



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

November 17, 2025

The Honorable Jane Nelson
Secretary of State
State Capitol, Room 1E.8
Austin, Texas 78701

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
TEXAS SECRETARY OF STATE

11:15 AM O'CLOCK

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Jane Nelson
Secretary of State

Dear Secretary Nelson:

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

A proclamation ordering a special runoff election to be held in Texas Senate District No. 9 on Saturday, January 31, 2026, for the purpose of electing a State Senator for Senate District No. 9 to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Kelly Hancock.

The original proclamation is attached to this letter of transmittal.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized blue ink signature of Gregory S. Davidson, written in a cursive script.

Gregory S. Davidson
Executive Clerk to the Governor

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Attachment

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the resignation of the Honorable Kelly Hancock, and its acceptance, have caused a vacancy for an unexpired term in the Texas Senate for Senate District No. 9, which is wholly contained within Tarrant County; and

WHEREAS, a special election to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term in Texas Senate District No. 9 was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, and the results of that special election have been officially declared and canvassed on Saturday, November 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, no candidate in the special election for the unexpired term received a majority of the votes cast, as required by Section 203.003 of the Texas Election Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.021 of the Texas Election Code requires that a runoff election be held if no candidate receives the votes necessary to be elected; and

WHEREAS, Sections 2.024 and 3.003(a)(3) of the Texas Election Code require a special legislative runoff election to be ordered by proclamation of the governor no later than the fifth day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.025(d) of the Texas Election Code provides that the runoff election for a special election to fill a vacancy in the Legislature must be held not earlier than the 70th day nor later than the 77th day after the date the final canvass of the main election is completed; and

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 runoff election to be held for the unexpired term in Texas Senate District No. 9 on Saturday, January 31, 2026, for the purpose of electing a State Senator for Senate District No. 9 to serve out the unexpired term of the Honorable Kelly Hancock.

Early voting by personal appearance shall begin on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, and end on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, in accordance with Section 85.001(a)–(b) of the Texas Election Code.

A copy of this order shall be mailed immediately to the Tarrant County Judge, who presides over the county within which Texas Senate District No. 9 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 for an unexpired term in Texas Senate District No. 9 and its result proclaimed in accordance with law.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto 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 17th day of November, 2025.


A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott", is written over a horizontal line.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor

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ATTESTED BY:


JANE NELSON
Secretary of State

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