

**AN ORDER CALLING A BOND ELECTION TO BE HELD BY THE PORT
NECHES-GROVES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, MAKING
PROVISION FOR THE CONDUCT OF A JOINT ELECTION, AND
RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATED TO SUCH
ELECTION**

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WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the *Board*) of the PORT NECHES-GROVES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (the *District*), located in located in Jefferson County, Texas (the *County*), hereby finds and determines that an election should be held to determine whether the District shall be authorized to issue bonds of the District in the amount and for the purposes hereinafter identified (the *Election*); and

WHEREAS, the District will conduct the Election in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas (the *State*) and applicable federal laws; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the necessity to construct various capital improvements within the District necessitates that it is in the public interest to call and hold the Election at the earliest possible date to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purposes hereinafter identified; and

WHEREAS, the District will enter into an election services contract with Jefferson County, by and through its Elections Administrator (the *Administrator*) in accordance with the provisions of Subchapter D of Chapter 31, as amended, Texas Election Code, or other applicable law, pursuant to which the County will assist with certain aspects of the Election on the District's behalf (being, particularly, the rental by the County to the District of electronic voting machines and provision of certain polling locations); and

WHEREAS, the Election may be held jointly with other political subdivisions (such other political subdivisions, collectively, the Participants), as provided pursuant to the provisions of an election services agreement and/or a joint election or similar agreement between or among (as applicable) the District and any Participants, entered into in accordance with the provisions of Section 271.002, as amended, Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the anticipated capital improvements identified in Measure A and the corresponding Proposition A may be submitted to the qualified voters of the District as a single measure and corresponding proposition pursuant to Section 45.003(g) of the Texas Education Code because these capital improvements will be predominantly used for educational and administrative purposes, none of which are the type of facilities described in Section 45.003(g)(1-6); and

WHEREAS, the Board hereby finds and determines that the actions hereinbefore described are in the best interests of the residents of the District; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE PORT NECHES-GROVES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT:

SECTION 1: The Election shall be held in the PORT NECHES-GROVES INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT on the 4th day of November, 2025 (*Election Day*), which is a uniform election date under the Texas Election Code, as amended, and is 78 or more days from the date of the adoption of this order (the *Order*), or the purpose of submitting the following measure to the qualified voters of the District:

MEASURE A

“Shall the Board of Trustees of the Port Neches-Groves Independent School District be authorized to issue and sell bonds of the District, in one or more series, in the principal amount not to exceed \$75,000,000 for the purposes of designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, acquiring, and equipping school facilities (and any necessary or related removal of existing facilities), and the purchase of new school buses, such bonds to mature serially or otherwise (not more than 40 years from their date) in accordance with law; any issue or series of such bonds to bear interest per annum at such rate or rates (fixed, floating, variable, or otherwise) as may be determined within the discretion of the Board of Trustees, provided that such rate or rates of interest shall not exceed the maximum rate per annum authorized by law at the time of the issuance of any issue or series of such bonds; and shall the Board of Trustees of the District be authorized to levy and pledge, and cause to be assessed and collected, annual ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the District sufficient, without limit as to rate or amount, to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds and the cost of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds?”

SECTION 2: One or more school election precincts are hereby established for the purpose of holding the Election, and one or more polling places are hereby designated for holding the Election in the school election precincts as identified in Exhibit A to this Order (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). At least 79 days prior to the scheduled Election Day, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably practicable, the President, Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designees thereof, in coordination with the Administrator, will appoint the Presiding Judge, Alternate Presiding Judges, Election Clerks, and all other election officials for the Election, together with any other necessary changes to election practices and procedures and can correct, modify, or change the Exhibits to this Order based upon the final locations and times agreed upon by the District, the Participants, and the Administrator, to the extent permitted by applicable law.

A. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two resident qualified voters of the District to act as clerks in order to properly conduct the Election. To the extent required by the Texas Election Code, as amended, or other applicable law, the appointment of these clerks must include a person fluent in the Spanish language to serve as a clerk to render oral aid in the Spanish language to any voter desiring such aid at the polls on Election Day. If the Presiding Judge appointed actually serves, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall serve as one of the clerks. In the absence of the Presiding Judge, the Alternate Presiding Judge shall perform the duties of the Presiding Judge of the election precinct.

