

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Submitted to the Committee on Elections
For HB 5259

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Hearing Date: April 20, 2023 8:00 AM

Debra Wolgemuth
Self - McLennan County GOP Election Integrity Coordinator
Waco, TX

In researching elections issues in our county, it wasn't clear who was responsible to clear deceased records from the voting rolls: the SOS or the Elections Administrator? This corrects that confusion and makes the SOS responsible to implement an efficient/effective method for handling death records. Thank you for strengthening this issue.

Support HB 5259

Patricia Moore
"self" Retired Teacher Alief ISD/ currently Alief ISD substitute teacher
Houston, TX

I urge you to VOTE YES on HB5259 Relating to death records maintained and provided by the vital statistics unit of the Department of State Health Services. We must keep our voter rolls clean.

David Layland
Medicarew
Cedar Creek, TX

I strongly support HB 5259

Lonnie Lassmann
self
San Antonio, TX

I support this bill.

Chrystina Power
self/retired military
Spring Branch, TX

Vote YES!

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Spring Branch, TX
Vote YES!

Karen Y Macias
Self, Grandmother
Cibolo, TX
YES

Natalie Olsson
self
Corpus Christi, TX
I support this bill.

Anne Meng
self
Houston, TX
support

William Grasham
self
Richmond, TX

I support this bill. We need accurate death records provided to the voter registrar along with the requirements to remove dead voters from the voter rolls. This information is also needed to support voter registration clean-up activities, which is critical in order to prevent voter fraud by someone using the voter record of a dead voter. I support all aspects of this bill.

Joan Yates
Self, Homemaker
Valley View, TX

Vote YES on this bill for election integrity!

Sarah Thomas
Self
Spring Branch, TX

I am in favor of this bill. Please vote yes On HB5259.

susan Lucas
retired
BRYAN, TX

SUPPORT this bill!!!!!!

Wallace Johnson, Chair
Republicans
Franklin, TX
Vote yes

Arlene Candia
Self, housewife
College Station, TX

Yes, I support this bill.

Linda Eckert
self/retired
Onalaska, TX

vote yes for this bill

Rosemary Teel
Self-Retired Teacher
College Station, TX

Vote YES to clean up voter recors of dead people with Vital statistics Department

Linda Stetz, MS.
Self
Bryan, TX

I support

Amanda Logan
self
Austin, TX

I am logging my support for this bill. Please vote YES for this bill

V Wilder
Self Retired
Dripping Springs, TX

I support this bill! There are too many dead voters on our rolls!

V Wilder
Self
Dripping Springs, TX

I support this bill!

Daniel Cotts
Self and Election Integrity Project of Nueces County
Corpus Christi, TX

I am in favor of this bill, which will go a long way towards helping identify deceased voters in the voter rolls. Having participated in an audit where the deceased had to be matched to a voter list, I found it almost impossible to match incomplete names and questionable birthdates to the voter list. But very importantly, this bill needs a small change in the language. Asking the Secretary of State to “periodically” furnish voter registrars information obtained from the unit is too vague. It’s very important to give deadlines, as we’re learning with other laws. Otherwise, “periodically” is open to interpretation and can mean every other year or even daily! If the Vital Statistics Unit can provide updated information weekly to the Secretry of State, then the SoS should then forward that same information weekly to the affected county voter registrars.

Pamela Woods, Mrs
EIP Nueces County
Corpus Christi, TX

I am in favor of this bill, which will go a long way towards helping identify deceased voters in the voter rolls, and removing them. I am not sure but if there is no penalty mentioned in this bill for failure to clean up voter rolls before elections there should be a criminal penalties under the State of Texas AG.

Kelley Rumps
self/retired
The Woodlands, TX

I support this bill.

