

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
COMPILATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Submitted to the Committee on Elections

For HB 5180

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Charlene Reagan  
Self and True Texas Project  
SPICEWOOD, TX

Commenting only

I think I understand the motivation behind this bill. Election integrity has been on the minds of many of us. However, I am not sure that disclosing our anonymously voted ballots (regardless of the timeframe) accomplishes this task. Please consider the unintended consequences and whether this bill may be technically an invasion of privacy.

Karen Wiseman  
Self/Retired  
Fort Worth, TX

I would like to voice my support for this bill. In Tarrant County we are told our elections are secure because there is a paper backup yet we are not allowed to examine the paper backup until 22 month preservation period expires at which point the paper can be legally destroyed. At the end of 22 months, our Election Administrator is able to open the ballot boxes without any public observers. Our County has lost faith in both our election process and the people that run our elections. We need to allow the people of Texas to verify the elections are secure. Every election there is some "issue" from absentee ballots having to be recreated because of printer issues, to thumb drives failing and having to be remade, to ballots from unsealed bags having to be rescanned because the machines were not programmed correctly, etc, etc. Election night between midnight and 4:00 AM is always interesting because the Republican Ballot Board Members are sent home at midnight. I am sick of the shenanigans and just want honest elections. The citizens need the ability to inspect. Please pass this bill and please define "anonymous" because all the paper ballots should be anonymous. Our Election Administrator is already using this word as an excuse not to allow the citizens access to the ballots after 22 months. They need months to inspect over a million ballots to be sure they are anonymous when possibly less than a dozen absentee ballots have some sort of mark or initials that could be considered an identifying mark and the ballot must be "remade". If the ballots are supposed to be anonymous, why wasn't the mark removed 22 months ago when the Ballot Board reviewed the Absentee ballots. The machines don't put personally identifiable information on the ballots yet this is currently used as an excuse to further delay the citizens getting access to the ballots. We have been told we have to wait 30+ months to access ballots because of this word-"anonymous". If a ballot contains 2 letters or a mark or a name hand written by the voter, does that mean the ballot is not anonymous? Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Donofrio

Self

The Woodlands, TX

I oppose HB 5180.

I urge you to let it die in committee.

This bill is an attempt to further support the Big Lie of the 2020 Presidential election being stolen.

It is yet another attempt to undercut faith in our election system and election officials.

The added text does nothing to address any fraud or election improprieties. It presents no justification for its adoption.

The current law is sufficient. Especially given the proven lack of fraud in previous elections.

As our representatives you should be addressing real issues, not piddling around to satisfy an indicted, twice impeached, disgraced former president.

Move on from all of that.

Do as your voters in Texas demand.

I oppose HB 5180.

I urge you to let it die in committee.

Respectfully,

Chris J. Donofrio

Xiaomei Wang

self

Fort Worth, TX

For: Clarify the 22-month preserved period on Ballots, CVR and election documents is not for a confidential purpose so citizens could perform independent audits on time.

Brenda Helmer

self, a taxpaying citizen

Fort Worth, TX

I am FOR truth and clarity in auditing vote ballots ... it seems ridiculous that ballots cannot be seen/audited until the 22 month mark and there would be NO REDRESS for any untoward findings under this preservation of ballots ... please vote: FOR disclosing anonymous voted ballots under the public information law

VOTE: FOR

Adel Harrison Brown

Self

MONTGOMERY, TX

Please receive my notice of concern regarding HB 5180. I am opposed to HB 5180 because it would give access to how Americans cast their ballot. HB 5180 is a hit against our right to vote privately without public knowledge of our individual vote. Please reject HB 5180 and keep our vote safe and secure. Allowing HB 5180 to pass would take away the sacredness of voting.

Kindest regards,

Adel Harrison Brown

Mary Gagnon  
Self and Election Integrity Project of Nueces County  
Corpus Christi, TX

I am in favor of this bill. Citizens have a right to ensure that the election process was fair and accurate. This can only be achieved by allowing public access to the election records so that post-election audits may be performed.

