

Checklist for Online Availability & Adequacy of Elections Information
on Official County Websites in Texas

A. Does the county have a website page that displays election information?

- 10-Yes
 0-No

B. How easy is it to find election information?

- 10-*Perfect*: A recognizable word or icon on the HOME PAGE links to a page that displays elections information
 8-*Very good*: A quick-links list, department directory, or list of services provides a recognizable link to election information (e.g., elections, voter registration, etc.)
 6-*Good but could improve*: No recognizable link to find elections information on county clerk page, tax assessor page, or other subpage
 4-*Fair*: Takes 3 or more clicks to get to elections information
 2-*Bare minimum*: Had to use the SEARCH box to find elections information
 0-*Inadequate*: Could not locate election information

C. How adequate is the election information provided?

- 20-*Outstanding*: 6 items provided
 16-*Very good*: 5 items provided or FAQ link
 12-*Good but could improve*: 4 items provided
 8-*Fair*: 3 items provided OR some information is out of date
 4-*Bare minimum*: 2 items provided
 0-*Inadequate*: Less than 2 items provided or all information is out of date

- Election Information Items*
- (1) Election Day & early voting dates
 - (2) Polling locations for early voting & Election Day
 - (3) Deadlines for voter registration application, mail ballot application, and receipt of mail ballot
 - (4) Sample ballot
 - (5) Election results (past &/or present)
 - (6) Notice of Accepting Voters With Certain Disabilities
 - (7) Military voter information

D. How adequate is voter ID information?

- 30-*Outstanding*: 6 items provided
 24-*Very good*: 5 items provided or FAQ link
 18-*Good but could improve*: 4 items provided
 12-*Fair*: Items 3 items provided OR some information is out of date
 6-*Bare minimum*: 2 items provided
 0-*Inadequate*: Fewer than 2 items provided or all information is out of date

- Voter ID Items*
- (1) List of seven acceptable photo voter IDs
 - (2) Photo IDs must be no more than 4 years old
 - (3) List of other documents accepted if no photo ID and sign an Impediment Declaration form
 - (4) Name on ID and voter registration card must be substantially the same but not identical
 - (5) Voter addresses on ID and official list of voters need not match at time of voting
 - (6) Election officials and poll workers may not question you about voter ID issues
 - (7) Reasonable Impediment Declaration form

E. Is a link to the VoteTexas.gov or other SOS elections or voter registration website provided?

- 15-Yes 0-No

F. Is election information AND voter ID information provided (a) in Spanish OR (b) the link to the Secretary of State Spanish language website provided?

- 15-Yes, required by VRA Sec. 203. (See list of VRA Sec. 2018 counties on page 2.)
 5-Yes, not required by VRA Sec. 203 (bonus points if both election & ID info. in Sp.)
 10-Required by VRA Sec. 203 but only election or Voter ID information provided in Spanish, not both
 0-No

G. Is a link to a League of Women Voters website provided? (bonus points)

- 5-Yes 0-No

Overall Evaluation Rating*

___ Total points ___ Raw score _____ Rating

*See next page for calculation of raw score and rating.

Overall Evaluation Rating

Calculation of raw score (%)

Total points ÷ 100 if county is required to provide Spanish language by VRA Sec. 203

Total points ÷ 85 if county is not required to provide Spanish language by VRA Sec. 203

Raw Score (%)	Rating
100	Perfect
90-99	Outstanding
80-89	Very good
60-79	Good
49-59	Fair
39-48	Bare minimum
< 39	Inadequate

Sec. 203 of the Voting Rights Act

Sec. 203 of the Voting Rights Act requires counties to provide bilingual election information if 10,000 voting age citizens or more than 5% of the population speak a single minority language, are not fluent in English, or have difficulty reading and writing English.

List of 88 Texas Counties Covered by Sec. 203 of the Voting Rights Act*

Andrews	Atascosa	Bailey	Bee	Bexar
Brooks	Caldwell	Calhoun	Cameron	Castro
Cochran	Crane	Crockett	Crosby	Culberson
Dallam	Dallas	Dawson	Deaf-Smith	Dimmit
Duval	Ector	Edwards	El Paso	Floyd
Fort Bend	Frio	Gaines	Garza	Glasscock
Hale	Hansford	Harris	Hidalgo	Hockley
Hudspeth	Jeff Davis	Jim Hogg	Jim Wells	Jones
Karnes	Kenedy	Kinney	Kleberg	Knox
La Salle	Lamb	Live-Oak	Lynn	Martin
Matagorda	Maverick	McMullen	Medina	Menard
Midland	Moore	Nolan	Nueces	Ochiltree
Parmer	Pecos	Presidio	Reagan	Reeves
San Patricio	Schleicher	Scurry	Sherman	Starr
Sterling	Sutton	Swisher	Tarrant	Terry
Titus	Travis	Upton	Uvalde	Val Verde
Ward	Webb	Willacy	Winkler	Yoakum
Zapata	Zavala			

*Covered Areas for Voting Rights Election Materials—2015. Voting Rights Act Amendments of 2006, Determinations Under Section 203. 81(233) Fed. Reg. 87532 (December 5, 2016) published at www.census.gov/rdo/pdf/1_FRN_2016-28969.pdf

The complete reports and appendices for the 2016 and 2017 *Texas County Website Survey* are found at <https://my.lww.org/texas/county-website-review>