B. On Election Day, the polls shall be open as designated on Exhibit A.

C. The main early voting location is designated in Exhibit B to this Order (which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes). The individual named as the Early Voting Clerk as designated in Exhibit B is hereby appointed as the Early Voting Clerk to conduct such early voting in the Election. The Early Voting Clerk shall appoint the Deputy Early Voting Clerks. This office or place shall remain open to permit early voting on the days and at the times as stated in Exhibit B. Early voting shall commence as provided on Exhibit B and continue through the date set forth on Exhibit B, all as provided by the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended.

Additionally, permanent and/or temporary branch offices for early voting by personal appearance may be established and maintained in accordance with the Texas Election Code. In the event such permanent and/or temporary branch locations are established, information regarding the locations, dates, and hours of operation for early voting at these offices shall be determined by the Administrator, as identified in Exhibit B hereto.

An Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby established for the purpose of processing early voting results. The individual designated in Exhibit B as the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board is hereby appointed the Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board. The Presiding Judge shall appoint not less than two resident qualified voters of the District to serve as members of the Early Voting Ballot Board.

SECTION 3: Electronic voting machines may be used in holding and conducting the Election on Election Day; provided, however, in the event the use of such electronic voting machines is not practicable, the Election may be conducted on Election Day by the use of paper ballots (except as otherwise provided in this section). Electronic voting machines or paper ballots may be used for early voting by personal appearance (except as otherwise provided in this section). Pursuant to Section 61.012, as amended, Texas Election Code, the District shall provide at least one accessible voting system in each polling place used in the Election. Such voting system shall comply with Texas and federal laws establishing the requirement for voting systems that permit voters with physical disabilities to cast a secret ballot. Any legally permissible voting method may be used for early voting and Election Day voting by personal appearance. Certain early voting may be conducted by mail.

SECTION 4: The District is authorized to utilize a Central Counting Station (the *Station*) as provided by Section 127.001, *et seq.*, as amended, Texas Election Code. The Administrator, or the designee thereof, is hereby appointed as the Manager of the Station, who will establish a written plan for the orderly operation of the Station in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code. The Board hereby authorizes the Administrator, or the designee thereof, to appoint the Presiding Judge of the Station, the Tabulation Supervisor, and the Programmer for the Station and may appoint Station clerks as needed or desirable. The Administrator will publish (or cause to be published) notice and conduct testing on the automatic tabulation equipment relating to the Station and conduct instruction for the officials and clerks for the Station in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code.

SECTION 5: The official ballot shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, so as to permit voters to vote "FOR" or "AGAINST" the aforesaid measure which shall appear on the ballot substantially as follows:

PROPOSITION A

“THIS IS A TAX INCREASE. The issuance of not to exceed \$75,000,000 of Port Neches-Groves Independent School District school building bonds for the purposes of designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, acquiring, and equipping school facilities, and the purchase of new school buses, and the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.”

SECTION 6: All resident, qualified voters of the District shall be permitted to vote at the Election, and on Election Day, such voters shall vote at the designated polling place. The Election shall be held and conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended, except as modified by the provisions of the Texas Education Code, as amended, and as may be required by law. To the extent required by law, all election materials and proceedings relating to the Election shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

SECTION 7: Notice of election, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be published at least one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the District, with such publication occurring not more than 30 days and not less than 10 days before Election Day. Moreover, a substantial copy of this Order and the voter information attached as Exhibit C, including a Spanish translation thereof, shall be posted (i) on the bulletin board used for posting notices of Board meetings not less than 21 days prior to Election Day, (ii) in three additional public places within the District’s boundaries not later than 21 days prior to Election Day, (iii) in a prominent location at each polling place on Election Day and during early voting, and (iv) in a prominent location on the District’s internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day. A sample ballot shall be posted on the District’s internet website not less than 21 days prior to Election Day.

SECTION 8: As required by and in accordance with Section 3.009(b)(5) and (7) through (9) of the Texas Election Code, the District, as of the date of this order, had outstanding an aggregate principal amount of debt equal to \$171,175,000; the aggregate amount of the interest owed on such District debt obligations, through respective maturity, totaled \$44,756,948.32; and the District levied an ad valorem debt service tax rate for its outstanding debt obligations of \$0.3714 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation. The District estimates an ad valorem debt service tax rate of \$0.3714 per \$100 of taxable assessed valuation if the bonds that are the subject of the Election are approved and are issued (taking into account the outstanding District bonds and bonds that are the subject of this Election, but not future bond authorizations of the District). The bonds that are the subject of this Election shall mature serially or otherwise over a specified number of years (but not more than 40 years from their date), as prescribed by applicable Texas law. The foregoing estimated tax rate and amortization period are only estimates, provided for Texas statutory compliance, and do not serve as a cap on any District ad valorem tax rate or the amortization period for bonds that are the subject of this Election.