Tammie Grantham  
Myself and My Spouse Peter  
Grapevine, TX

We are in FAVOR of this bill; I would prefer immediate access to the election records but 61st day after election day, is better than the current 22 months

Matthew Brown  
Self  
Sugar Land, TX

For! The 22 months is for audits and reviews of voting and the process. Don't allow any confusion or nonsense.

Debbie Lindstrom  
self - business owner  
McKinney, TX

I support this bill.

Some amendments to improve this bill would be by specifying "cast vote records, ballot images, authentication files, ballot reports, issue logs, chain of custody reports, video recordings and related records" under sec. 1.012 and 66.002 instead of what is written.

Sec. 1.012 already states (e) An election record shall be available not later than the 15th day after election day in an electronic format for a fee of not more than \$50. This could be improved by adding "fails to provide access to election records to the public as set forth in this section" under 66.058 (e) which specifies what constitutes a class A offense

You could add detail on notifying the public when a viewing of ballots will take place and requiring witnesses to be present.

Cherub Akin  
Self  
Georgetown, TX

Please support this bill to further secure the integrity of our elections.

Selina Brown  
self/business owner  
Sugar Land, TX

I SUPPORT HB 5180. Clarify the 22-month preserved period on Ballots, CVR and election documents is not for a confidential purpose so citizens could perform independent audits on time. Please support it. Thank you!!!

Lai Kwan Pei, Dr  
self  
KATY, TX

I strongly support HB5180.  
Clarify the 22-month preserved period on Ballots, CVR and election documents is not for a confidential purpose so citizens could perform independent audits on time.

Robert L (Bob) Green, Mr.

Travis County Republican Party Election Integrity Committee for Legislation  
Austin, TX

The Travis County Republican Party and I strongly support election integrity; and H. B. 5180 is beneficial to our efforts. This Bill, as law, would require counties to maintain records of ballots cast, including electronic records to be made available to the public 60 days after an election. Many of the records mentioned in this legislation are items such as cast vote records and voted ballots that the Alt. Judge (me) at Travis County Central Count, plus a number of appointed watchers at that location would have liked to inspect, but couldn't.

Elizabeth Wally  
Self  
Dallas, TX

No on this bill! If you are actually concerned about the security and privacy of our votes, this just puts that in jeopardy - allowing even more eyes on our ballots! No

murielle lefebvre  
self - RN  
Fort Worth, TX  
For

Susan Valliant  
self, Texas First and Convention of States  
Arlington, TX

HB 5180 by Representative Wilson: I am FOR this bill. The public deserves transparency in their elections and waiting 22 months to view election records is not transparency. After 22 months there is no way to correct any mistakes. Many elected officials are elected for 24 months and it is pointless to recall a fraudulent election when another election is only 2 months after the 22 months. The public needs to be able to see the election records and decide for themselves if it was a fair election and they need to be able to request another election in a timely manner if there is evidence of fraud in that election.

Donna Schero, Ms  
Self/Registered Nurse  
Fort Worth, TX

I am FOR this bill! Election records belong to the people; they are public domain. Citizens should not have to jump through multiple legal hoops to audit election records in a timely manner. Public information law should protect the rights of the people to public information!!

Janet Higgs  
Myself  
Georgetown, TX  
Please pass this bill

Pamela Bailey  
self  
Georgetown, TX  
Support

Rick Hutzler  
Self  
Georgetown, TX

I support. Please pass

William Eby  
Self  
Georgetown, TX

I support this bill and I encourage it's passage. We need transparency in elections and need to eliminate any appearance of cheating, which should be the goal of both parties. The cast vote records act as a mechanism to check the accuracy of the electronic voting machines. Please pass this bill.

William Eby

Kathleen Wazny  
Self  
Georgetown, TX

I support this bill.

Dayle Eby  
Self  
Georgetown, TX

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Dayle Eby

L G Cooper  
Self  
Georgetown, TX

I support Bill 5180

Doug Tenny  
myself  
Georgetown, TX

I completely support HB5180. Passing this bill is essential to fair and honest elections.

William Streeter, MG - Ret  
Self - Retired  
Georgetown, TX

HB 5180 - I strongly urge you to support this election integrity bill. Thank you

Kenley Menendez  
Self  
Georgetown, TX

I support this bill

Elizabeth Menendez

Self

Georgetown, TX

Support HB 5180

Myron Havis, Mr

Self/Retired

Georgetown, TX

Based on what happened in many states in the last election, it is imperative that Texas increase the transparency and integrity of the voting records. This bill is important to that end.

