

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 3107

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS

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GARY OVERBY

self/recently retired

Sachse, TX

My comments are for every area of Election Integrity. I have served as an Election Judge in my Dallas County site for over 25 years. I have not had anyone complain about being disenfranchised for having to show a photo ID to vote. People have just had to show Photo IDs to get a vaccine. This is a racist statement to say that my Black and Brown brothers and sisters don't have the intelligence to get to a DPS office or go on line and get one.

I am deeply concerned about mail in ballots not having any kind of signature verification upon receipt at the County Election site.

Allowing voting harvesting is on its face a common sense violation of an individual's security of their ballot.

Allowing non-profit entities to go into businesses under the guise of voter registration, yet soliciting their votes for a certain Party is unacceptable.

Allowing same day registration would be a nightmare for the Election Officials at each voting center.

Allow people to expend some energy worthy of being a citizen of Texas and register (30) days before the General Election.

Electronic voting equipment should never have access to or be accessed by the Internet.

Early voting should only be (3) days before the General Election with (1) day left open before the Day of the Election.

(Friday, Saturday and Sunday for early voting, skip Monday and Vote on the Day of the Election.

Thank you for letting be submit my concerns and comments.

Rachel Muir

Self

Austin, TX

I am a voter, a taxpayer, a working mom and I OPPOSE house bill 6 & senate bill 7!!!

Republicans are desperate to strip away people's voting rights, making it harder for people to vote.

This is an assault on our democracy!

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House Bill 6 and Senate Bill 7 are anti-democratic, anti-voter assaults on the right to vote. These bills:

- \*Strip voter rights
- \*Financially burden local governments
- \*Discourage poll workers
- \*Elevate partisan poll watcher power above election official authority
- \*Ban drive-through and outdoor voting
- \*Restrict voters from dropping off completed absentee ballots
- \*Shrink early voting periods
- \*Create new costs for disabled voters
- \*Increase burdens on voters with disabilities to access assistance at the polls

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Oppose them!

Ernestine Cuellar, PhD, APRN

Self, RN, Nurse Educator

Friendswood, TX

It is important to ascertain that votes (in person and absentee) are legal and each voter meets the legal standard to vote.

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.

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

Carrie Moore

Self

Corpus CHristi, TX

Vote Yes-assisting the SoS in voter registration update voter registration rolls and enable Texas Guard etc early vote is beneficial.

shawn flanagan

self/retired

corpus christi, TX

Vote yes, cleans up the election process

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Larry Ringler

Self

Portland, TX

Vote YES for this bill, which encompasses many items, including helping the voter registrar - and thus the SoS, better update voter rolls, and making the Texas National Guard/any Reservists, eligible for mail-in early voting.

Jessie Carlson

self

Corpus Chrsiti, TX

Vote yes. This bill is a complete package of fixing everything wrong with the election code.

Amanda Friedeck, Mrs.

Silver Star Food Stores/The Friedecks Home Bakes

Alice/Jim Wells County, TX

I am in favor with HB 3107. 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 3107. I am asking the committee to 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.

Richard Smith

Self

Corpus christi, TX

I vote yes

Kelly Waswil

Self

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. We are now Venezuela.

DONNA EYLES

Self

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

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Vote yes. Some of the other bills handle a few of the issues addressed in this bill, but this bill goes into more detail about who can run for office, voter qualifications... I agree with everything in this bill.

Margaret McKay

Self / Homemaker

Kerrville, TX

Bill - HB 6 - not found on list. Please vote in favor of this bill which provides for fair and honest elections in Texas - election integrity. It is NOT a voter suppression act. Quite the contrary - all voters are treated equally AND fairly. May I count on your support, please?

DANIELLE CONVERSE

self

Portland, TX

Please vote to support HB 3107. The bill strengthens existing weaknesses in our election system and allows our National Guard and Reservists greater opportunities to vote. I support every opportunity to clean up voter roles and ensure only residents of each precinct can vote in that precinct, I support observers being present at the meeting place of signature verification committees

Kimberly Bridges Young

Self, Retired

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Vote yes! This 47-page bill reads like someone kept a list all year of things that were omitted from the Election Code, which needed to be fixed. A bunch of little things, but they all add up, like helping the voter registrar, thus the SoS, better update the voter rolls, and even adding the Texas National Guard and any Reservist as eligible for early voting by mail.

Victoria Hanson

self - retired

Corpus Christi, TX

Vote yes on HB 3107

This bill clarifies and sets out election practices and procedures to eliminate confusion and ensures every vote counts

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 increase access to voting and not to limit it, "We the People" choose our leaders that govern us, making the voting process harder goes against our constitution. These are new Jim Crow Laws of the time to prevent 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

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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.

Ebony Johnson, Policy Associate

The Afiya Center

Dallas, TX

I Ebony Johnson write to you representing myself and The Afiya Center. Why are we changing a perfectly fraud-free election system which would only create more voter suppression? This suppression will definitely be seen and identified in communities that have been historically left without their voices being heard. The results of creating criminals will not and should not be the avenue in which we treat the elections process, instead, elections should be transparent in the fact that person/persons may not and can not leave their homes, have debilitating illnesses and numerous reasons why being present is impossible. These and others should not be punished. Senior's, disabled, low-income communities need access to better voting procedures and ballot protections. There is not add to an already seamless system that has shown no voter fraud.

Julie Kellogg

self

Corpus Christi, TX

Vote yes, this cleans up and clarifies so much, and it extends vote by mail for TX National Guard and Reservists. Why would anyone vote no if they actually value election integrity?

Lisa Nilsson

Self, Bexar County Republican Election Integrity Committee

Boerne, TX

I support this bill.

Kathy Turner

self, retired

McGregor, TX

I support this bill, as it clarifies practices and procedures.