Bettye Lemon, Ms
Self & Nueces Co Election Integrity Project
Kilgore, TX
HB 5259

I am in favor of this bill, which will go a long way towards helping identify deceased voters on the voter rolls, however. this bill needs a small But very important change in the language. Asking the Secretary of State to “periodically” furnish voter registrars information obtained from the unit is too vague. Specific timelines need to be written into the bill, otherwise “periodically” is open to interpretation and can mean every other year or even daily! If the Vital Statistics Unit can provide updated information weekly to the Secretry of State, then the SoS should then forward that same information weekly to the affected county voter registrars. Also, when vital statistics records a death, it should be mandatory that the country registrar remove that person from the rolls. Let’s make Texas the State with the cleanest Voting rolls.

John Raymond
Self
Lakeside, TX

I am For this bill

Nicole Marucci
Self
Richmond, TX

Support HB 5259 which is a step in the right direction for election integrity.

Teresa Campbell
Retired self
Fort Worth, TX

I'm solidly FOR this bill. We need more transparent and accurate voter rolls!

David St Martin, Mr
self
Fort Worth, TX

I'm FOR this bill !

Tore Fossum
self
Huntsville, TX

Support 5259 Death records should be accurately maintained and those people should be promptly removed from voter rolls.

Sandra Stokes
Self and Election Integrity project of Nueces County
Corpus Christi, TX

I am in favor of this bill, which will go a long way towards helping identify deceased voters in the voter rolls - dead people are not suppose to have a vote - how can they legally?!

Willard Hartman
Precinct chair Tarrant Co. 1142
FORT WORTH, TX
FOR

Xiaomei Wang
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I am for this bill. It requires the Department of State Health Services implement a method to provide death records to Secretary of State for maintaining voter roll's accuracy in a timely manner. It will be helping maintaining voter roll and prevent election fraud.

Cynthia Lasher, Mrs
GOP Precinct 2307
Arlington, TX

Please vote "For" HB5259. We need to have better control of vital statistics to ensure people who have died do not vote.

Darl Easton
Self
Eules, TX

Vote yes on this bill to assist counties throughout the State of Texas to maintain the voter rolls.

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

HB 5259 I am in favor of this bill. Removing deceased voters from the voter rolls will be streamlined and much more efficient by requiring the vital statistics unit to furnish a list of deceased voters to the Secretary of State. By requiring the vital statistics unit to furnish this list once a week, the Secretary of State will be able to get this information to the county voter registrars well before a new election cycle begins. However, the bill could be made even better by mandating a deadline for the Secretary of State to get the information to the counties instead of saying they shall periodically furnish the lists.

Joan Cordell
Self-retired
Ft worth, TX

I'm For this bill!

Cheryl Wright
Self
Sugar Land, TX

I support the passage of this bill.

Ligang Lei
Self
KATY, TX

I support this bill.

require the Department of State Health Services implement a method to provide death record to Secretary of State for maintaining voter roll's accuracy in a timely manner. For: helping maintaining voter roll and prevent election fraud.

Sheila Clemmons
self
Fort Worth, TX

FOR

Hong Guo
None
Richmond, TX

I strongly support bill HB 5259 which will improve Texas election laws. Please support this bill. Thank you very much.

Lai Kwan Pei, Dr
self
katy, TX

I strongly support HB 5259. Department of State Health Services should provide death record to Secretary of State for maintaining voter roll's accuracy in a timely manner. Voter roll's accuracy can maintain voter roll clean and prevent election fraud.

Wanda Wright
Self / Retired
Fort Worth, TX

I am FOR this bill!!
Voter roles should be updated & reported so we have correct & clean Voters list.
Thank you!

Lulu Wang
self
SUGAR LAND, TX

I support this bill because it can help maintaning voter roll and prevent election fraud.

Nikki Henrichsen
Self/Homemaker
Sugar Land, TX

I am in support of HB 5259. Gov't agencies should cross communicate with each other when applicable. This bill can help maintaining voter roll and reduce election fraud.

Benjamin Zhang, Mr

Self

Katy, TX

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Shawn Flanagan

Election Integrity Project of Nueces Co

CORPUS CHRISTI, TX

Please support. The dead vote too often in Texas.

