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November 4, 2025 - Election Results

Last night, Texas voters approved all 17 constitutional amendments that were placed on the ballot, as passed by at least two-thirds of both chambers in the legislature this past spring. Of note, there are implications for raising the homestead exemptions for property owners, creating regulatory certainty for the newly created Texas Stock Exchange, bail reform, and billions for water infrastructure and dementia research, among others. While the total number of votes will continue to be tallied over the coming days, all propositions will be certified to amend the state constitution.

In addition, there were two special elections in Tarrant County for a state senate seat vacated by now Acting Comptroller Kelly Hancock and Harris County for the 18th Congressional seat due to the passing of Rep. Sylvester Turner. The Texas Senate District 9 election was led by Democrat Taylor Rehmet (44%) and the Republicans were split between Leigh Wambsganss (40%) and John Huffman (15%). Rehmet and Wambsganss head to the runoff, where the heavily Republican-favored seat is expected to be won by Wambsganss. However, she will also have to run in the March primary election to win a full term. The same goes for Houston Democrats Christian Menefee and Amanda Edwards in TX-18, who are headed for a special election runoff in this D-leaning congressional district. Also, of note — Since State Rep. Jolanda Jones failed to make the runoff, watch for her to re-file for her statehouse seat when filing

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The Takeaway: November elections in odd-numbered years are generally low-turnout, and this year continues that trend. While there were red-meat issues on the ballot, such as constitutional amendments to ensure that only citizens of the US can vote in elections and codifying parental rights (both of which are already the law), there were amendments passed that have major fiscal implications for state and local governments, such as the water fund and multiple property tax exemptions that local governments will have to absorb. Keep in mind our fiscal outlook is better than most states, but Texas will not enjoy the massive revenue surpluses we have experienced the last two bienniums."

The Propositions are hyperlinked with further information. As always feel free to reach out with any questions or follow-up based on the results.

- Proposition 1: Texas State Technical College funding
 - Passed 69%-31%
- Proposition 2: Capital gains tax ban
 - Passed 65%-35%
- Proposition 3: Bail reform
 - Passed 61%-39%
- Proposition 4: Water infrastructure funding
 - Passed 70%-30%
- Proposition 5: Tax exemption on animal feed
 - Passed 64%-36%
- Proposition 6: Securities tax ban
 - Passed 55%-45%
- Proposition 7: Tax exemption for veterans' spouses
 - Passed 86%-14%
- Proposition 8: Inheritance tax ban
 - Passed 72%-28%
- Proposition 9: Inventory and equipment tax exemption
 - Passed 65%-35%
- Proposition 10: Tax exemption for homes destroyed by fire
 - Passed 90%-10%
- <u>Proposition 11: School tax exemption for the elderly or disabled homeowners</u>
 - Passed 78%-22%
- Proposition 12: Changing the State Judicial Conduct Commission
 - Passed 62%-38%
- Proposition 13: Increased school tax exemption for homeowners

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- Passed 69%-31%
- Proposition 15: Codifying parental rights
 - Passed 70%-30%
- Proposition 16: Clarifying citizenship requirement for voters
 - Passed 72%-28%
- Proposition 17: Property tax exemption for border security infrastructure
 - Passed 57%-42%



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