

Title: Standing Rules of Procedure for Texas General Assembly Electronic Officer Elections 2020	Number:
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I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this procedure is to define the rules for voting by the Texas General Assembly (electorate) during the 2020 Officer and Director Elections.

A plurality vote will determine the winner of the 2020 elections of the Texas Emergency Nurses Association, Inc. d/b/a Texas ENA State Council.

This procedure applies to the election of the Texas State Council Board of Directors only and is not applicable to the rules of assembly of the organization.

This procedure replaces those outlined in the Standard Operating Procedures for the Texas Emergency Nurses Association, Inc.

II. BACKGROUND/DEFINITIONS:

Due to the recommendations of health officials, Stay at Home restrictions, and the impossibility of holding a traditional in-person Texas General Assembly, the following Standing Rules governing the virtual 2020 Texas General Assembly elections are recommended for adoption by the Texas ENA Board of Directors, upon advice of Texas ENA’s legal counsel and Parliamentarian.

An **electorate** is the total number of voting members participating in an election.

An **office** of the organization includes an office of the Board of Directors as identified in the bylaws of the Texas Emergency Nurses Association, Inc.

A **plurality** vote is the largest number of votes to be given any candidate when 3 or more choices are possible; the candidate receiving the largest number of votes has a plurality.

A **majority** vote describes the circumstance when a candidate polls a majority vote and, if a majority is required, wins the election. A majority is more than 50% of the electorate.

III. PROTOCOL/PROCEDURE:

1. Method for voting for candidates of an office of the Board of Directors shall be by electronic ballot.
2. Nominations may be made from the floor.
3. Candidates for office shall be listed on a ballot and space provided for a write-in candidate will be provided.
4. Qualified voters (electorate) shall consist of the current members of the Board of Directors of Texas ENA State Council, any Texas Past Presidents that are active members, and two designated delegates of each chapter of the organization present at the time of the vote.
 - A. Current members of the Board of Directors participating in the election shall be identified prior to the poll of voters in order to distribute a ballot to each
 - B. Past Presidents participating in the election shall be identified prior to the poll of voters in order to distribute a ballot to each.
 - C. Delegates (2) from each chapter of the organization shall be identified prior to the poll of voters in order to distribute a ballot to each.
 - D. The electorate attending a meeting virtually must be present at the time of the poll and their presence is considered in attendance at the meeting.
5. An electronic ballot will be sent to each eligible voter (electorate) as identified in rule #4.
 - A. Electronic ballots are tabulated by the provider of the ballot and verified by the Elections chair and Parliamentarian or by appointment by the President.
 - B. Results of the tabulation will be given to the President who reads the report and declares who is elected.
6. The President's vote:

Texas State Council will only utilize the President's vote in the 2020 elections to cast a tie-breaking vote, therefore the President's vote is held and only used to settle a tie vote.

Resources:

Bylaws of the ENA Texas State Council – dated 02/09/2019.