

PUBLIC COMMENTS

HB 4507

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON STATE AFFAIRS

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Charles Brown

Self

El Paso, TX

The U.S. Constitution grants the control of voting operations to the individual States and this reaffirms that which is Constitutional.

Gregory Romeu

DevilsAdvocateArmory.com

Presidio, TX

I concur

Alan Vera

Harris County Republican Party Ballot Security Committee

Houston, TX

Representing the Harris County Republican Party Ballot Security Committee, I am testifying IN SUPPORT OF HB 4507. It's a logical approach to a possible development in which federal election law and Texas Election Code are directly contradictory. The bill logically provides that federal elections and voter registration for federal elections in Texas shall be conducted per new federal laws. Conversely, Texas voter registration and elections for state and local offices shall continue to be conducted per Texas Election Code.

Short of nullification of the new federal laws by a 2/3 legislative majority, HB 4507 provides a path for the competing sets of law to co-exist in parallel planes. Separating the election dates for federal and state elections avoids voter confusion. Bifurcating voter registration for federal and state elections avoids administrative problems for state and county election authorities.

The bill makes the best of a bad situation. We urge this committee to report the bill favorably to the full House.

shawn flanagan

self/retired

corpus christi, TX

Please vote yes. This bill will improve election integrity in Texas

Larry Ringler

Self

Portland, TX

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Vote YES! I support making the SoS part of the Federal Voter Registration System. This will help keep people who move often from voting in multiple places.

Karen King

Texas citizen

Carthage, TX

Really—how about making Texas a sanctuary state for voting rights? How dare you

Kimberly Bridges Young

Self

Corpus Christi, TX

Vote yes! This bill supports the Federal Voter Registration System, making the Secretary of State of Texas comply with the existing system. This appears to keep people who move a lot from being able to vote in more than one place, because they are in this system. Sharing information with the Feds is sometimes a good thing.

Rose Rust

Self / Retired

Corpus Christi, TX

Vote yes, this bill strengthens voter integrity by cutting down on false registration and/or duplicate voting.

DONNA EYLES

Self

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Vote yes. This bill takes out any ambiguity that may currently exist as it more completely lays out how the State will procedurally enact the federal laws regarding federal elections and how dates, deadlines, etc. for non-federal elections can be modified. We also need the new portion that says the secretary of state will work with the house and senate election committees... to fulfill all federal election laws.

Georgana Chapman

Self

Alice, TX

Please Vote Yes! In support of the federal voter registration. If it keeps people from being able to vote in multiple places after they have moved, it adds more integrity to our voting process. People shouldn't be able to vote in multiple places and if it takes sharing with the feds to get this done we must do it.

Richard Smith

Self

Corpus christi, TX

Vote yes for integrity

Tanya Robertson, Senate District 11 SREC

Self

Taylor Lake Village, TX

IN FAVOR of HB 4507

States are sovereign & per the 10th Amendment in our US Constitution, the federal government has no authority imposing election laws on us.

Thank you to Rep Scofield & Rep Jetton for working to protect the integrity of our elections in Texas!

Susan Fountain, SREC SD16

Republican party of Texas

Dallas, TX

Please pass this bill which will override the unconstitutional overreach of the federal government to control the elections processes of Texas. Thank you.

Kenneth Moore

Self

Pearland, TX

I am for this bill.

- HR 1 now being considered in the U. S. House threatens to weaken our election laws. Among other things HR 1 would:

- Mandate automatic voter registration of persons who did not request it (Sec 1012).
- Mandate same day voter registration at the polling place offering no opportunity to verify voter is not registered in another jurisdiction (Sec. 1031).
- Weaken I. D. requirements (Sec. 1903, Sec. 303A).
- We currently have a president who seems inclined to support such federal overreach.
- The state of Texas should have a backup plan to protect at least our state elections.

I urge you to report this bill favorably to the House floor.

Allison Winter, Mrs.

Self

The Woodlands, TX

I strongly support HB 4507 as a means to protect Texas ability to control how we run our elections. We need to preserve states' rights & keep the federal government out of infringing on those rights. This is needed with the possibility of the dangerous HB1 federal law that could possibly pass & take away our rights.

Ed Johnson

Self

Houston, TX

I have worked in Harris county running elections for 20 years, Director of voter registration under Paul Bettencourt, Director of county clerk office under Stan Stanart.

Separation of elections between state and federal will be a very easy task to do in all counties in Texas currently produce a federal only ballot. this is for limited ballot. currently when you move from one state to another 30 days before the election. You were only allowed to vote a limited ballot that is federal races only.

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In the voter registration database you would just need to add a new status of federal ballot only. Currently there is a status file on the pole book. When a voter checks in that has the status of federal only the ballot style they would be issued is the federal only Ballot.

I would strongly encourage the voter certificate issued to federal only voters be a different color from voters that are qualified to vote in the state election.

The Secretary of State has never used the color green on voter certificates I think this would be an excellent color for federal only voters.

I can see the ads now bring your green card in the vote.

Dee Chambless

self

Bullard, TX

I support this bill. It's surprising how many one-offs the opponents of this bill can throw out there when this bill is clearly in Texans' best interest. We have to start protecting our election integrity now, not after the Federal Gov't tries to tell TEXAS how things should be done. Good Job Representative Schofield.