

JOINT PRIMARY VS. REGULAR PRIMARY

	JOINT PRIMARY	REGULAR PRIMARY
Primary Required	In most recent general election, if party's gubernatorial candidate received 20%+ of the vote, party's nominees for general election <u>must</u> be chosen by primary election. (Texas Election Code (TEC) § 172.001)	Same.
How to Start	Written joint resolution must be approved by majority vote of full membership of commissioners court and unanimously approved by county election officer & party chairs of parties required to nominate by primary election. (TEC § 172.126(a))	No action necessary, assuming each political party has county chair elected or appointed and ready, willing and able to accept candidate applications and to conduct (along with other members of county executive committee (CEC)) primary and runoff primary election. (TEC §§ 171.022, 171.024, 171.025, 172.022, 172.111, et seq.)
When to Start Planning for Primary	Early November 2017, see Primary Calendar, http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/laws/march-6-primary-calendar-2018.shtml	Same.
Mandatory Meeting	Recommended date 11/2/2017 (notice must be delivered by county election officer 72 hours in advance). Between county election officer and county chair (of each political party nominating by primary election) to discuss establishment of early voting ballot board (EVBB), delivery of materials to EVBB, acceptance of mail ballots, and manual counting, if any, of early voting ballots. (TEC § 31.124)	Same.
Contract with County Election Officer	Written contract mandatory, but terms dictated by TEC § 172.126. (TEC §§ 31.092(b), 172.126) Written contract enables Election Funds Management Group of Secretary of State (SOS), as well as the county auditor, to track the proper expenditure of primary and public funds. SOS has available Model Joint Primary Election Services Contract.	Each party may elect in its discretion whether or not to contract with the county election officer for election services. If it does contract, the contract must be in writing. (TEC § 31.092(b)) Written contract enables Election Funds Management Group of Secretary of State (SOS), as well as the county auditor, to track the proper expenditure of primary and public funds. SOS has available Model Primary Election Services Contract. If both parties are to share a joint team of election day workers, ballot programming, or voting

		machines, the parties should agree to do a joint primary.
Consolidation of Election Precincts	County election officer to determine whether should be done and how and to designate polling places for such precincts. (TEC §§ 42.009, 172.126(b)) Consolidated precincts may not contain territory from more than one territorial unit described in TEC § 42.005.	Each party's CEC to determine whether should be done and how and to designate polling places for such precincts. (TEC §§ 42.009, 43.003) Consolidated precincts may not contain territory from more than one territorial unit described in TEC § 42.005.
# of Election Day Workers	Determined based on turnout in accordance with Texas Administrative Code (TAC) § 81.149.	Determined for each party based on turnout in accordance with Texas Administrative Code (TAC) §§ 81.117, 81.118.
Appointment of Election Judges	Done by county election officer from lists provided by county chairs. Lists of names must be provided by chairs to officer no later than 12/11/2017. There are two "co-judges," one from each party for each election day precinct or consolidated election day precinct. (TEC § 172.126(c))	Done by each party chair. An election judge and alternate judge is appointed by each party for each party's election day precinct or consolidated election day precinct. (TEC § 32.006)
Appointment of Election Clerks	Done by county election officer from lists provided by county chairs. Lists of names must be provided by chairs to officer no later than 12/11/2017. (TEC § 172.126(c)) For number of clerks for each precinct, see "# of Election Day Workers," above.	Done by the election judge for each party in each party's precinct. (TEC §§ 32.031, 32.032) For number of clerks for each precinct, see "# of Election Day Workers," above.
Election Day Worker Compensation	\$8.00/hr. (TAC §§ 81.120, 81.146)	Same.
Election Day Worker Training	All workers must be trained and there is no additional compensation for attending training. (TAC § 81.120)	Same.
Ballot Certification	County election officer obtains candidate names and ballot order from the certified list on SOS website; format determined by county election officer. (TEC § 172.126(e), (f)) Ballot order for primary runoff candidates is the same order as on the general primary election ballot. (TEC § 172.084(a))	Primary committee or county chair for each party determines that party's format for official ballot and candidate names and order. (TEC §§ 172.081, 172.082, 172.083) Ballot order for primary runoff candidates is the same order as on the general primary election ballot. (TEC § 172.084(a))
Voting System	Determined by county election officer (and almost certainly will be system used by county in elections ordered by county authority or	Determined by each party's CEC. (TEC § 123.001(b)(2)) If party does not lease county's voting system, party must obtain

	governor). (TEC § 172.126(f)) Primary election is defined by federal law as a federal election, and Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires each polling place to have an accessible voting unit.	advance written approval from SOS to acquire another voting system. (TEC § 123.035) Primary election is defined by federal law as a federal election, and Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires each polling place to have an accessible voting unit.
# Voting Units /Polling Place	Depends on turnout. (TAC §§ 81.125, 81.146)	Same, for each party.
# of Ballots	Depends on turnout. (TAC §§ 81.124, 81.146)	Same, for each party.
Ballot Boxes	Separate for each party, except that one set may be used if precinct counters are used in which voter directly puts the ballot into the precinct counter. (TEC § 172.126(g))	Separate ballot boxes for each party.
Voter Registration Lists	Each party has its own two lists. (TEC §§ 18.006, 18.007, 172.126(g))	Same.
Election Returns and Canvass	Separate for each party. (TEC §§ 172.116, 172.119, 172.126(h))	Same.