

GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

February 25, 2022

The Honorable John B. Scott Secretary of State State Capitol Room 1E.8 Austin, Texas 78701 FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE 4.PM_O'CLOCK FEB 2 5 2022 Secretary of State

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to his powers as Governor of the State of Texas, Greg Abbott has issued the following:

A proclamation ordering a special election to be held in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 147 on Saturday, May 7, 2022, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Garnet F. Coleman.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Clerk to the Governor

Attachment

PROCLAMATION BY THE **Governor of the State of Texas**

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

- WHEREAS, the resignation of the Honorable Garnet F. Coleman, and its acceptance, have caused a vacancy to exist in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 147, which is wholly contained within Harris County; and
- WHEREAS, Article III, Section 13, of the Texas Constitution and Section 203.002 of the Texas Election Code require that a special election be ordered upon such a vacancy, and Section 3.003 of the Texas Election Code requires the special election to be ordered by proclamation of the Governor; and
- WHEREAS, Section 203.004(a) of the Texas Election Code provides that the special election generally must be held on the first uniform date occurring on or after the 36th day after the date the election is ordered; and
- WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 41.001 of the Texas Election Code, the first uniform election date occurring on or after the 36th day after the date the special election is ordered is Saturday, May 7, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREG ABBOTT, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of Texas, do hereby order a special election to be held in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 147 on Saturday, May 7, 2022, for the purpose of electing a state representative to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Garnet F. Coleman.

Candidates who wish to have their names placed on the special election ballot must file their applications with the Secretary of State no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2022, in accordance with Section 201.054(a)(1) of the Texas Election Code.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Monday, April 25, 2022, and end on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, in accordance with Sections 85.001(a) and (e) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be mailed immediately to the Harris County Judge, which is the county within which Texas State House of Representatives District No. 147 is wholly contained, and all appropriate writs shall be issued and all proper proceedings shall be followed to the end that said election may be held to fill the vacancy in Texas State House of Representatives District No. 147 and its result proclaimed in accordance with law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and have officially caused the Seal of State to be affixed at my office in the City of Austin, Texas, this the 25th day of February, 2022.

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ATTESTED BY:

JOHN B. SCOTT

Secretary of State

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