

## Hays County Bail Bond Board

Hays County, Texas

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## **ELECTION NOTICE**

This letter is to inform you that the annual election of your bail bond surety representative will begin in December 2023. See Texas Occupations Code 1704.0535. The following information will guide you through the election process:

- (i) The next election shall be held in December of 2023.
- (ii) Nominations for licensed bail bond surety representative shall be submitted to the board at the regularly scheduled November meeting (November 17, 2023) or by email to the Board Administrator beginning 8:00 a.m. on the Monday following the Board's regularly scheduled October meeting and ending on 5:00 P.M. on the following Friday.
- (iii) The Bail Bond Board Administrator shall make the licensed bail bond surety ballot available for pick up beginning December 1 of each year.
- (iv) The ballot shall be placed in the Hays County Sheriff's Department's jail facility.
- (v) Once verified by presentation of either their bondsmen identification card or Texas Driver's License, each bondsperson will then be handed a ballot to place his/her vote.
- (vi) The ballot will be placed in a sealed ballot box.
- (vii) All ballots shall be returned to the Bail Bond Board Administrator no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 10 of each year.
- (viii) The Board shall use a random selection method to resolve any ties for licensed bail bond surety representative.
- (ix) The Board shall identify the licensed bail bond surety representative at the December monthly meeting and shall vote to approve the nominee at that time.
- (x) In the event that no representative is named by the regularly scheduled December Board meeting, the current licensed bail bond surety representative shall elect to serve for the next term or vacate the position. If vacated, the position will remain unfilled until such time that the Bail Bond Board Administrator receives a nomination for licensed bail bond surety representative.
- (xi) The named nominee shall be submitted for approval to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- (xii) The elected licensed bail bond representative will serve a term of one year beginning January 1 and continuing until a successor takes office.
- (xiii) Each individual licensed in the county as a bail bond surety or as an agent for a corporate surety is entitled to cast one vote to elect the board member who is the bail bond surety representative regardless of the fact that a corporate surety may have multiple licenses for designated agents. \*\*

\*\*Note: This language is currently under review by the Hays County District Attorney's Office as potentially being in conflict with Section 1704.0535(b) of the Occupations Code which states: "Each individual licensed in the county as a bail bond surety or agent for a corporate surety is entitled to cast one vote for each license held to elect the board member who is a surety or agent for a corporate surety."