

...Foster regulations

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Currently, all foster family homes must meet the same licensing standards, regardless of whether the foster family home is a kin or non-kin placement. This updated regulation allows a child welfare agency to adopt different licensing standards for all kin foster family homes to lessen delays in the kinship foster family licensing process. Kin can include individuals related to a child by blood, marriage, or adoption and other individuals who have an emotionally significant relationship with the child, such as godparents, and close family friends.

ACF's Children's Bureau encourages child welfare agencies to strongly consider developing standards for kin foster family homes that meet only the federal requirements and not additional standards the state, local, or tribal agency may require non-relative foster family homes to meet. These standards may include extending the age limits for kinship foster care providers to allow for older kin to foster a child or allowing kin children to share sleeping spaces.

"Across the United States, millions of children live with kin caregivers—aunts, uncles, grandparents, and other loved ones who stand in when parents are unable to safely care for their children. We know that children do better when they're with their families," said ACF Assistant Secretary January Contreras. "Placing children with kin allows them to maintain a sense of place and belonging and to maintain their cultural identity and connection to their own

community. By allowing child welfare agencies to approve different licensing standards that recognize the needs and benefits of kin caregivers, more family members would be eligible to be licensed and receive financial resources to support the child's well-being."

Encouraging and helping family and kin caregivers become licensed foster caregivers is beneficial to both the child and the foster care relatives. Research shows that children living with family experience higher stability and fewer behavioral problems compared to children living with non-relatives in foster care, in addition to maintaining familial and cultural bonds. ACF believes that child welfare agencies can develop different foster family home licensing or approval standards for kin in a manner that does not compromise child safety and well-being. This regulation also does not change the requirements concerning criminal background checks or other important safety provisions.

ACF continues to emphasize prevention and kinship services provided in the community. Providing necessary support and resources to families has a proven track record for keeping families together. ACF encourages child welfare agencies to pursue options that keep families together and maintain family connections, including kinship care. In keeping with its overall mission, ACF is committed to seeking equitable outcomes for the children, youth, and families it serves.

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Prescribed by Secretary of State
Sections 3.004, 3.006, 4.008, 83.010, 85.004, 85.007 Texas Election Code
9/2009

ORDER OF ELECTION FOR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

An election is hereby ordered to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2023 for the purpose of:
Electing School Trustees (date)

Applications for a place on the ballot shall be filed by: Friday, February 17, 2023
(A deadline is required to be stated in the order for a special election.)

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

Coke County Clerks Office - Coke County Courthouse - Robert Lee, TX

(location)

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 Fri. p.m. beginning on Monday, April 24, 2023
(date)

and ending on Tuesday, May 2, 2023
(date)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Monica Reyes, Coke County Clerk

(Name of Early Voting Clerk)

Coke County Courthouse - 13 E 7th

(Address)

Robert Lee, TX 76945

(Zip Code)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

(date)

Additional early voting will be held as follows:

Location	Date	Hours
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Issued this the 18th day of January, 2023.

Member _____

Monica Reyes
Signature of Presiding Officer

Member _____

Member _____

ORDEN DE ELECCION PARA OTRA SUBDIVISION POLITICA

Por la presente se ordena que se llevará a cabo una elección el sabado, el 6 de mayo, 2023 con el propósito

de: elegir fideicomisarios escolares (fecha)

Solicitudes para un lugar en la boleta serán presentadas por: viernes, el 17 de febrero, 2023
(De acuerdo con la orden de elección especial se requiere una fecha límite)

La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en

Coke County Clerks Office Coke County Courthouse - Robert Lee, TX

(sitio)

entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 lunes-jueves de la tarde empezando el lunes, el 24 de abril, 2023
(fecha)

y terminando el martes, el 2 de mayo, 2023
(fecha)

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:

Monica Reyes, Coke County Clerk

(Nombre del Secretario(a) de Votación Adelantada)

Coke County Courthouse - 13 E 7th

(Dirección)

Robert Lee, TX 76945

(Ciudad) (Zona Postal)

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de las horas de negocio el martes, el 25 de abril, 2023
(fecha)

La votación adelantada además se llevará a cabo de tal manera:

Sitio	Fecha	Horas
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Emitida este día 18 de enero, 2023.

Miembro _____

Monica Reyes
Firma del Oficial que Preside

Miembro _____

Miembro _____

Miembro _____

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Miembro _____

Miembro _____

Nota de instrucción: Se deberá entregar una copia de esta orden de elección al/a la Secretario(a) del Condado/Administrador(a) de Elecciones y el/la Registrador(a) de Votantes a más tardar 60 días antes del día de elección.

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