SECTION 9: The Board authorizes the President, Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designee of either of such parties, to negotiate and enter into one or more joint election agreements, election services contracts, and/or similar contracts or agreements with the County if desired or if required to comply with applicable law, as permitted and in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code, as amended. In addition, the Board authorizes the

President, Board of Trustees, the Superintendent of Schools, or the respective designee of either of such parties to make such technical modifications to this Order that are necessary for compliance with applicable Texas or federal law or to carry out the intent of the Board, as evidenced herein.

SECTION 10: The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Order for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the Board.

SECTION 11: All orders and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Order shall be and remain controlling as to the matters ordered herein.

SECTION 12: This Order shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

SECTION 13: It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Order is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Order, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, as amended, Texas Government Code.

SECTION 14: If any provision of this Order or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Order and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the Board hereby declares that this Order would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

SECTION 15: This Order shall be in force and effect from and after its final passage, and it is so ordered.

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PASSED AND APPROVED, this the 18th day of August, 2025.

PORT NECHES-GROVES INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT



President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Secretary, Board of Trustees

(DISTRICT SEAL)



Exhibit A

ELECTION DAY POLLING INFORMATION*

Election Day: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Election Day Polling Locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Presiding Judge(s) and Alternate(s): to be appointed by the Administrator

ELECTION DAY NOVEMBER 4, 2025

November Constitutional Amendment Election – Countywide Polling – All precincts may vote at any Vote Center.
(Eleccion de enmienda constitucional de noviembre – Lugares de votacion en todo el condado – Todos los precinctos pueden votar en cualquier centro de votacion.)

Election Day Polling Places	Address	City, State, Zip Code
<i>Localizaciones</i>	<i>Direccion</i>	<i>Cuidad, Estado,Codigo postal</i>
Amelia Elementary School (Gymnasium)	565 S. Major Dr	Beaumont, TX 77707
BISD Administration Building (Boardroom)	3395 Harrison Ave	Beaumont, TX 77706
Precinct 1 Service Center (Front Conference Room)	20205 W. Hwy 90	China, TX 77613
Rogers Park Community Center	6540 Gladys Ave	Beaumont, TX 77706
RC Miller Library (Meeting Room)	1605 Dowlen Road	Beaumont, TX 77706
Caldwood Elementary (Gymnasium)	102 Berkshire Lane	Beaumont, TX 77707
Bevil Oaks Civic Center	7390 Sweetgum Road	Bevil Oaks, TX 77713
Hebert Library (Community Room)	2025 Merriman St	Port Neches, TX 77651
Jefferson County WCID 10 Fire Station (Front Lobby)	2024 Spurlock Rd.	Nederland, TX 77627
Nederland Recreation Center (Meeting Room)	2301 Avenue H	Nederland, TX 77627
Ray Chesson Office Building (Courtroom)	19217 FM 365	Beaumont, TX 77705
Jefferson County ESD #4 (Main Meeting Room)	12880 FM 365	Beaumont, TX 77705
Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library (Meeting Room)	2712 Nederland Ave	Nederland, TX 77627
Groves Activity Building (Lounge)	6150 39 th Street	Groves, TX 77619
Hamshire VFD and Community Center	12318 2 nd St	Hamshire, TX 77622
DeQueen Elementary (Fifth Grade Hall)	740 DeQueen Blvd	Port Arthur, TX 77640
Jefferson County Sub-Courthouse (Foyer)	525 Lakeshore Dr	Port Arthur, TX 77640
El Vista Community Center	615 Ellias Street	Port Arthur, TX 77640
Port Acres Elementary (Main Hallway)	5900 Jade Ave	Port Arthur, TX 77640
Port Arthur Library (Lucy Stiefel Gallery)	4615 9 th Avenue	Port Arthur, TX 77642
R.L. Gabby Eldridge Center	5262 S. Gulfway Dr	Sabine Pass, TX 77655
Travis Elementary (Library)	1115 Lakeview Ave	Port Arthur, TX 77642
Alice Keith Park Recreation Center	4075 Highland Ave	Beaumont, TX 77705
Charlton-Pollard Elementary (Gymnasium)	825 Jackson St	Beaumont, TX 77701
Lamar University Montagne Center (Cardinal Club Room)	4401 S. MLK Pkwy	Beaumont, TX 77705
Jefferson County Courthouse (Lobby) Main Polling Location	1085 Pearl St	Beaumont, TX 77701
John Paul Davis Community Center	3580 E. Lucas Dr	Beaumont, TX 77703
Precinct 4 Service Center (Conference Room)	7780 Boyt Rd	Beaumont, TX 77713
Roy Guess Elementary (Hallway near Gymnasium)	8055 Voth Rd.	Beaumont, TX 77708
Sterling Pruitt Center (Multi-purpose Room)	2930 Gulf St	Beaumont, TX 77703
Theodore Johns Library (Meeting Room)	4255 Fannett Rd	Beaumont, TX 77705