ANTHONY GAFFNEY

Self

GEORGETOWN, TX

I support this bill

Douglas Dittberner

Self

Georgetown, TX

A bill like HB5180 that will further the accuracy and integrity of ballots cast needs to be passed.

David Werner

Self

Georgetown, TX

I strongly support this bill in hopes it will insure transparency of Cast Vote Records, Ballot Images and related post election data.

Doris Miller

Sun City Republican Club

Georgetown, TX

I strongly support any and all election integrity bills. Until the people can be assured that elections are fair and totally transparent, nothing else really matters. Otherwise, why vote at all?

PETER STREICH

self

Georgetown, TX

I support this Bill.

Keith Aycock

Self

Georgetown, TX

I encourage passage of HB 5180. Thank you

Janet Ellioitt  
Self - retired  
Georgetown, TX

Mandatory ID to vote. Limited mail-in ballots. NO drop boxes. Illegals living in TX should NOT be eligible to vote. They are here illegally - what more needs to be said.

Frederick Warman  
self  
Georgetown, TX

As a prior Poll Watch during our last election there was significant evidence of : a) poor training of election workers, b) evidence that people tried to vote in Williamson County, when not eligible and c) confusing daily notices of names added to the official vote registration roles. And occasionally computer voter counts at the end of the day versus start-up counts the next day.

STEPHEN BARKER  
SAM HOUSTON CONFERENCE SELF  
Fort Worth, TX

I am For this bill: Election records are public domain so citizens should be able to perform independent audits in a timely manner. Many elected officials serve 24 months and the preservation period of 22 months before auditing does not allow for any corrections to be made before the next election.

Nelda McQuary  
Self - Retired  
Georgetown, TX

Every vote must be confirmed to be from a legitimate voter. Do not allow fraud in the system. Work hard to keep our voting process legal.

Kay McKee  
Self  
Georgetown, TX

Please support this bill!!

Cathy Jaster  
retired / self  
Georgetown, TX

Transparency is critical to have trusted elections. Why would some counties NOT want to disclose public information ? That in itself leads one to think something might be being hidden. In counties where ballot images exist, they need to be disclosed in an unaltered form. Ballot images show the ballots have the correct races and candidates for that precinct. Cast Vote Records need to be disclosed so the public can see how the votes were cast at the precinct level. These records DO NOT DISCLOSE any VOTER IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION. These records NEED TO BE RELEASED as early as possible, at day 61, NOT after 22 months. Log files show time stamped activity performed at the machine, login information, error messages. These and other records being publicly available are critical to having a transparent election.

Cheryl Abernathy

Self

Georgetown, TX

In November 2022, AG Ken Paxton declared that Cast Vote Records were anonymous and, therefore, could be released to the public. Making elections more transparent will only increase the public's confidence in the voting process. Making this ANONYMOUS data available allows interested citizens to check for possible irregularities in the voting processes. I strongly urge the committee to pass this bill.

Thank you, Cheryl Abernathy

JACK LEDBETTER

SELF

GEORGETOWN, TX

I SUPPORT PASSAGE OF THIS BILL.

Linda Bradshaw

Self. Retired

Georgetown, TX

Please please pass this bill!!! We must not let the Democrats steal another election, and we MUST ensure every Texan gets an opportunity to vote and have their vote counted. Thank you for serving the people of Texas.

Marianne Inman, Dr.

Self. Retired college president.

Georgetown, TX

Strongly support. Election integrity must not be compromised!

Joan Gaffney

Self

Georgetown, TX

I support HB 5180

Anne Marshall

Self

Georgetown, TX

I support this bill.

William Eby

Self/Retired

Georgetown, TX

I support HB5180 and urge you to support this Bill. The future elections depend on "legal " votes cast by registered voters in Williamson County.

Danielle Sender

self - retired

Georgetow, TX

Vote FOR this bill. It is critical to Texas' election integrity. Please do not turn us into a blue state where anything goes with voting. I want my vote to count.

