

2026-05006 / Court: 157

CAUSE NO. _____

HOUSTON JUSTICE; and PURE
JUSTICE,

Plaintiffs,

v.

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, et al.,

Defendants.

§ IN THE DISTRICT COURT
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§ OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
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§ _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ORDER ON APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

On January 25, 2026, Plaintiffs filed their Application for Temporary Restraining Order. The Court, having considered the application along with the supporting and opposing briefing and the applicable law cited therein, evidence presented, arguments of counsel, and the pleadings on file in this case, is of the opinion:

Plaintiffs' Application for a Temporary Restraining Order should be GRANTED. The Court further FINDS:

- 1) Plaintiffs have a substantial likelihood of succeeding on the merits of their claims. If the relief requested by Plaintiffs is not granted, Plaintiffs and their members will suffer imminent and irreparable harm, and their members' statutory rights under Sections 85.006 and 85.005(c) of the Texas Election Code will be violated.
 - 2) Plaintiffs have notified Defendants of Plaintiffs' Petition and Application through their county attorney via phone call and email. Immediate and irreparable injury, loss, and damage will result to Plaintiffs before any other form of notice can be served to Defendants.
- A hearing was held on January 26, 2026 where Plaintiffs and Defendants presented

arguments. The threatened injury if the injunction is denied outweighs any harm that will result if the injunction is granted.

3) The grant of an injunction will not disserve the public interest.

The Court therefore ORDERS:

Defendants, together with their agents, servants, employees, attorneys and those persons in active concert or participation with them, shall be required to:

- i. Operate on Wednesday, January 28 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. all polling places that were to be open for Early Voting on Monday, January 26.
- ii. Operate on Thursday, January 29, ~~for at least seven hours~~ ^{from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m.} all polling places that were to be open for Early Voting on Sunday, January 25.
- iii. Inform the public of this Order and the additional Early Voting hours through every possible source of media.
- iv. Segregate and count the provisional ballots cast on Wednesday, January 28th ^{and Thursday, January 29th} pursuant to the process in Section 302(c) of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) of 2002.

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court issue a Temporary Restraining Order, operative until the ^{11:59pm on} 31 day of January, 2026, and restraining Defendants or any of their officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, representatives, or any persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of this Order from acting contrary to the Order.

It is further ORDERED that for this Temporary Restraining Order to be effective under the law, cash bond in the amount of \$ 100.00 shall be required of Plaintiffs and filed with the District Clerk of Harris County, Texas. The Clerk of Court shall forthwith issue a writ of Temporary Injunction in conformity with the law and terms of this Order.

SIGNED January _____, 2026.

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