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HARRIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT SCHEDULES EMERGENCY MEETING TO RESPOND TO FIRE AT ELECTION TECHNOLOGY CENTER

*Court Members To Consider Response to Ensure
Smooth, Timely Process For Upcoming Elections*

Harris County Commissioners Court has scheduled an emergency court session for 2 p.m. Monday, August 30, to discuss and take possible action in response to Friday morning's three-alarm fire at the county's Election Technology Center.

Court members to receive a report from Harris County Clerk Beverly Kaufman and "for the purpose of taking action including authorizing purchases and leases in response to an urgent public necessity" resulting from the blaze at the county-owned center on Canino near Downey. The fire destroyed nearly all of the county's voting machines, which were to be used in upcoming elections. Approximately 10,000 pieces of election equipment were stored at the building, including eSlate electronic voting systems and judge booth controllers. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.