Nikki Henrichsen  
Self/Homemaker  
Sugar Land, TX

I am for the HB 5180. The 22-month preserved period on Ballots, CVR and election documents is not for a confidential purpose so citizens could perform independent audits on time. I am in favor of total transparency.

Jay Sender  
self-retired  
Georgetown, TX

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Raymond Willoughby  
Self  
Georgetown, TX

I support HB5180 which will insure transparency of Cast Vote Records.

Pamela Meyners  
SELF  
Georgetown, TX

I DEFINITELY SUPPORT HB5180!!

Luann Schmitt  
Self retired  
Georgetown, TX

I want to encourage to pass this bill so that our elections in Texas will be a fair and accurate representation of votes cast.

Kevin Formolo, Major (USAF Retired)  
self  
Spring Branch, TX

FOR. Currently, anonymous voted ballots, cast vote records, ballot images, authentication files, ballot reports and related records can be obtained via Open Records Requests, but requires the action be initiated by the citizen in the appropriate political district and then await a determination and response from that election official/administrator. The intended benefit of this measure is to provide for posting this information in a manner that is readily consumable by the general public, thus increasing timely access and the level of transparency into the election results.

Jun Huang  
self  
Katy, TX  
Strong support!

Ruei Tuo  
Self  
Katy, TX

I'm against HB5180. The bill creates great concern for privacy of citizens' votes.

James Nall, Principal

Me

Sugar Land, TX

FOR

Relating to the disclosure of anonymous voted ballots under the public information law. For: Clarify the 22-month preserved period on Ballots, CVR and election documents is not for a confidential purpose so citizens could perform independent audits on time.

Robert Vitti, Mr.

Self-Retired

Georgetown, TX

What's the point of voting if the commies in the White House are going to steal the election?

Donna Cobb

self

Colleyville, TX

I URGE the Texas Legislature to pass this bill to increase transparency and the ability of citizens to perform an election audit in a timely manner.

Tommy Doran

Self

Georgetown, TX

I am for this bill. We must have more transparency and verifiability in our elections. In other words, I want election integrity for all voters.

Joann Juhasz

self

Georgetown, TX

Bill 5180 will provide an additional section to our Election Code that is paramount in ensuring transparency and if necessary, accountability under our public information law. Bill 5180 will continue to honor and secure the privacy of every voter's identification while providing authorized public access. I support this Bill and urge our 88th Legislative Representatives to do the same.

Respectfully,

JoAnn Juhasz

Republican Precinct 397 Chair

Paul Goodman

Sam Houston Council/Self

Crowley, TX

Passing this bill will support transparency in our elections. A timely audit of an election will help the public trust. Basically hiding the vote for 22 months would make the correction on a mistake in an election or a fraudulent election. Make the vote public for anyone to examine. Support this bill.

Annette Voelter, Mrs

Retired Court Reporter

Georgetown, TX

I support HB5180 and honest voting on all issues, especially presidential elections

duane r murray  
Self retired  
Georgetown, TX

Please support CastVote Records and Ballot Images. Support HB 5180

Lynda Haltom, Mrs  
Self  
Colleyville, TX

I am For this bill: Election records are public domain so citizens should be able to perform independent audits in a timely manner.  
Many elected officials serve 24

Peter E Juhasz  
Self/ Technology Operations Manager  
Georgetown, TX

I support HB 5180 . I strongly believe in transparency in all levels of government, especially when it comes to voting integrity.  
Please pass this bill.

Kathy Haigler  
Self - consultant  
Dale, TX  
SUPPORT!

Yaling Hu  
Self  
Sugar Land, TX

I am for this Bill. Relating to the disclosure of anonymous voted ballots under the public information law. For: Clarify the 22-month preserved period on Ballots, CVR and election documents is not for a confidential purpose so citizens could perform independent audits on time.

HAROLD BOGGS, MR.  
HOUSTON CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN COUNSELING  
MISSOURI CITY, TX

Relating to the disclosure of anonymous voted ballots under the public information law. For: Clarify the 22-month preserved period on Ballots, CVR and election documents is not for a confidential purpose so citizens could perform independent audits on time.  
VOTE FOR.

