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## ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT RESUMES PREPARATIONS FOR 2012 PRIMARIES AFTER STATE RELEASES MAPS

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After being on hold for months while the matter of interim redistricting maps was being deliberated by a US District Court in San Antonio, the Hidalgo County Elections Department is now resuming the necessary preparations for the 2012 primary elections, which will likely be held on or around May 29. The Elections Department must redistrict County election voting precincts in accordance with the approved interim maps, and then must place voters into their appropriate locations. This process is a necessary step to ensure that election precinct boundaries are aligned with the state-approved districts and do not violate Section 42.005 of the Election Code, which states that a county election precinct may not contain territory from more than one territorial unit.

[View the approved interim maps here >>](#)

Voters are encouraged to exercise patience while this process is completed. While voter registration cards expired in December 2011, there is no need for registered voters to submit new applications if their information has not changed; they will automatically be sent a new voter registration card once the County approves the new voting precincts.

A statement issued by the Secretary of State's Office explains, "All previously-issued voter registration certificates expired on December 31, 2011, **but only the cards expired, voter registrations remain valid.**"

Voters who have changed residence address or name will have to submit updated information to the Elections Department; voters who have changed county of residence do need to complete and submit a new voter registration application no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day before Election Day.

At this time, the Secretary of State's office has not yet released an updated primary elections schedule based on the approved maps. Upon release of an elections schedule, the Elections Department will be sure to inform the public.

For more information and the latest news regarding the 2012 Elections, visit the Hidalgo County Elections Department webpage at [www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/elections](http://www.co.hidalgo.tx.us/elections).

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