



The Harris County Tax Assessor/Collector & Voter Registrars office: Impacting the lives of individuals, communities & businesses.

How this office can better serve Harris County.

Duties of Harris County Tax Assessor/Collector & Voter Registrar:

Collects, records and disburses property taxes for more than 60 taxing authorities. ***Payment transaction available online.**

Motor vehicle registration and vehicle title transfers in Harris County. ***Transfer transaction available online.**

Register eligible voters and train volunteer deputy voter registrars in Harris County, Texas. ***Not currently available online with one exception: Change of Name or Address.**

The Harris County Tax Collector/Assessor currently offers property owners the option to sign up online for an Electronic Tax Bill. The current system is set up to accept online property tax payments.

Property Tax Breaks / Exemptions and Property Tax Protests are administered by the Harris County Appraisal District.

Property Tax Workshops are schedule through HCAD.

The Tax Assessor/Collector sits on the Board of HCAD and may advocate the Texas Legislature on issues affecting the tax payers/voters of Harris County such as Medicaid Expansion and Online Voter Registration.

**Medicaid Expansion Emerging as Strategy
to Tackle Property Taxes,
And Houston is Ground Zero**



**Texas could cut property taxes or shift freed-up
property tax revenue to improve other local services
without raising taxes.**

**Local health programs and hospital districts currently
use property taxes for uninsured patients who can't
pay their bills.**

**The Harris Health System cares for an estimated
70,000 uninsured patients. Harris County taxpayers
assumes the burden, to the tune of more than \$70
million annually.**

Medicaid Expansion in Harris County has Bipartisan Support

So far, the discussion has been loudest in Houston. Leading the charge are two Republicans, Harris County Judge Ed Emmett and County Commissioner Steve Radack, known as **“one of the most outspoken conservatives on the court.”**

The Houston Chronicle recently reported on Commissioner Radack’s promise to “keep up the drumbeat” on the issue. When asked at a recent meeting about his strategy for reducing property taxes, the Commissioner said: **“So, let’s go after the state. Let them just simply accept the money, send it to us, we’ll cut taxes.”**

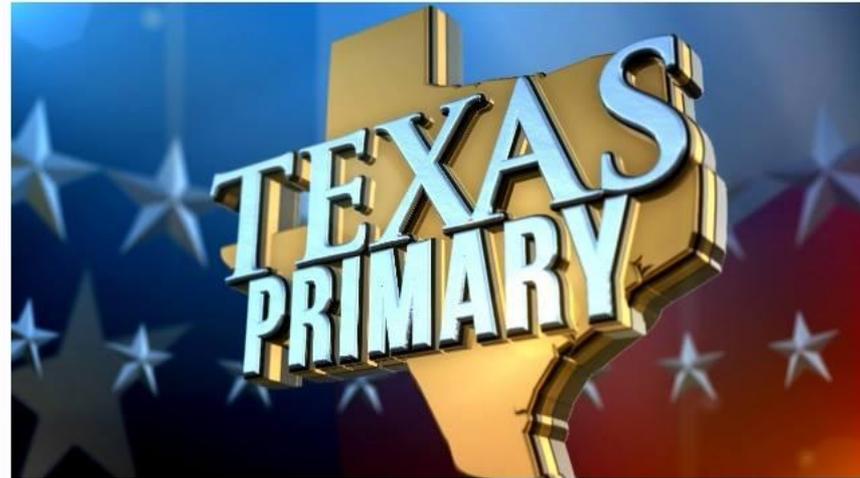
People in Texas **Love** their Cars AND Trucks!



It's great news the Tax Assessor/Collectors office offers title transfers & registration renewals online.

"The old method was antiquated, involved much paperwork and took too long to properly assist customers. My office worked diligently with the TxDMV because we knew this program would make processing titles for dealers easier, payment of fees faster and create a paperless electronic system that would benefit everyone." ~ Mike Sullivan

Wouldn't it be great if your Voter Registration was available online as well?



Texas has the second lowest voter turnout during the presidential primary season, with just 21.5% of Texas residents 18 years or older showing up at the polls.
(Louisiana has the worst turnout rate with just 18% voter participation.)

In Texas and other states nationwide, it keeps getting harder to cast a ballot even though **technology** should make it a breeze.