Alison Johnson  
Self  
Sugar Land, TX

Strong Support for this bill

Chalton Watters, Mr.

Self and spouse  
Georgetown, TX

The access provided by this bill is vital. My wife and I have seen evidence of discrepancies in voting records from 2020 - specifically, votes recorded as Absentee when the voters clearly recall having voted early and in person. Out of 48 voters that we canvassed in Williamson County, we discovered 8 such cases - a rate of over 16%. However, without having all of the data provided for in this bill it was impossible to establish what led to the discrepancies and how they affected the election results.

Yvonne Barnett, Ms.

Individual  
Montgomery, TX

I am Yvonne Barnett and I live in Montgomery(City)Montgomery(County)Texas, 77316.

I am writing to oppose HB 5180, which will allow the disclosure of anonymous voted ballots under the public information law.

On the 61st day after election day, the general custodian of election records shall provide public access to anonymous voted ballots, cast vote records, ballot images, authentication files, ballots reports, and related records.

I do not believe that voting records should be disclosed at any time.

Please do not approve HB 5180; please make every effort to keep voting records secure and confidential.

Sincerely,  
Yvonne Barnett

Dwayne Black  
SELF Retire Engineer  
Georgetiwn, TX

PLEASE VOTE FOR THIS HB 5180 BILL.  
THINKS

Laurel Hays, Dr.  
self  
Houston, TX

HB5180 threatens Texans' privacy. Texans, and all Americans, vote with the understanding and the right to an anonymous ballot. No one should be able to access voted ballots after the ballots have been counted. Protect Texans' right to a private ballot and vote no on HB5180.

Charlene Glover  
Self  
Montgomery, TX

I am Charlene Glover; I live in Montgomery, Montgomery, Texas. I am writing to let you know that I want to oppose HB 5180, which will allow the disclosure of anonymous voted ballots under the public information law. On the 61st day after election day, the general custodian of election records shall provide public access to anonymous voted ballots, cast vote records, ballot images, authentication files, ballots reports, and related records. I do not believe that voting records should be disclosed at any time.

Please do not approve HB 5180; please make every effort to keep voting records secure and confidential.

Sincerely,  
Charlene Glover

Theresa Adsit  
self  
Georgetown, TX

I support Representative Terry Wilson in his efforts to pass HB 5180

William Grasham  
self  
Richmond, TX

I am for this bill. We need to restore faith in our elections. In order to do so transparency must be granted. Many counties violated the law by restricting access to CVRs from the 2020 election in violation of the law. We need this law to remove restrictions that were used to stonewall the voter for reasons that were not in the spirit of the law.

BECKY LI  
SELF  
MISSOURI CITY, TX  
FOR

Avionna Jimmerson  
Self  
Conroe, TX

I am Avionna Jimmerson and I live in Conroe, Texas.  
I am writing to oppose HB 5180, which will allow the disclosure of anonymous voted ballots under the public information law. On the 61st day after election day, the general custodian of election records shall provide public access to anonymous voted ballots, cast vote records, ballot images, authentication files, ballots reports, and related records.  
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Sincerely,  
Avionna Jimmerson

Robert Bagwell  
self  
Leander, TX

This bill absolutely needs to be passed.  
Public trust in our election systems and Government are at a low. Our legislators have already expressed the spirit of how government information, including election information, needs to be approached.  
One place that spirit is seen is Texas Election Code section (1.0015) where it says the code has several purposes, one is to "promote voter access". This bill does that. Another place is the Texas Government Code Title 5. Subtitle A. Chapter 552. Subchapter A. General Provisions Sec.552.001 (b) "This chapter shall be liberally construed in favor of granting a request for information."  
Currently Texans have several counties suing our Texas Attorney General on his interpretation of election code. He has taken the spirit of the legislators and defended citizens rights for access to election data. This bill clarifies the intent of the law as it is and promotes trust in our system.  
Pass this bill.

Betty Selvera  
Self  
Georgetown Tx, TX

I support HB5130 and would like to see the bill passed.

Tracy Bagwell

Self

Leander, TX

I support hb5180. Please pass this Bill.

Thank you!

Kathy Sweeney

Self.

