Supreme Court of Texas

Misc. Docket No. 25-9008

Order Regarding the Electronic Transmission of State Bar of Texas Election Materials

ORDERED that:

- 1. Section 81.0241 of the Texas Government Code requires the Supreme Court's approval before the State Bar of Texas may, in conducting elections held by the State Bar, distribute ballots and related materials by electronic transmission and receive completed ballots by electronic transmission. The Court's approval is conditioned on the Court's satisfaction that the State Bar has implemented procedures that ensure each member of the State Bar will have secure access to election ballots and information.
- 2. Section 81.08793 of the Texas Government Code requires the Court and the State Bar to use technological solutions throughout the disciplinary rule proposal process to promote financial efficiency. Under, Section 81.0878, the disciplinary rule proposal process includes referendum ballots.
- 3. The Court has considered and now finds that the State Bar has implemented procedures that ensure each member of the State Bar will have secure access to election ballots and information.
- 4. The Court also finds that the distribution and receipt of referendum ballots and related materials only by electronic transmission will promote financial efficiency.
- 5. From this date forward, the State Bar shall proceed with the distribution and receipt of State Bar election and referendum ballots and related materials only by electronic transmission except when members establish, due to disability or extraordinary hardship, the need to use another format.

Dated: January 31, 2025.

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