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Voters will cast ballots for school board, city council and constitutional amendments this November

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The deadline is just around the corner to file for candidacy on the Bandera ISD Board of Trustees and Bandera City Council. Each has three positions available. The last day to file for the school district is Aug. 19, and city council is Aug. 22. Open for election are BISD Places 5, 6 and 7 - held by Brittany Hicks, Heidi Battle and Greg Butler, respectively. Each is a three-year term.

Candidates may file at the BISD central office, 815 Pecan St., Bandera, or they may submit their applications by mail to P.O. Box 727, Bandera, Texas, 78003. The three available City Council seats are held by Lynn Palmer, Rebeca Gibson and Tom McEachin. All candidates must be residents of the city. Each is a two-year term.

Candidates may file at Bandera City Hall, 511 Main Street, or they may submit their applications by mail at P.O. Box 896, Bandera, Texas, 78003.

Election Day is Nov. 5; early voting will be Monday, Oct. 21 through Friday, Nov. 1.

Also on the ballot will be 10 constitutional amendments approved by the 86th Texas Legislature in January. The propositions range from authorizing various agencies to sell bonds to fund schools, conservation and cancer research, to allowing retired police dogs live with their handlers.

They are as follows:

Proposition 1: "The constitutional amendment permitting a person to hold more than one office as a municipal judge at the same time."

Proposition 2: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$200 million to provide financial assistance for the development of certain projects in economically distressed areas."

Proposition 3: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster."

Proposition 4: "The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual income tax, including a tax on an individual's share of partnership and unincorporated association income."

Proposition 5: "The constitutional amendment dedicating the revenue received from the existing state sales and use taxes that are imposed on sporting goods to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission to protect Texas' natural areas, water quality, and history by acquiring, managing, and improving state and local parks and historic sites while not increasing the rate of the state sales and use taxes."

Proposition 6: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase by \$3 billion the maximum bond amount authorized for the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas."

Proposition 7: "The constitutional amendment allowing increased distributions to the available school fund."

Proposition 8: "The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects."

Proposition 9: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation precious metal held in a precious metal depository located in this state."

Proposition 10: "The constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances."