

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 1314

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

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Hearing Date: April 8, 2021 8:00 AM

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Darlene Towe

SELF

Pampa, TX

WE THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE VOTING SYSTEMS FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY TO BE USED FOR ANY OF OUR ELECTIONS EVER!!!!!!!!!!

Marga Matthews

Myself

Baytown, TX

We have store voting machines in the US , so that we can monitor, to preserve the integrity..

Velma Perry

Self

Angleton, TX

In order to keep our elections free & fair, US elections must be administered & secured within the United States.

Lisa Hale

Self

Liberty Hill, TX

In favor of

Crisarla Houston

Self, Attorney

Waco, TX

Texas voters have a right to vote that should not be limited. Please do not pass voting laws that make it harder for people to exercise their constitutional right to vote. We are watching our leaders, and we will not be deterred from voting. We will work hard to vote out leaders who limit people's ability to vote in any way. Thank you.

Margie Mayes, Mrs

Self

Arlington, TX

We must have election integrity!! We need TX residency proof by ID and poll watchers. Why are the representatives not asking

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for the Harris county election fraud?!??

Brandy Swanson

Self and Convention of States

Flower Mound, TX

I am for passing HB 1314. Citizens of Texas need to be able to trust our voting system and HB 1314 moves us in the right direction. Using an election system that is manufactured, stored and held in the United States by a company headquartered in the United States is crucial to the security and integrity of our elections. Election Integrity is paramount to our civil society. We need to be able to trust how our votes are calculated and handled.

Garland Henderson, Mr.

Self

San Antonio, TX

I am in favor of HB 1314 relating to a requirement that all components of a voting system used in an election in this state be manufactured, stored, and held in the United States by a company headquartered in the United States.

Sonya Perry, Mrs.

the silent majority/self/teacher

Rowlett, TX

To Whom it may Concern,

I believe every election or voting process should have voter ID, and that we should go back to paper ballots that can be traced and verified by hand. We should never have any electronic devices that are accessible by the internet or that are produced, manufactured or designed by a foreign entity involved in our elections. All current electronic devices should be removed from our elections at all levels of voting unless they can be retrofitted with electronics, software and parts that are produced, manufactured and designed by the United States of America. No foreign entities should have any knowledge of the design, production or manufacture of our election devices. Voter ID is an absolute necessity for everyone who is registered to vote. Only citizens of this country/state should be allowed to vote in any election held in this nation, including but not limited to local, state and national elections. All ballots should be clearly marked with an official ballot seal, the candidates name, party affiliation and office they are seeking to hold. Some local level ballots in the 2020 election did not have party affiliation designated on the ballot. All ballots should be further verified by fingerprint and facial recognition from a verified state ID. These concerns for security of voter ballots should be taken very seriously by our elected officials now, in order to secure any future elections. Texans will not stand for any voter fraud, interference or illegalities before, during or after an election. We are watching our elected officials and the actions they take in these matters and we will act accordingly in the next election.

Thank you,

Sonya L. Perry

Larry Ringler

Self

Portland, TX

Vote YES to require all elements of the voting system - equipment, components and data storage made, stored and held in the U.S., and sold by a company and parent company are based in the U.S. Preventing any semblance of foreign election interference is vital to faith in our elections.

Carrie Moore

Self

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Corpus CHristi, TX

Vote Yes- everything relating to our voting systems should only come from the United States

Jessie Carlson

self

Corpus Chrsiti, TX

Vote yes. Requiring all components to be made in the USA should be a no brainier.

Beverly Johnson

self/retired

Corpus Christi, TX

It insures the safety of our voting and makes it easier to trace.

shawn flanagan

self/retired

corpus christi, TX

Vote yes! Buy American voting machines!

Richard Smith

Self

Corpus christi, TX

Vote yes. This needs to be thoroughly vetted for complete I

Cheryl Johnson, Voter Registrar

Office of the Galveston County Tax Assessor Collector

Galveston, TX

I support passage of this proposed legislation.

Amanda Friedeck, Mrs.

Silver Star Food Stores/BRANDS Marketing Group, LLC

Alice/Jim Wells County, TX

I am in favor with HB 1314. Please consider to pass this House Bill to cut the loopholes in the election system.

Jo Foley

Self N/A

Henderson, TX

I support HB 1314. It makes no sense to have any part of our elections held by another country. I am asking the committee to

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bring forth HB6 and vote it out of committee to calendars. It is an extremely important bill. Word is that our House Republicans have become weak toward this bill due to democrat voices bombarding them with negative views. Please do not submit to that. We NEED HB6. Please review during this hearing and vote it out of committee.

Victoria Hanson

self - retired

Corpus Christi, TX

Vote Yes on HB 1314

I agree that all components of a U.S. voting systems, should be manufactured, stored and held in the U.S., and that the parent company should also be located in the U.S.

Kelly Waswil

Selfhood

Katy, TX

Paper ballots only. Massive evidence fraud using machines all cities; Dallas, TX, Antrim MI. Who ordered counting to stop Nov 3/4 at exact time? Fractured votes, 68.5% adjudication for Republican ballots, weighted vote 1.26 Biden, .74 Trump, internet, vote switching, foreign interference. Until you fix 2020, no 2022. Top priority no absentee ballots, no harvesting, signature verification. Republican ballot counters.

DONNA EYLES

Self

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Vote yes. The last election made it perfectly clear that the United States must control its own destiny. This bill is a no-brainer.

Kimberly Bridges Young

Self, Retired

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Vote yes! Requiring all components of the voting system, including equipment, components, and data storage manufactured, stored and held in the U.S., and sold by a company and parent company is headquartered in the U.S. helps to prevent foreign influence in our voting (like the Dominion voting systems' foreign influence in our 2020 elections).

DANIELLE CONVERSE

Self

Portland, TX

Please support House Bill 1314. America first! We must ensure that and all election equipment, data storage and components are manufactured, stored and held in the United states to lessen the risk of foreign influence or manipulation, and also to support American-made products, jobs and manufacturing.

Melissa Spence

Precinct Chair

Allen, TX

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I support this bill. I believe it is important that the companies handling our elections need to be located in the US. Election data also needs to remain in the US at all times.

Rebecca Hill

Self-Acupuncturist

Austin, TX

Please secure our elections!! If we don't have that, we don't have true freedom

Marlow Newton

Self

The Woodlands, TX

Dear Congress,

I fully support the additional language in this section of the current law. It is vital that all equipment, servers, connectivity be handled within the United States. All chain of custody of electronic information should remain in the United States throughout the voting process. I urge you to pass this bill in the process and vote for it to become law. We, in Texas, should lead the country in tightening all potential fraud loopholes.

Sincerely,

Marlow Newton

Susan Hamilton

Convention of States

PITTSBURG, TX

Speaking in FAVOR

Election integrity is paramount to safeguard the faith Texans have in those we elect to office. The election held in November of 2020 and the hearings on election integrity did much to shine a light on the massive election fraud, much of which is linked to the machines. If we do not feel like our vote counts, how are we to ever have a free and fair election with that can be manipulated to change our votes. This last election was a farce, and there is no hope for future elections, unless the voting machine is guaranteed to be tamper proof. Susan Hamilton, District Captain, House District 5 with the Convention of States, Camp County resident.

Jesse Suarez

Rabalais I&E Constructors

Corpus Christi, TX

This is a common sense bill that strengthens national security by preventing foreign adversaries from supplying compromised electronic ballot systems which could affect the outcome of elections. Please vote yes on HB 1314

Bill Sargent, Former Chief Deputy Clerk for Elections, Galveston County

Self

Galveston, TX

I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS BILL. UNFORTUNATELY HAVING ALL COMPONENTS MADE IN THE USA IS NOT POSSIBLE BY SEPTEMBER 1ST OF THIS YEAR.

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ITS JUST NOT POSSIBLE TO ADJUST SUPPLY CHAINS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN IN THAT TIME FRAME.  
- HART INTERCIVIC CURRENTLY GETS SOME COMPONENTS FROM OFF SHORE BUT NONE OF THEM HAVE ANY FIRMWARE, SOFTWARE, OR APPLICATIONS ON THEM. ALL THE IMAGING AND SOFTWARE IS PUT ON THE VOTING EQUIPMENT HERE IN TEXAS. I HAVE VISITED HART'S PRODUCTION FACILITY AND HAVE SEEN WHAT THEY DO UP CLOSE AND PERSONALLY.  
- I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT ES&S ALSO GETS COMPONENTS FROM OVERSEAS BUT THAT SOME OF THEM COME WITH FIRMWARE, SOFTWARE, OR APPLICATIONS ALREADY ON THEM.

HERE ARE MY RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (1) REQUIRE THAT BY SEPTEMBER 2022 ALL COMPONENTS PURCHASED OFFSHORE FOR VOTING MACHINES COME IN "CLEAN"
- (2) THAT ALL VOTING MACHINE FIRMWARE, SOFTWARE, AND APPLICATIONS BE DEVELOPED AND DESIGNED IN THE USA AND THAT THEY BE LOADED ON VOTING EQUIPMENT AND IMAGED HERE IN OUR COUNTRY
- (3) FINALLY, THAT THE GOAL THE CURRENT LEGISLATION SEEKS BE MANDATED BY SEPTEMBER 2024 (NOT SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR).
- (4) IF 2024 IS NOT ACHIEVABLE MOVE THE DATE BACK TO 2026.

WITH THESE CHANGES I WOULD SUPPORT THIS MEASURE.

Shantia Reese

Self

Austin, TX

Corporations are not people and do not get to vote with their dollars. People are people and use their voices to vote in the ballot box. These laws are anti-democratic and you need to vote no on it as it bans 24-hour voting, it allows poll watchers to film voters, it requires proof of disabilities for easier access of our constitutional right, and allows the Attorney General to purge voters. The republican party thinks it should be easier to own a gun than it is to vote. You said that you are for common-sense laws that protect voting. In the U.S. Constitution, it is a right and a privilege, and your party is trying to limit that, which is disturbing as you condemn democrats for adding in gun laws that protect people from dangerous weapons. How are the proposed bills by the republican party for Texas common-sense bills? They are restricting access because you all want to control who elects you. If you want to protect voting rights for the people, you will get rid of the redlining that limits and determines who represents us in the senate and house that disenfranchises minority communities by lumping them into districts Republican voters. You would be allowing their voices to be heard by creating a system that allows them to vote for who they want. I am for increasing access for more people to vote and not less. It should not be harder to vote in this country or state than to buy a gun. Voting allows us to determine who decides how our government will function to protect us; buying a gun allows you to hurt people with that gun. It appears that the Republican party is aiming to control who has the ability to put them in power but the most recent laws that add restrictions to voting. There has been no evidence of voter fraud from the 2020 election, and your party choosing to use the Big Lie to enact these restrictions is Ludacris. The slogan is "Don't Mess with Texas" please refrain from altering how Texans choose their leadership by enforcing laws and restrictions that do not help the people use their voting rights. You should vote in favor of S.4263 - John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, and you should also make the election day a state holiday. Hence, individuals get the day off to have access to go vote, and service workers (who work in groceries, fast food, etc.) who cannot get off can submit absentee ballots and cast their votes. This would be the correct way to ensure all Texans and Americans can use their right as there is no voter fraud with the system we have other than when the Russians hacked the 2017 elections when Trump won, and those investigations were not changed. It appears that republicans only want to change voting laws when mass amounts of minority people use their voice. You should be voting yes on the John Lewis voting rights act as it is clear the federal government cares more about protecting voting rights than many state leaders. We need to stop putting party over people and have more social ethics when creating laws.

Rebecca Broughton

Self

Seguin, TX

I am in Favor of HB 1314. Per SOS - No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated. Per El Paso county, are they

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against America? Please Vote Yah on HB 1314.

Julie Kellogg

self

Corpus Christi, TX

Vote Yes, absolutely everything related to our votes must be built in the USA, employ Americans, buy American made! This is a security issue too.

Martina Sutton

Self

Cedar Park, TX

I am AGAINST this bill.

HB1314 would reduce competition and technology innovation. And, in doing this, it increases probability of monopolization and corporate corruption. There is no logical business or sound governance reason for this restriction.

WILMA JOY PUTNAM

SELF; RETIRED

GEORGETOWN, TX

i support HB 1314 in that it requires that all voting machines be made in AMERICA. WE NEED OUR STATE TO BE ABLE TO CONDUCT FORENSIC AUDITS WHEN FRAUD IS CLAIMED TO HAVE OCCURRED. THERE IS NO REASON WE SHOULD BE USING MACHINES WITH SOFTWARE WE CANNOT AUDIT AS CURRENTLY SEEMS TO BE A PROBLEM IN THE SIX STATES WITH UNPRECEDENTED ELECTION FRAUD..

Lisa Nilsson

Self, Bexar County Republican Election Integrity Committee

Boerne, TX

I support this bill. This is also an important step in reducing the possibility of foreign interference in our elections and is essential to secure elections.

Kristin Miles

Bastrop County Elections Administrator

Bastrop, TX

It is my understanding that there is no voting system approved for voting in Texas that meets these requirements. This would essentially require all counties to return to hand marked and hand counted paper ballots and would allow for no ADA compliant equipment.

Kathy Turner

self, retired

McGregor, TX

I support this bill. Ensuring that the machines, software, and processing be from the United States lessens the opportunity of foreign interference.

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Kathryn Williams

Self/retired

Austin, TX

OPPOSED - Not a practical thing to do. This is not a fault of the voting machine vendors, but the state of the market. Texas lost several massive chip making industries to overseas manufacturers.

Kathy Turner

self, retired

McGregor, TX

I support this bill. Until all components are available, the use of a paper ballot is acceptable. Where there is a will there is a way, and let's not discount the power of being the second largest state in both population and geography. If there is a need, manufacturers and suppliers will come forward. America First!