

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 1264

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

Hearing Date: March 18, 2021 8:00 AM

Kellye Duncan

self

San Angelo, TX

Dear Committee members,

Election integrity is vital to every community & county across our great state regardless of party preference. We must maintain our voter ID laws and have other means to maintain the truth in all elections. If we must show an ID to purchase beer, wine, alcohol, tobacco, BOARD AN AIRPLANE, cash a check or any other multiple times, we must prove who we are when voting. I would hate to learn that my mother had voted - she has been dead since 1997. I would hate to learn that my neighbor had voted even though he is not a registered voter. Please review with your heart the logical and legal methods to ensure our elections are true and fair. Thank you for your service to our great state of Texas!

Cheryl Johnson, Galveston County Tax Assessor Collector & Voter Registrar

Galveston County Tax Office and County voters

Galveston, TX

Representative Keith Bell's HB 1264 will greatly improve the efficiency of updating the voter rolls ensuring speedy removal of deceased voters and represents an improvement over current processes due to its specificity. Please vote this bill out of Committee so that it may proceed through the legislative process and become law.

Karen Pelphrey, Ms

self/retired

Lubbock, TX

State Committee

My husband died June 25, 2019. About 5 months after his death I took a copy of his death certificate to Lubbock County Registrar's office. About 4 week before the November 2020 elections I received 2 forms in the mail that appeared to be ballots (one in my name one in my husband's name). About 10 days later I received 2 forms to request absentee ballots (one in my husband's name one in my name). I found this odd; I destroyed all 4 documents and voted locally using my driver's license and voter registration card. After the election I drove to the registrar's office with another copy of death certificate, the clerk assured me in their system it showed my husband deceased. Please do everything possible to secure our elections.

Concerned,

Karen

Chris Edmiston

Self

Austin, TX

I SUPPORT HB1264.

Dead people shouldn't vote.

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Kathy Williams

Self, retired

Austin, TX

Are you kidding with this? Rep. Bell, I respectfully ask you to visit a county elections administrator's office, during election time. It's a frantic, stressful and nearly impossible time for these dedicated workers to do their job. Consider the need for absolute, detailed accuracy of every piece of paper or keystroke they make during the day. Adding a further press for time will decrease efficiency and accuracy. If election workers are intimidated by the prospect of letting the wrong person through, they will err on the side of rejecting voters who might just have a similar or same name. I lived in Grayson County and there were four Kathy Williams, two Kathryn L. Williams, the same age. What are you attempting to accomplish with this? I can't see how it makes anyone's life better or improves democracy. Frankly, it comes off as mean.

DONNA EYLES

Self

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

I have heard many horror stories, some from my close friends and acquaintances, about dead people voting. Some of these dead voters were their relatives! WE MUST CLEAN UP THE VOTER ROLLS! (And require ID.) I strongly approve shortening the time required to remove deceased persons from the voter rolls.

Please vote YES on HB 1264

Larry Ringler

Self-retired

Portland, TX

I fully support passage of this bill to help prevent dead people from voting by shortening the time to reporting a voter's death. Please vote for this bill.

McKenzie Chapa

Self

ORANGE GROVE, TX

Voter rolls need to accurately represent our voting population well before an election. Vote YES to HB 1264.

*If you have been reading my previous comments, I realize that I have been typing HR as HR1 has been on my mind. Please refer to them as H"B".

Victoria Hanson

Self - Retired

Corpus Christi, TX

Lessening the required reporting time would ensure this is a top priority. Please vote for this bill.

Eric Mann

self

Dallas, TX

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scott mesmer

self

corpus christi, TX

We must have accurate voter rolls to ensure one legitimate vote per one legitimate citizen

Please vote for HB 1264

Julie Garcia

self

Corpus Christi, TX

Please vote for HB 1264. Voter death records need to be accurate and cleaned. We need to prevent inaccuracies and this should help that effort. This bill shortens the timeframe to report the death of a voter.

Aaron Ramirez

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

This is something I'd imagined we already would have. We have seen many instances of this, even here locally in nueces county. We have to make sure these offices are being held to a standard to ensure integrity in our elections. Please vote for HB1264!

Jesse Suarez

Rabalais I&E Constructors

Corpus Christi, TX

There's no need for a ten day gap for filing a monthly report on deceased residents 18 or over that should already be prepared at the end of the month. I agree get that info out as soon as possible to reflect accurate voter rolls and reduce the likelihood of dead voters. Please vote yes on HB 1264

Pamela Oglesby

None

Cedar Park, TX

A true democracy should make every effort to minimize the obstacles to voting and maximize the turnout of eligible voters. I worked the election polls last fall and saw no evidence of voter fraud. If people didn't have the proper ID or failed to bring their mail in ballot to vote in person, they would return home and bring back the correct documents. It has become obvious that the efforts to further suppress the vote by creating more hurdles is ant-democracy and a power grab.

Julia Dahlberg

Self

La Vernia, TX

I am providing public comment in support of HB 1264. I strongly support reducing the required time to report the death of a voter

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from the following month to only one day. There is not reason that it should have to take a month to provide this information in order to tighten up our voter rolls. Please vote to pass this bill out of committee.

Kathy Turner

self, retired

McGregor, TX

I support timely reporting of deaths so that votes may not be cast using the registrations of dead people.