Georgetown, TX

I am requesting Texas Legislature to pass HB 5180 by testifying remotely herein to encourage the House Elections Committee to support the Bill.

susan Lucas

self retired

BRYAN, TX

Please vote FOR this bill

Diane Lesh, Faculty/Educator

self

Georgetown, TX

I support this Bill.

Callie Bailey

Self

Salado, TX

I'm urging HB 5180 to pass

Margaret Daniel

self

KATY, TX

Please vote yes, as this bill aligns with Texas Republican priorities.

Lori Ticknor

Self, business owner

Georgetown, TX

I support HB5180. This info is NOT confidential, and refusing to release it signals a coverup. Pass HB5180!

Debra Damman, Precinct Chair

Self

Austin, TX

I SUPPORT with bill with one AMENDMENT. These records should be available immediately. These are the voting records for our county and there should be no wait period to receive them. It is election integrity and transparency.

Brenda Cash  
Republican Women  
Shiner, TX

It is important that citizens can access election information to act as a check and balance for election integrity. Republican Women support this Bill.

TONI Wing-Jenkins  
self  
Burleson, TX

I am completely against the disclosure of anonymously voted ballots under the public information law. To allow this is a violation of my security and freedom as an American. It perpetuates the untrue narrative that our elections are unsecured and invalid, which is in and of itself a threat to democracy.

Anne Pate  
Self  
Dallas, TX

I am against this bill as it raises significant privacy issues.

Susan Stewart  
self  
Pflugerville, TX

I am very much against this bill as privacy is always a big concern of mine. This would increase access to voted ballots and opens the door to a high degree of fraud and corruption. Please reject this bill.

Gorden Graham  
Self  
Montgomery, TX

I am Gorden Graham and my family and I live in Montgomery, County Texas.  
I am writing this letter to oppose HB 1243, which would increase the criminal penalty from a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by up to two (2) years in prison, to a second-degree felony, punishable by a term of twenty (20) years in prison.  
This Bill would increase fear and intimidation for Black and Brown Texans by threatening felonies to a people group who are already hindered and confused by the numerous inconsistencies and unclear instructions on how, where, and where to vote. Every Texan should be able to exercise their hard-won voting rights as they participate in the democratic process.  
I have personally spoken with Black and Brown citizens in my county who were unaware of where to find voter information to confirm their voter status. They assumed they were still eligible to vote because they had voted in a previous election, only to learn that their names had been purged from the eligible voter list.  
I'm asking you to please support voter rights by voting no to HB 1243.  
Sincerely,  
Gorden Graham

Margaret Kay Devloo  
self  
Georgetown, TX

I support Bill HB 5180

Patrina English

self

Montgomery, TX

I am Patrina English, and I live in Montgomery, Montgomery, Texas.

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Please do not approve HB 5180; please make every effort to keep voting records secure and confidential.

Sincerely,

Patrina English

Ann Milton

Self

Montgomery, TX

I am Ann Milton, and I live in Montgomery, Montgomery, Texas.

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I do not believe that voting records should be disclosed at any time.

Please do not approve HB 5180; please make every effort to keep voting records secure and confidential.

Sincerely,

Ann N. Milton

Sharon Kay Asher

Self

Georgetown, TX

I am in favor of this bill in order to guarantee transparency in our elections.

Norma Quinten

Self

Georgetown, TX

I support

Susan Jones

Self ; Speech Language Pathologist

George, TX

Please pass!!!!

Joseph Jones  
Self / IT director  
Georgetown, TX

Please pass HB 5180 to ensure Election Integrity!!

Roxanne Vernor  
Self  
Leander, TX

Please pass this bill. I completely support it!

Stephanie Holderfield  
Citizens Defending Freedom  
Montgomery, TX

Restore felony penalties and enact civil penalties for Election Code violations, which shall be enforceable by any Texas jurisdiction, including the Texas Attorney General. Require citizenship verification of each voter. Restrict the distribution of mail-in ballots to only disabled, military, and citizens that are out of state. Reduce the time allowed for early voting, and eliminate the three-day gap between early voting and election day. Establish closed primaries in Texas. As technology evolves, we encourage the passage of legislation that ensures the security of our elections.