* Jefferson County participates in the Countywide Polling Place program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code. Registered voters will be able to cast their Election Day ballots at any of the Vote Centers identified on the County's website.

Exhibit B

EARLY VOTING INFORMATION*

Early voting begins Saturday, October 18, 2025 and ends on Friday, October 31, 2025.

Early Voting Clerk: Ms. Roxanne Acosta Hellberg, the Jefferson County Clerk

District's website: <https://www.pngisd.org>

Jefferson County's website: <https://www.jeffersoncountytexas.gov>

Presiding Judge of the Early Voting Ballot Board: to be determined by the Administrator. Voters entitled to vote an early ballot by personal appearance may do so at any Early Voting site.

EARLY VOTING October 20 – October 31

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<i>Localizaciones</i>	<i>Dirección</i>	<i>Ciudad, Estado, Código postal</i>
Precinct 1 Service Center (Front Conference Room)	20205 W. Hwy 90	China, TX 77613
Rogers Park Community Center	6540 Gladys Ave	Beaumont, TX 77706
Hebert Library (Community Room)	2025 Merriman St	Port Neches, TX 77651
Ray Chesson Office Building (Courtroom)	19217 FM 365	Beaumont, TX 77705
Marion & Ed Hughes Public Library (Meeting Room)	2712 Nederland Ave	Nederland, TX 77627
Groves Activity Building (Lounge)	6150 39 th Street	Groves, TX 77619
Jefferson County Sub-Courthouse (Foyer)	525 Lakeshore Dr	Port Arthur, TX 77640
Port Arthur Library (Lucy Stiefel Gallery)	4615 9 th Avenue	Port Arthur, TX 77642
Jefferson County Courthouse (Lobby)	1085 Pearl St	Beaumont, TX 77701
John Paul Davis Community Center	3580 E. Lucas Dr	Beaumont, TX 77703
Theodore Johns Library (Meeting Room)	4255 Fannett Rd	Beaumont, TX 77705

DATES AND HOURS FOR ALL ABOVE LOCATIONS:

(Fechas y Horas para todas las localizaciones anteriores):

October 20 – 24, 2025 (Octubre 20 – 24, 2025)	Monday - Friday (Lunes - Viernes)	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
October 25, 2025 (Octubre 25, 2025)	Saturday (Sábado)	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
October 26, 2025 (Octubre 26, 2025)	Sunday (Domingo)	12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
October 27 – October 31, 2025 (Octubre 27 – Octubre 31, 2025)	Monday – Friday (Lunes – Viernes)	7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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Early Voting By Mail

Applications for voting by mail should be received no later than the close of business (5:00 pm) on Friday, October 24, 2025. Applications should be sent to:

Ms. Roxanne Acosta Hellberg,
Early Voting Clerk

P.O. Box 1151
Beaumont, Texas 77704

If an application for ballot by mail is faxed or emailed (or if a federal postcard application is faxed), the applicant must also mail the original application so that the early voting clerk receives the original no later than four days after receiving the emailed or faxed copy.

