

IN THE DISTRICT COURT
EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS
91ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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ORDER TO RETRIEVE ERRONEOUSLY PLACED ELECTION RECORDS

Having reviewed the Application to Retrieve Erroneously Placed Election Records filed by the Elections Administrator for Eastland County on March, 4 2026;

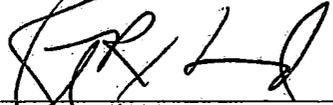
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Notice to open the ballot box containing the Precinct Return Sheets for the March 3rd Republican Primary election shall be posted at the normal posting place of the County of Eastland, Texas on March 4, 2026.

The ballot box containing the Precinct Return Sheets shall be opened on March 4, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. The location will be the County Court Room of Eastland County. Any interested persons may be present to observe.

The Court further orders the Election Administrator for Eastland County, Texas, Temi Nichols, who is also the Custodian of Records to open the ballot box that contains the accepted and rejected provisional ballots and retrieve the Precinct Return Sheets that were erroneously placed in the ballot box. Immediately thereafter, the Eastland County Election Administrator/Custodian of Records shall report same to the Secretary of State as required by the Texas Election Code. After returning the Precinct Return Sheets, the Eastland County Election Administrator/Custodian of Records shall lock and resecure the election records for the County of Eastland to be preserved in compliance with the Texas Election Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in order to safeguard the contents of the ballot box, the ballot box shall be placed in the custody of the Eastland County Sheriff and delivered by the Sheriff to the Eastland County Court room by 3:00 p.m. on March 4, 2026.

SIGNED on this the 4th day of March, 2026.



Steven R. Herod
District Judge Presiding
91st Judicial District

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Wendy M. McDade, DISTRICT CLERK
By Wendy M. McDade



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**APPLICATION TO RETRIEVE
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The Presiding Judge of the Election Precinct for Precinct 8 does hereby request that a ballot box that contains *accepted* and *rejected* provisional ballots be opened in order to retrieve the *Precinct Return Sheets* which were erroneously placed in the box with the ballots.

On March 3rd 2026, the voting election judge erroneously placed the *Precinct Return Sheets* in the same ballot box as the ballots. The general custodian of the election records for the County of Eastland needs a copy of the Return Sheets because she must tally and enter the Election Night results into the Secretary of State website (TEAMS).

Pursuant to §66.059 of the Texas Election Code, on written application by the presiding officer of the local canvassing authority or the presiding judge of the election precinct, a District Judge of the county in which the ballot box containing voted ballots is in the custody of, may order the box opened to retrieve election records that were erroneously placed in the box. The District Judge shall post a notice of the date, hour, and place for opening the box on the bulletin board used for posting public notices of the meetings of the governing body of the political subdivision served by the general custodian of election records and on the Eastland County website. The notice must remain posted continuously for the 24 hours preceding the hour set for opening the box. Any interested person may observe the opening of the box. The District Judge shall issue the orders necessary to safeguard the contents of the ballot box to be opened. Due to statutory deadlines lined out in the Texas Election Code §66.053 for the Secretary of the State, and any other authority, we request to waive the 24-hour rule.

The Elections Administrator/ Custodian of Records for Eastland County Texas hereby request that the ballot box containing the Precinct Return sheets and ballots for the Precinct 8, Eastland County, March 3, 2026 election, which is in the custody of the general custodian of election records for the County of Eastland, be opened to retrieve the *Precinct Return Sheets*,

SIGNED on this the 4th day of March, 2026.

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Wendy M. McDade, DISTRICT CLERK
By: *[Signature]*

[Signature: S. Nichols]

Temi Nichols
Elections Administrator
Eastland County Joint Elections

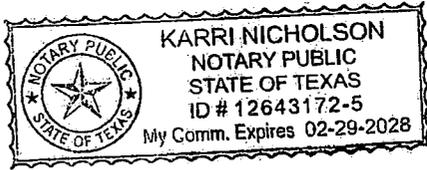


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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME on this the 4th day of March, 2026, to certify which witness my hand and official seal.

Karri Nicholson
Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires: 02-29-2028



STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF Eastland

I, Wendy M. McDade, Clerk in and for Eastland County, Texas do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an instrument appearing on file in this office. 2 pages.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 4th day of March, A.D. 2026



Wendy M. McDade
District Clerk, Eastland County, Texas
By: *Wendy M. McDade* DEPUTY



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