

Denton County Republican Party

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Denton County Republican Chairman

Important Update: Federal Panel Changes Filing Period for March Primary Elections

*County Chairman Dianne Edmondson Announces New Dates and Availability to
Accommodate
the Court-Ordered Changes to the Filing Period Calendar*

Denton, TX – Today, Denton Republican County Chairman Dianne Edmondson issued an advisory for all precinct chairs, elected officials and announced candidates with an update on the 2012 primary election filing period and changes to the election calendar over the next several weeks and months.

Said Chairman Edmondson, “As a result of a court order from a federal panel of judges in San Antonio, the new filing period for the March 2012 Primary Elections has been condensed and pushed back to **November 28 to December 15, 2011**. These changes apply to all races on the March 2012 Primary Election ballot in Texas - federal, state, county, and local offices.”

In a court order this past weekend, a three-judge federal panel in San Antonio overseeing the legislative redistricting trial, issued the mandate of these changes in order to allow for enough time to complete the process of drawing interim legislative maps for the 2012 Texas Primary Elections.

Chairman Edmondson remarked, “At this time, it is not clear what legislative lines and districts will be ordered by the court, and this delay in their ruling has necessitated the changes in the election calendar. We do expect that the federal panel will be handing down interim maps later this month. In a related topic for our Denton County Commissioners Court to decide, once those interim maps are implemented, the federal panel in San Antonio has granted a deadline of December 13 for new precinct lines to be enacted so that our county’s precincts can be properly organized along the lines of the new districts.”

To comply with the new filing period, Chairman Edmondson also announced that she will be available to receive applications for a place on the Republican primary ballot at the following location and dates:.

Republican Headquarters, 1400 N. Corinth St., Suite 106 on Monday, Nov. 28, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and on Thursday, December 15th from 1:00 p.m until 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Edmondson concluded by thanking her executive Committee, headquarters staff and volunteers, and county election officials. "This will be a very busy time for many people who would rather be spending time with their friends and loved ones in the holiday season. On behalf of the Republican Party of Denton County, I would like to thank all of you in advance for the support and dedication in helping me pull together this condensed schedule and for understanding the importance of this work to our county and state. If you have any questions about the new filing period and related changes, please contact me at GOP HQ, 940/321-2671.

The full list of court-ordered changes to the filing period is as follows.

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- **November 28:** First day for candidate filing. (*Moved from November 12*).
 - **December 10:** The last day a vacancy for an unexpired term in an office of the state or county government may occur and still appear on the primary ballot. (*Moved from December 7*).
 - **December 13:** Last day for counties to change precinct boundaries to adjust to new legislative lines. (*Moved from October 1*).
 - **December 15 @ 6 p.m.:** Last day for candidate filing (*Moved from December 12*).

December 15 is also the last day for state house and state senate candidates to establish residency in a district. (*Moved from November 6*).

- **December 16:** Last day to omit a name from the primary ballot if a candidate withdraws, dies or is declared ineligible. (*Moved from December 13*).
- **December 19:** Last day for Chairman Munisteri to deliver certified list of statewide and multi-county district candidates to every county chair. (*Moved from December 16*).

December 19 is also the last day for a write-in candidate for the office of county or precinct chair to file a declaration of write-in.

December 19 is also the last day to apply for a place on the primary ballot for an unexpired term for a vacancy that occurs on or before December 10.

- **December 20:** Last day for county executive committees to conduct drawing for candidate order on ballot.

- **December 22:** Last day for Chairman Munisteri to deliver the chair's list to the Secretary of State, and for county chairmen to deliver a copy of the chair's list to the county clerk, the Republican Party of Texas, and the Secretary of State.
- **January 13:** Last day for county election registrars to issue new voter registration certificates to the existing county voters. (*Moved from December 6*).
- **March 6:** The date for the Republican Primary Election remains unchanged.

The Republican Party of Texas has posted a PDF of the signed court order which contains the full list of court-ordered requirements and dates. To view the court order, **[please click here](#)**.

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