

# THE GOVERNOR

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## Executive Order

AWR 94-21

### Emergency Suspension of Laws

Pursuant to Emergency Disaster Proclamations issued by me on October 17, 1994 and October 18, 1994 in response to heavy storms in State Disaster Districts 2A, 2B, and 6A and Subdistrict 2B, and in accordance with Government Code, §418.016, all statutes and rules, including all provisions requiring competitive bidding by local political subdivisions, that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this disaster are suspended for the duration of the disaster.

This suspension applies to all purchases or acquisitions of equipment, goods, supplies, and services necessary for the local political subdivisions to respond to this disaster.

This Executive Order shall terminate when the state of disaster described in the October 17 and 18 Proclamations terminates.



AWR 94-22

### Relating to Electronic Transmission in the Voting Process

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State, Chief Election Officer of Texas, has been contacted by the Presidential Designee under the Uninformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, 42 United States Code 1973ff, for the purpose of informing the State that military personnel partaking in Operation Uphold Democracy could experience a delay of four weeks to receive and return ballots; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Designee has provided a toll-free number for the purpose of faxing election materials, including absentee ballots, to military personnel stationed in the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State has informed me that special procedures such as those used in the emergency of Operation Desert Shield in 1990 will allow overseas voters involved in Operation Uphold Democracy to cast ballots in a timely fashion for the November 8, 1994 General Election;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ann W. Richards, Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby order the Secretary of State to cooperate with the Presidential Designee to ensure that overseas military personnel involved in Operation Uphold Democracy are able to vote in the November 8, 1994 General Election.

The Secretary of State is hereby directed to notify the appropriate county officials and to prescribe such rules, regulations, or directives as necessary to protect the integrity of the military ballot while providing for the systematic and orderly transmission of the ballots in order to be received for the General Election.

In accordance with the statutory requirements, copies of this Executive Order shall be filed with the applicable authorities.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect for a period of thirty days.

Issued in Austin, Texas, on October 19, 1994.

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Ann W. Richards  
Governor of Texas

