

WCESD#10 Annexation Process and Timeline

Process

For additional territory to be annexed into any ESD, the process spelled out in Sub-chapter D, Sec. 775.051 of Texas Health and Safety Code must be followed.

What the process is:

1. A petition from at least 50 landowners who are registered voters from the territory wishing annexation must be filed with the Secretary of the ESD Board of Commissioners.
2. The ESD must validate and set a hearing no sooner than 30 days from filing the petition to determine if an election is warranted.
3. If warranted, the election would be ordered by the ESD Board of Commissioners in accordance with the election schedule published by the Texas Secretary of State's office.
4. The ESD is required to reimburse the County for the cost of the election.
5. The election is final if a majority of the voters from the territory and the ESD vote in favor of annexation.

The ESD is a neutral party in the election and cannot take a position on the election, but it can provide voters information related to the election. The ESD Board of Commissioners cannot take unilateral action to annex a territory. It is completely up to the voters.

Timeline:

- June 14, 2022 – The ESD was approached by a resident in the TVD/Avery-Pickett territory concerning the process for annexation into the ESD#10 and was informed that he could speak to the Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on July 12, 2022.
- July 12, 2022 – The resident spoke to the Board of Commissioners expressing interest in presenting a petition to the ESD, and he was informed of the process. An annexation agenda item was placed on the Board of Commissioners' agenda as a standing item.
- December 21, 2022 – The resident was informed that in order to meet the requirements for the May 2023 election, a petition would need to be received no later than the end of December 2022.
- At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 7, 2023, a petition with 99 names was filed with the Secretary of the WCESD#10 Board of Commissioners.
- January 10, 2023 – At its regular meeting, the Board of Commissioners under Agenda Item #4 voted to hold a hearing on the petition on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at the Coupland Fire Station.