



Tri-County Voter Promoters

The Tri-County Voter Promoters Begin Voter Registration Again in June

The non-partisan Tri-County Voter Promoters will start up voter registration again in June and continue a voter registration schedule in 2023-24 throughout the tri-county area. We are actively recruiting volunteers to help with voter registration. Typically, we register voters in front of post offices, grocery stores and other businesses, and food banks in Jeff Davis (Fort Davis, Valentine), Brewster (Alpine, Marathon, Study Butte, Terlingua), and Presidio (Marfa, Presidio) counties.

Our primary targets include young persons just becoming eligible to vote, new Texas residents, persons with a change of address (from one county to another or within a single county), persons with a name change, and persons who may have had their registration lapse.

To register voters, you must become a VDR (Volunteer Deputy Registrar). You can assist a VDR or hand out voter registration forms without becoming a VDR yourself, but the VDR training is easy, straightforward, informative, and well worth the effort. It can be very rewarding to help people register to vote and participate in the democratic process, and answer any questions they may have about the voting process.

You can get voter registration training in your county of residence (through the Presidio County Tax Assessor Offices in Marfa and Presidio, the Jeff Davis County Tax Assessor Office in Fort Davis, or the Brewster County Election Administrator Office in Alpine). Typically, you will be given a **Texas Volunteer Deputy Registrar Guide** and a sample **Volunteer Deputy Registrar Examination** to study. If you study the sample list of questions and then take the brief exam, you should be able to pass with flying colors. At that point, you will be given a VDR certificate, voter registration forms, and other items.

Most importantly, you can use your VDR certificate from your county of residence (e.g., Jeff Davis) to obtain VDR certificates from other counties (e.g., Brewster and Presidio) without having to take a test – just show your VDR certificate to the other tax assessor or election administrator offices to obtain a VDR certificate for the other counties. Many of our tri-county voter promoters are certified to register voters in all three counties.

Another method of obtaining a VDR certificate is to sign up for online Zoom training, which takes about an hour of your time. In recent years, many of our voter promoters have participated in Zoom training offered by the Travis County Tax Assessors Office. Unfortunately, they completed a series of trainings on May 20th, and do not have any other trainings scheduled to date.

However, Harris County Elections has online Zoom Volunteer Deputy Registrar Training sessions scheduled for seven days from May 30th through June 12th. You can click on the link below to learn more and sign up for one of the training sessions. If you complete the training, you will be sent a VDR certificate for Harris County which you can use to obtain reciprocal certification in Jeff Davis, Brewster, and/or Presidio counties. Here is the link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ksX7Nq1DSxmQG5MaClpksw#/registration.

Additional Materials Available from the Texas Secretary of State:

The Texas Volunteer Deputy Registrar Guide: <https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/pamphlets/deputy.shtml>.

Training for Texas Volunteer Deputy Registrars: <https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/forms/volunteer-deputy-registrar-training.pdf#search=volunteer%20deputy%20registrar>.

Volunteer Deputy Registrar Examination: <https://www.sos.texas.gov/elections/forms/exam-volunteer-deputy-registrars.pdf#search=volunteer%20deputy%20registrar>.