

# CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION



- WHAT ACTION CAN THE COURT TAKE TODAY
- WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE PETITION VERIFICATION PROCESS
- WHAT CAN THE COURT DO ONCE THE PETITION IS CONFIRMED VALID OR IS NOT VALID

# PETITION REQUIREMENTS



- Must contain signatures of at least 5% of “qualified voters”
  - “Qualified voter” means “registered voter” or person whose registration is effective at the time of signature
- Must be received by the County Clerk by September 12<sup>th</sup>

# SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS



- Must be in signer’s handwriting; i.e. “wet” signature
  - Signature need not be legible
- In addition to:
  - Printed Name
  - DOB or Voter Registration Number
  - Residence address
  - Date of signature
  - Must comply with any other applicable law

# VERIFICATION PROCESS



- Develop reasonable process/timeframe by which to verify
- One “bad” signature does not invalidate the petition
- Petition signature is invalid if an individual signed 180 days before the date the petition is received

# COMMISSIONERS COURT OPTIONS TODAY



Petition has been received, not verified



Cannot approve COs today



Postpone action to future identified meeting

# COMMISSIONERS COURT OPTIONS AFTER VERIFICATION PROCESS



Petition has been received, invalid petition



Court can issue the COs



Court can deny issuance of COs

# COMMISSIONERS COURT OPTIONS AFTER VERIFICATION PROCESS



Petition has been received, valid petition



Court cannot issue the COs without an election