

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Submitted to the Committee on Community Safety, Select
For SB 599

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Hearing Date: April 18, 2023 9:00 AM

Geroge Clement

self

Austin, TX

I am for this one

Gary Zimmerman

Myself as an LTC instructor

Lewisville, TX

my name is Gary Zimmerman. I am a LTC instructor for 4 states (Texas, Utah, Illinois, Maryland) and the NRA. I am a FFL, and I have a LTC for 14 states.

I am for this bill, this bill should pass, it has passed the senate, and it's time to send this Bill to governor Abbott

George Brian Vachris, P.E.

self retired

Humble, TX

I fully support this bill. District Clerks should have the same rights as the other officers in the current law.

Caril Jacoby, Mrs

self

San Marcos, TX

For SB 599

James Everard, Sgt. (ret)

Self

Killeen, TX

I support this bill. It is the God given right, guaranteed under the state and federal constitution to self protection. This includes state employees. I was in Fort Hood for both mass shootings that took place. Both times the only thing I wished... That I would be able to carry my own firearm to be able to protect myself, and my fellow soldiers. Unfortunately soldiers in the US Army were not trusted to carry a pistol while stationed at our garrison post. I carried a M249 machine gun on me at all times when I deployed both times to Iraq, but my 9mm Glock was too much here in Texas. Due to that, we lost too many soldiers, and I watched as one of my friends lay in the hospital close to death. I only hope that you will allow the employees of the state to have the ability to protect themselves, unlike the right we were denied in the Army leading to dozens of deaths and life changing injuries.

Jonathan Windsor

Self

Celina, TX

I am for this bill.

Maryann Riordan

Self, Retired

Livingston, TX

I support this bill

EVE MARGOLIS

self

Austin, TX

Oppose SB 599. More guns do not make us safer. If they did, we would be the safest state in the country.

James Ransdell

Self

Seguin, TX

Please extend to a district clerk the same provisions for handgun carry with an LTC as other officers of the court. Please pass SB 599.

Allen Dinsmore

self

Mineola, TX

I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS BILL!!! It should be re-named to "removal of confederate holidays from Texas". Thank You!

Norma Hackler

SELF

Austin, TX

I am in favor of this bill.

Sharon Tryon, Mrs

Self

Waxahachie, TX

I support this bill

Kathy Ponce
Ellis County GOP
Maypearl, TX

I strongly support this bill

Harold Waters
self
Houston, TX

Please vote for this bill. District clerks have the right to be safe.

Steven Price
The V.O.I.C.E.S. Foundation
San Antonio, TX

The V.O.I.C.E.S. Foundation; aka The V.O.I.C.E.S. of Our Veterans, are in Full Support of; SB 599 by Birdwell.

Relating to the carrying or possession of a handgun by a district clerk and the issuance of a handgun license to a district clerk.

SECTION 3. Section 411.201(h), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(h) The department shall issue a license to carry a handgun under the authority of this subchapter to an applicant who meets the requirements of this section for an active judicial officer and who is a United States attorney or an assistant United States attorney, or to] an attorney elected or employed to represent the state in the prosecution of felony cases, or a district clerk [who meets the requirements of this section for an active judicial officer]. The department shall waive any fee required for the issuance of an original, duplicate, or renewed license under this subchapter for an applicant who is a United States attorney or an Assistant United States attorney, [or who is] an attorney elected or employed to represent the state in the prosecution of felony cases, or a district clerk.

Thank you,

Steven C. Price Sr.
Founder,
The V.O.I.C.E.S. Foundation; aka The V.O.I.C.E.S. of Our Veterans

Elva Mendoza
Self; public health social worker
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill.

Jo Foley
self/none
Henderson, TX

I Support SB 599

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trevor smith, mr
self - retired
johnson city, TX

please adhere to the second amendement of the constitution and stop trying to subvert said constitution. You were elected to uphold the laws of Texas and support the constitution of th United States - not to impose your personal left wing anti-conservative views on the Texas citizens.

Debbie Carrico
Self American
League City, TX

A CLERK SHOULD CARRY. NO LEGAL CITIZEN OF UNITED STATES SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS SHOULD BE VIOLATED

Ian Kress
Myself. Engineer.
Nassau Bay, TX

I am for this bill. This bill would extend to a district clerk the same provisions for handgun carry with an LTC as other officers of the court.

Karen miller
Retired
AUSTIN, TX

Is this really necessary? No!

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Amanda LEsperance

Self

Cooper, TX

Support