

COMMISSION SHIFT RAILROAD COMMISSION VOTER GUIDE



WHAT DOES A RAILROAD COMMISSIONER DO?

The Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC) is the regulatory agency that oversees oil and gas development, coal and uranium mining, and gas utility service in Texas. The RRC's decisions affect every Texan in some way, whether you live next to oil and gas development or pay a gas utility bill. Its mission is to serve Texans through stewardship of natural resources and the environment, concern for personal and community safety of enhanced development and economic vitality for the benefit of Texans.

The RRC is headed by three Railroad Commissioners who are elected statewide, not regionally. One seat is up for election every two years. Commissioners serve staggered six-year terms, and there is no limit to the number of terms a commissioner can serve.

THE RRC OVERSEES:

- Oil and gas development
- Coal and uranium mining
- Gas utility rates
- Orphaned oil and gas wells
- Venting and flaring at oil and gas wells
- Pipeline safety

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GOING TO THE POLLS

Before Voting

- Check if you are registered to vote at votetexas.gov.
- Find polling places on your county election website or at VOTE411.org.
- Find a sample ballot on your county election website or call your county elections division for more information.

Day of Voting

- Bring your sample ballot to the polls for additional support at the booth.
- Bring one type of valid photo ID (see list).
- To avoid long lines on election day, visit the polls between 10 AM - 4 PM.
- Most polling locations are open from 7 AM - 7 PM, but you should confirm before you go.

Important Dates

Tuesday, February 17 - Friday, February 27: Early Voting by Personal Appearance (Primary Election)

Tuesday, March 3: Primary Election Day

Tuesday, May 26: Runoff Election Day

Monday, October 19 - Friday, October 30: Early Voting by Personal Appearance

Monday, October 5: Last Day to Register to Vote

Tuesday, November 3: General Election Day



VALID TYPES OF PHOTO ID IN TEXAS:

A state driver's license (issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety).

A Texas election identification certificate (issued by DPS).

A Texas personal identification card (issued by DPS).

A Texas license to carry a handgun (issued by DPS).

A U.S. military ID card with a personal photo.

A U.S. citizenship certificate with a personal photo.

A U.S. passport.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

If you experience any problems with voting, you can call 1-866-Our-Vote. Find more information about voter protection at texasvoterprotection.org.

To vote by mail, request a mail ballot application from your [Early Voting Clerk](#) in the county where you are registered or use this [application form](#). Read the application instructions carefully, complete the application, and return it to your Early Voting Clerk. The last day your application can be received by your Early Voting Clerk is Friday, February 20, 2026.

