

SENATE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: State Affairs
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, October 16, 2024
PLACE: E1.028 (Hearing Room)
CHAIR: Senator Bryan Hughes

Runoff Elections: Study the prerequisites, timing, and efficiency of runoff elections. Make recommendations to increase the efficiency and lower the costs of runoff elections. Examine the 50% vote threshold to avoid a runoff, particularly when four or more candidates are running for the same office. Report whether the vote percentage threshold should be lowered in some instances.

Stop Noncitizen Voting: Evaluate the current safeguards in place to prevent noncitizens from voting in elections. Recommend legislation to facilitate the removal of noncitizen voters from the voter rolls as well as legislation to prevent noncitizens from registering to vote in Texas.

Election Audit Reports: Evaluate the Secretary of State's election audit reports. Make recommendations to secure our elections and ensure counties follow the law.

Unmasking Protestors: Study the use of face coverings and hoods designed to conceal the identity of those bent on committing crimes at protests. Recommend legislation to stop the chaos and destruction by those who attempt to commit crimes while concealing their identity during public gatherings.

Monitoring: Monitor the implementation of legislation addressed by the Senate Committee on State Affairs passed by the 88th Legislature. Specifically, evaluate the impact of Senate Bill 2284, relating to the sale of distilled spirits to ultimate consumers by the holder of a distiller's and rectifier's permit. Report whether the increased sale of distilled spirits has had a positive impact on economic development and public safety in this industry.

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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