Exhibit C

VOTER INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Port Neches-Groves Independent School District Proposition A:

☐ FOR	“THIS IS A TAX INCREASE. The issuance of not to exceed \$75,000,000 of Port Neches-Groves Independent School District school building bonds for the purposes of designing, constructing, renovating, improving, upgrading, updating, acquiring, and equipping school facilities, and the purchase of new school buses, and the levying of a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds and the costs of any credit agreements executed in connection with the bonds.”
☐ AGAINST	

Principal of debt obligations to be authorized	\$75,000,000
Estimated interest for the debt obligations to be authorized presuming an interest rate of 5.000% ¹	\$96,767,250.00
Estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full the debt obligations to be authorized amortized over 30 years ²	\$171,767,250.00
As of August 18, 2025, principal of all outstanding debt obligations	\$171,175,000
As of August 18, 2025, the estimated interest on all outstanding debt obligations	\$44,756,948.32
As of August 18, 2025, estimated combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full all outstanding debt obligations, including the bonds authorized by this election order, amortized over 30 years ³	\$387,699,198.32
Estimated maximum annual increase in the amount of taxes on a residence, with a \$140,000 State homestead exemption, with an appraised value of \$100,000 to repay the debt obligations to be authorized, if approved this figure assumes the amortization of the District’s debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligation; changes in estimated future appraised values within the District; changes in estimated future appraised values within the political subdivision; application of the State	\$0.00

¹ The interest on the proposed bonds is estimated based on market conditions as of August 18, 2025, and therefore, the interest payable on the proposed bonds may be less than, or more than, the amounts set forth above based on market conditions at the time of sale of the proposed bonds.

² The principal and interest on the proposed bonds is estimated based on market conditions as of August 18, 2025, and therefore, the principal and interest payable on the proposed bonds may be less than, or more than, the amounts set forth above based on market conditions at the time of sale of the proposed bonds.

³ The combined principal and interest required to pay on time and in full (including all outstanding bonds and the bonds to be authorized by this bond election order) is estimated based on market conditions as of August 18, 2025, and therefore, the amortization of the bonds may be less than, or more than, the amounts set forth above based on market conditions at the time of sale of the proposed bonds.

mandated homestead exemption on the tax assessed valuation of the District; and the assumed interest rate on the proposed debt obligations. It is also anticipated that taxpayers with frozen rolls (such as those over age 65 who have filed the appropriate exemption) will not see any impact to their taxes unless they make substantial improvements to their homes or change homesteads. However, whenever the District issues bonds, additional property taxes must be levied and collected to pay debt service on the bonds; regardless of whether there is an increase or not in the tax rate.	
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Major Assumptions for Above:

- (1) Assumes the passage, on November 4, 2025, of the amendments to the Texas Constitution increasing the general residence homestead exemption from \$100,000 to \$140,000 and increasing the homestead exemption for persons 65 years of age or older and the disabled from \$10,000 to \$60,000.
- (2) Assumed amortization of the District's debt obligations, including outstanding debt obligations and the proposed debt obligations:
Amortization is over a 30- year period using fixed rate bonds.
- (3) Assumed changes in estimated future appraised values within the District:
The proposed new money bonds will be structured on 5.000% annual growth in overall appraised value within the district.
- (4) Assumed tax collection percentage: 99.000%
- (5) Assumed two potential bond issue series, one issuance will occur prior to 8/31/2026 and subsequent issuances which would be likely occur annually by approximately 8/31/2027.
- (6) Assumed interest rate on the proposed debt obligations: 5.000%
- (7) Assumes some potential use of Interest and Sinking Fund balance.
- (8) Assumes the availability of the Permanent School Fund Guarantee for each series of the proposed debt obligations.
- (9) Assumes no material change in the prevailing market and economic conditions at the times of issuance of the proposed debt obligations.
- (10) Assumes the proposed debt obligations are paid on time and in full.

The estimates contained in this voter information document are (i) based on certain assumptions (including assumptions concerning prevailing market and economic conditions at the time(s) of issuance of the bonds) and derived from projections obtained from the District's financial advisor, (ii) subject to change to the extent that actual facts, circumstances and conditions prevailing at the time that the bonds are issued differ from such assumptions and projections, (iii) provided solely in satisfaction of the requirements of Section 1251.052, Texas Government Code, and for no other purpose, without any assurance that such projections will be realized, and (iv) not intended to and do not give rise to a contract with voters or limit the authority of the District to issue bonds in accordance with the Proposition submitted by the District's Election Order.