A** attached hereto. The early voting clerk shall keep the early voting places open during such hours for early voting by personal appearance.

5. Applications for ballots by mail shall be mailed to:

Smith County Elections Administrator
302 E. Ferguson
Tyler, Texas 75702

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, if in person, or Tuesday, August 7, 2018, if by mail.

6. An early ballot board is hereby created to process early voting results, and the individual designated by the Smith County Elections Department is hereby appointed the presiding judge of said board. The presiding judge shall appoint at least two other members of said board.
7. All resident, qualified electors of the District shall be entitled to vote at the Election.
8. The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent, the Chief Financial Officer, the President, the Vice President or the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, any one or more of said officials, to execute or attest the Election Contract with Smith County.

Exhibit A – Polling Places and Hours

Election Day Polling Places and Hours

Dates and Times

August 25, 2018
7:00 am – 7:00 pm

Location

Whitehouse ISD Administration Office Lobby
106 Wildcat Drive
Whitehouse, Texas 75791

Early Voting Polling Places, Dates and Times

Dates and Times

Wednesday-Friday	August 8-10	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Monday-Friday	August 13-17	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Monday-Tuesday	August 20-21	7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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