Dianna Boger

Self

Hurst, TX

I am FOR this bill, as Election Integrity and faith that we have done all that is necessary to keep our elections fair, transparent and accurate is essential! Cleaning the voter rolls is vital to fair elections!

Tomalea Bench

Self

Huntsville, TX

Yes I support this

Kimberly Bridges Young

Self and EIP of Nueces County

Corpus Christi, TX

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Cheryl Simpson

Self/ Fannin County Republican Women/ stay at home mom/ grandmother

Bonham, TX

Vote in favor please! A person who is deceased should be taken off the voter registration!! How long has this been going on??!!!!

Denise Lunski

Citizens for Election Integrity TX

Arlington, TX

Please support this bill as I do. We need clean voter rolls. Thank you.

Lori High

Self/Retired Nurse Practitioner

Spicewood, TX

I am in favor of this bill which relates to death records maintained and provided by the vital statistics unit of the Dept of State Health Services.

Tammie Grnatham
Myself and my spouse Peter
Grapevine, TX

I am a current Tarrant county ballot board member and I am for this bill that the department of health services provide death records across the state. As it is now the voter is only removed if they die in the county they are registered to vote in and this can lead to nefarious behavior by someone requesting their absentee ballot and voting it

Roland Paquette
retired
Benbrook, TX
I'm for this bill.

Jesse Suarez
Self / Electrician
Corpus Christi, TX

I support this bill. We should be making it as easy as possible to remove deceased voters from the voting roles. My only issue with bill is the word periodically. An actual time period should be specified. Periodically is vague and open to interpretation.

Matthew Brown
self
Sugar Land, TX

I am For This Bill. Please keep the voter rolls clean and maintain them well, always.

Larry Ringler
Self and Election Integrity Project of Nueces County
PORTLAND, TX

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K. Tina Lewis
Self
Montgomery, TX

I support this bill and it's intent to clarify the death records that can then be support to voter registration records.

Selina Brown, Ms.
self/business owner
Sugar Land, TX

I am for this Bill. This is a good Bill. Thank you for proposing this Bill.

William Baker
Self / Retired Engineer
Sugar Land, TX

FOR: Helping maintain voter roll and prevent election fraud

Linda hOLUBEC
SELF
bRYAN, TX
vOTE yES.

David Lemke, Mr.
Self, Educator, Business Owner
San Marcos, TX

In Strong Support! These records are called VITAL for a reason!

Scott Wescoat
Self, Corporate Real Estate
Whitewright, TX

As a Texas Resident concerned about election integrity in the great State of Texas, I'm "In Favor" of HB 5259. Please vote to approve this bill.

Terry Putnam
self/retired
Georgetown, TX

I fully support this bill!

wilma joy Putnam
Self
Georgetown, TX

I support HB 5259 since it will greatly assist in getting some of the phantom voters off our voter registration rolls.

Sherry Eller
Self
Temple, TX

I SUPPORT HB 5259. Please pass this important election integrity bill quickly out of committee to the full House. Thank you.

Bonnie Seelig
Self Retired
Spicewood, TX

SUPPORT HB 5259

Not periodically, but monthly the Secretary of State should notify the voter registrars / Election Departments in each county of the deceased registered voters in their county. Having a ballooning inaccurate voter roll breeds corruption. We need to advertise more about updating the voter rolls.

The best voter clean up would be if it required 2/3 of both "for" and "against" total voters in order for a bond to be passed. People would be fighting to clean the rolls.

Beverly Roberts
self/retired
Houston, TX

We are weary of dead voters casting ballots. Please vote YES. Thanks!

Julie Martin, Ms.

Self

Austin, TX

I support this HB because the department should implement an efficient and effective method to provide death information to the secretary of state to assist in maintaining the statewide computerized voter registration. The names of “Dead people” should not be kept on voter rolls. It all goes to voter integrity!

Kevin Formolo

self

Spring Branch, TX

FOR. Measure explicitly ties weekly reporting death information on individuals with sufficient information to cross reference voter registration information to better maintain voter registration currency and accuracy.