Edward Kandler  
self - retired  
Jarrell, TX

I, Edward Kandler, am in favor of HB 5180 relating to the disclosure of anonymous voted ballots under the public information law.

Sarah Medford  
self/retired attorney  
Jarrell, TX

I am in favor of HB 5180. This will facilitate trust and confidence in our election systems. Ballot images and cast vote records should be available to the public no later than 61 days after an election, which will provide accountability in safe-guarding our votes. This bill is a good step in providing election integrity in Texas.

Melissa Rowell, Honorable  
Self and Precinct 480  
Houston, TX

I fully support this bill! We need election integrity and transparency.

Marian Stanko  
Self / Retired  
San Antonio, TX

I oppose HB 5180 prima facie.  
It needs to be rewritten. I see future chaos and mayhem because this amendment appears to open up too many loopholes, confusion, and frustration. It appears to remove the district judge from the process currently required to open the election records. Public access does not reveal the information being sought unless the person understands the statutes and processes thoroughly. This bill should go back to the drawing board.

Tammie Bailey

Self

Conroe, TX

I am Tammie Bailey, and I live in Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas.

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Respectfully,

BILL SARGENT

SELF

GALVESTON, TX

I support this measure and find it interesting that the Texas League of Women's Voters opposes it, wanting to keep these records hidden away from the public and voters for 22 months which, incidentally, is when they can be destroyed. It doesn't make sense to keep them but not allow them to be available for inspection. After all, the purpose of keeping and safeguarding these records is so, if there are questions about them, they can be reviewed in order to further election integrity. So, allowing access to these vote records after certification of the vote (60 days) has passed, makes sense. Doing so should be done in a way that protects the integrity of the records while allowing access to them.

Jenny Suo, Ms

My self

Plano, TX

Relating to the disclosure of anonymous voted ballots under the public information law. For: Clarify the 22-month preserved period on Ballots,

CVR and election documents is not for a confidential purpose so citizens could perform independent audits on time. For

Monica McCrory

SELF

Georgetown, TX

I am FOR HB 5180. We need as much transparency and accountability in our Elections as possible.

PASS HB 5180

Thank you,

Monica McCrory

Benson Cheryl, Mrs.

Benson/Self

Albany, TX

I am Cheryl Benson, and I live in Montgomery, Montgomery, County, Texas.

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Sincerely,

Cheryl Benson

Larry Benson, Mr.

Self

Montgomery, TX

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Marie Day

Self

Shiner, TX

It is time for the Texas legislature to make elections 100% transparent as spelled out in this bill for (a-1). Please vote FOR HB 5180

Robert Bailey, Mr.

Self

Salado, TX

Vote yes to pass HB5180

Sherry Eller

Self

Temple, TX

I strongly support HB 5180. Please pass favorably out of committee to full House floor.

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Hearing Date: April 13, 2023 10:30 AM - or upon final adjourn./recess or bill referral if permission granted

Ortrud Jaeger  
TNM  
Cleburne, TX

Anonymous voting is not ever a reasonable option, like sending out government funds to an anonymous address. It almost flags that there is unlawful voting because benefits received from an outcome, or adverse effects of poor outcome of a bill will be felt to a known person. There is no logical reason why anyone thinks anonymous voting should be legal. That is a major loophole to introduce fraud and deception.

Brek Lancaster, Mr  
Self - Professional Musician/Instructor  
Grapevine, TX

I am in favor of this bill to ensure election integrity in Texas.  
Thank you,  
Brek Lancaster  
Tarrant County Constituent

Debra Wolgemuth  
Self - McLennan County, Precinct Chair 44  
Waco, TX

Citizens deserve transparency in the election process. Public Access should be provided to Cast Vote Records, etc. We shouldn't have to fight our Elections Administrators for transparency.

Bettye Lemon, Ms  
Self(retired state employee) & Nueces Co Election Integrity Project  
Kilgore, TX

Favor. I do not understand anonymous ballots. Sounds very fishy to me. Disclose everything a!

Guy Saponari  
Nueces Election Intergrity Project, County Citizens Defense Fund  
Corpus Christi, TX

I support this bill. It will increase election available inspection periods and election process improvement