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**NOTICE OF ANNUAL SECRET BALLOT
ELECTIONS TO ELECT THE FOLLOWING
MEMBERS OF THE ELLIS COUNTY BAIL BOND
BOARD FOR THE 2025 TERM PURSUANT TO
SECTION 1704.0535 OF THE TEXAS
OCCUPATIONS CODE**

Pursuant to Section 1704.0535 of the Texas Occupations Code, the Ellis County Bail Bond Board will conduct secret ballot elections at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 23, 2025 for the purpose of electing the members of the board who serve as the representative of the licensed bail bond sureties and the representative of the criminal defense bar.

- “(a) The board shall annually conduct a secret ballot election to elect the members of the board who serve as the representative of licensed bail bond sureties and the representative of the criminal defense attorneys by electing:
- (1) A licensed bail bond surety or agent for a corporate surety board member; and
 - (2) A criminal defense attorney who is practicing in the county.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Each attorney who has a principal place of business located in the county and who is not legally prohibited from representing criminal defendants in the county is entitled to cast one vote to elect the board member who is a criminal defense attorney.
- (d) Each elected justice of the peace in the county who is not legally prohibited from voting in an election for the purpose is entitled to cast one vote to elect the board member who is a justice of the peace.” Tex. Occ. Code §1704.0535

The Public Hearing will be conducted on the **23rd day of January 2025 at 1:15 p.m., in the Commissioners' Courtroom, Room**, Second Floor of the Historic Ellis County Courthouse, 101 W. Main St., Waxahachie, Texas 75165. **You must be present at the meeting to cast a vote in the secret ballot elections.** Ballots will be distributed at the meeting after affirmation and signatures are obtained by each voter. A representative copy of the affirmation and ballot forms for each election are attached for reference. The Ellis County Bail Bond Board reserves the right to number the forms, or change the color or information of the form, to ensure that only the ballots distributed at the meeting are used to cast votes in the election.

Notice is hereby provided by posting this document at the Ellis County Historic Courthouse, 101 Main Street, Waxahachie, Texas 75165. Additionally, this document is posted on the official website of Ellis County, Texas. Furthermore, notice will be provided to potential voters as follows:

- 1) For individuals licensed in the county as a bail bond surety or agent for a corporate surety, this document will be emailed to the email address listed in their current application on file with the Board.
- 2) For attorneys who have a principal place of business located in the county and who are not legally prohibited from representing criminal defendants in the county, this document will be provided to the following individuals for distribution to the potential voters:
 - a. President of the Ellis County Bar Association.
 - b. President of the Ellis County Criminal Defense Bar Association.
 - c. Coordinators of the following Courts for distribution to their indigent appointment lists:
 - i. 40th Judicial District Court.
 - ii. 378th Judicial District Court.
 - iii. 443rd Judicial District Court.
 - iv. County Court at Law Number 1.
 - v. County Court at Law Number 2.
 - vi. County Court at Law Number 3.

Affirmation of an Individual Licensee

I, _____, hereby affirm under the penalty of perjury, that I am an individual licensed in the county as a bail bond surety or agent for a corporate surety and that I am only casting one vote on behalf of myself and the corporate surety.

Date

Signature

Printed Name

Affirmation of an Attorney

I, _____, hereby affirm under the penalty of perjury, that I am an attorney who has a principal place of business located in Ellis County, I am not legally prohibited from representing criminal defendants in Ellis County, and that I am only casting one vote.

Date

Signature

Printed Name

BALLOT FOR REPRESENTATIVE OF LICENSED BAIL BOND SURETIES

**BALLOT FOR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEYS**
