

## **Order Requiring Criminal Background Checks For Colorado County Election Officials**

WHEREAS, TEX. ELEC. CODE §32.051(a)(2) authorizes the Colorado County Commissioners Court to provide additional eligibility requirements to serve as an election official for Colorado County.

WHEREAS, standardized training in in election law and procedure for election judges and clerks is necessary to the integrity and security of the election process. TEX. ELEC. CODE §32.111.

WHEREAS, a person that has been finally convicted of an offense in connection with conduct directly attributable to an election is prohibited from serving as an election judge or clerk. TEX. ELEC. CODE §32.0552

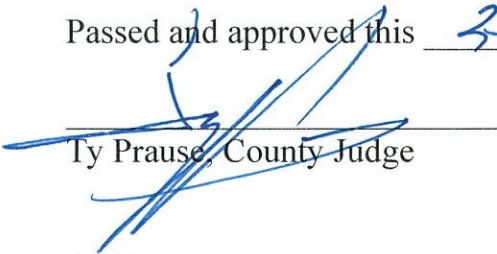
WHEREAS, conducting criminal background checks on individuals who intend to work or volunteer as election officials is necessary to the integrity and security of the election process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF COLORADO COUNTY THAT:

1. This order is applicable to all individuals that will serve as an election official in Colorado County including
  - a. Judge
  - b. Clerk
  - c. Early Voting Ballot Board
  - d. Central Count station
  - e. Or any volunteer in the election capacity
2. A criminal background check is required for all election officials, staff and temporary workers who are engaged in pre-election programming, testing, and preparing of the voting system equipment for Early Voting and Election Day. Tex. Elec. Code §129.051(g)
3. The Elections Administrator shall provide one or more training sessions using the standardized training program and materials developed and provided by the Secretary of State for election judges and clerks. Election judges shall complete the entire training program. Election clerks shall complete the part of the training program relating to the acceptance and handling of the identification presented by a voter to an election officer under Section 63.001.
  - a. Training will be provided as follows:
    - i. Colorado County will offer State required training within 90 days of any given election.

- ii. Colorado County will offer additional training within 90 days of any given election including security training.
- iii. The Secretary of State On-Line training certificate must be turned into the Election Administrator if required training is completed in said manner.

Passed and approved this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Aug., 2021.

  
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Ty Prause, County Judge

Attest:

  
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Colorado County Clerk

