

SENATE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: State Affairs
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, May 29, 2024
PLACE: E1.012 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Bryan Hughes

The Senate Committee on State Affairs will meet Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. to hear public and invited testimony on the following interim charges:

Maintaining Election Security: Identify threats to Texas's election integrity, including those from "Big Tech" and foreign entities. Recommend ways to neutralize such threats. Additionally, evaluate the countywide polling place program in Texas. Make recommendations to address countywide polling issues, such as increased wait times, longer travel distances, supply shortages, and reporting irregularities. Evaluate current laws that prohibit political subdivisions and public school districts from using government resources for illegal electioneering. Make recommendations to strengthen these laws and put a stop to illegal electioneering.

Protecting Texas Land and Assets: Evaluate strategic land and asset acquisitions in Texas by foreign entities that threaten the safety and security of the United States. Further, evaluate large-scale purchases of single-family homes by domestic entities and its impact on housing affordability for Texas families. Make recommendations to ensure Texans are secure from foreign threats and homes are affordable in our state.

Banning Delta 8 and 9: Examine the sale of intoxicating hemp products in Texas. Make recommendations to further regulate the sale of these products, and suggest legislation to stop retailers who market these products to children.

Public testimony will be limited to 2 minutes per witness. If submitting written testimony, please provide 20 copies to the committee clerk with your name on each copy.

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