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Submitted to the Committee on Elections

For HB 1980

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Kathy Haigler

Self - consultant

Dale, TX

PLEASE SUPPORT HB1980. Having worked as a clerk or poll watcher in Signature Verification Committee and Early Voting Ballot Board, I have seen the problem that happens when a senior gets too old to drive, so they go to DPS to exchange their TX Driver License for a TX ID card. They get a new number that is different from their TDL number. But the SOS TEAMS system is not updated with the new ID card number, so when that senior votes by mail, the ID number they use on their Application or Ballot Carrier Envelope does not match the old TDL number on the Voter Registration file, so it is a "defect" which must be corrected in order to accept that voter's ballot. This bill provides a form to the voter when they are at DPS getting their new ID card, and the form can be sent in at that time to update the voter's ID# in the TEAMS system so that the number on their ID card matches their voter registration record. Of course, if the voter chooses to use the last 4 digits of their Social Security # it will make no difference, but if they ONLY put the ID #, it invokes the curing process. HB1980 solves that problem for our seniors. Good bill!

Mike Jackson

self - retired, RPT Angelina county Precinct 25 Chairman

Lufkin, TX

I strongly oppose this bill.

Kenneth Kasper

Self

New Braunfels, TX

I oppose this bill. There is plenty of time to register to vote and follow the proper procedures. Being irresponsible is not an excuse to allow unqualified individuals to register on the fly.

Lisa Covington

Self

San Antonio, TX

OPPOSE

Wendy McRoberts

Self

Danbury, TX

New voting rules have created hardships getting votes counted because of driver's license / ss number misunderstandings especially in people that surrender their license . They should have a path to voting.

Chris Donofrio

Self

The Woodlands, TX

I support HB 1980.

It is a bipartisan bill which I urge you to pass out of committee.

I didn't know, as I'm sure many others didn't know, that when you surrender your driver's license, your voter registration is cancelled.

HB 1980 provides an easy method to maintain your registration when you surrender your driver's license.

Please pass HB 1980 out of committee.

Respectfully.

Chris J. Donofrio

Tom Nobis

'self' and I am retired

Houston, TX

I am For this bill as a way for seniors to maintain their ability to vote. The new ID number should be updated in their electronic record of voter registration that will enable systems to automatically access their information when voting.

Cynthia Dwyer

The Tarrant Together Project

Fort Worth, TX

Hello,

I urge you to pass HB 1980 out of committee today. As you know many seniors relinquish their drivers licenses later in life for various reasons. No Texas senior should have to jump through hoops to cast their ballot. Please pass HB 1980 so seniors who surrender their driver's license have the opportunity to register to vote. We may not need the support of this bill now based on our age but we might need this option later in life. Thank you.

Stacie Matson

self

Boerne, TX

The surrendering/PIC process is done in person only. What happens is when (an elderly person in most cases) gives up their DL they get a State ID, which comes with a new number. DPS cannot transfer the DL number to the State ID. This will allow these people will be NOTIFIED that there is a need to update their voter registration with the new number OR THEIR BALLOTS WILL BE THROWN OUT. This is imperative to pass. This can affect up to 5000 Texans per year.