Is your high school registering
students of voting age



at least twice a year, **as required by
Texas law?**

Sec. 13.046(d) At least twice each school year, a high school deputy registrar shall distribute an officially prescribed registration application form to each student who is or will be 18 years of age or older during that year, subject to rules prescribed by the Secretary of State.

GET OUT THE VOTE!

IT'S YOUR VOTE. IT'S YOUR VOICE. YOUR VOTE MATTERS!



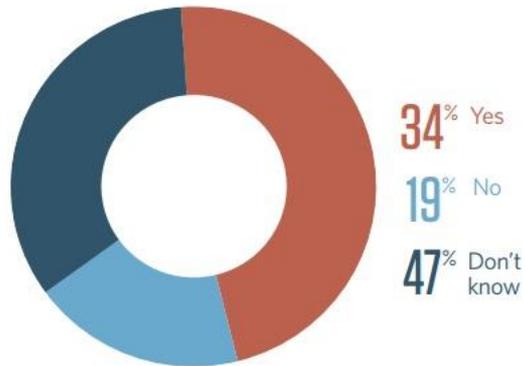
Every citizen should have a fair and equal opportunity to get, and stay, registered to vote. Citizens must take the responsibility to vote, but government should do its part by clearing bureaucratic obstacles to the ballot box. Automatic, permanent voter registration would vastly improve American democracy.

~Brennan Center for Justice

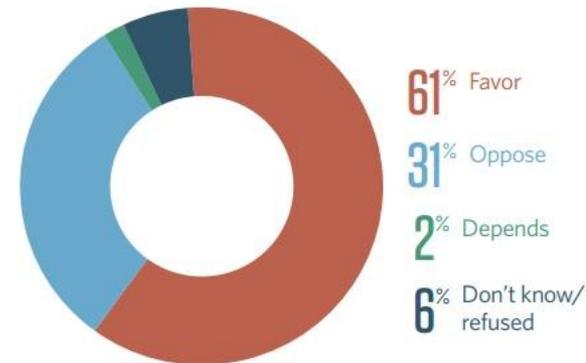
Automatic, permanent voter registration is a comprehensive plan to sign up every eligible American to vote. It would add up to 50 million eligible voters to the rolls, save money, and increase accuracy — while curbing the potential for fraud and protecting the integrity of elections.

A Majority of Texas Voters Favor Online Voter Registration; 34% Mistakenly Thought It Was Already Available

Can you register to vote or update your registration online by using a state government website in Texas?



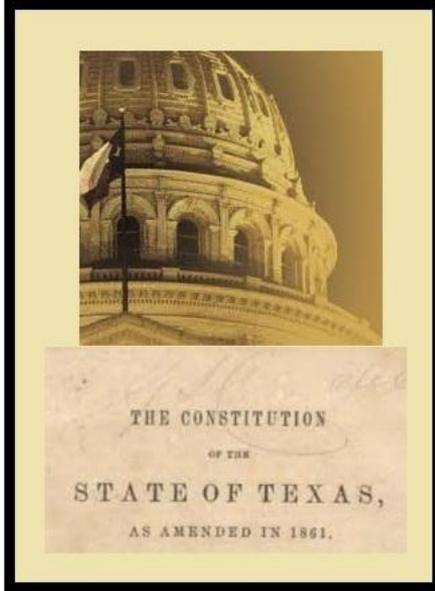
Would you favor or oppose having the option to register to vote through an official website?



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25% 21 years after passage of the Motor Voter law, 25 percent of Texas voters polled don't know they can register to vote through the state motor vehicle agency.

Reminder: The now “dead” House Bill 76 and House Bill 953 Would have added Texas to a list of 20 states that already let their citizens sign up to vote online. Texas could have saved more than an estimated \$11 million by ditching paper registration.



THE TEXAS CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 6. SUFFRAGE , Sec. 2b.

“In all elections by the people, the vote shall be by ballot, and the Legislature shall provide for the numbering of tickets and make such other regulations as may be necessary *to detect and punish fraud* and preserve the purity of the ballot box; and the Legislature shall provide by law for the registration of all voters.”

“It does not include ‘prevent,” adding that the voter ID law is “a prior restraint against your constitutional right to vote.”

~ Judge Lawrence "Larry" Meyers, Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

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