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For HB 569

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Laura Gallier
Self retired cpa
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Please support SB569. People who are eligible to vote by mail are elderly or disabled, increasing the chance that they make a simple error on their ballot. Humane community would give them an opportunity to fix it so their vote can be counted. Let's give our seniors this much respect.

Debbie Wolgemuth, Ms
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Protecting the Right to Vote by Ensuring Ballot Access and Fair Correction Procedures Empowering Voters Through Fair Process

HB 569 strengthens the integrity and accessibility of Texas elections by requiring early voting clerks to notify voters of certain defects in their mail-in ballots and give them a fair opportunity to correct the issue. By mandating timely communication, providing multiple options for correction, and enabling online tracking and correction tools, this bill protects the right to vote while preserving the decentralized integrity of Texas elections.

Defending Individual Voting Rights

The Libertarian Party of Texas (LPTexas) affirms that voting is a voluntary expression of the right to association and individual liberty (Platform § I.5.b). HB 569 defends this right by ensuring that voters who attempt to comply with mail-in ballot procedures are not disenfranchised by clerical errors, missing information, or avoidable miscommunications. Ballots should be counted or cured—not discarded—when voter intent is clear and correctable.

Transparency and Accountability in Election Administration

The bill requires uniform procedures for notifying all affected voters, protects election integrity by allowing poll watchers to observe correction activities, and ensures technological tools are used to support—not obstruct—access to one’s ballot status. These provisions uphold the LPTexas principle of open and verifiable elections (Platform § I.5.a), reducing ambiguity and promoting public trust in the electoral process.

Voluntary Participation, Efficient Process

HB 569 imposes no voting mandate or central control. Instead, it simplifies the process for those who voluntarily choose to vote by mail, ensures their efforts are not invalidated due to minor or technical issues, and reduces the likelihood of contested ballots. These are practical, pro-liberty reforms that enhance the fairness of elections without expanding government power.

Conclusion

The Libertarian Party of Texas supports HB 569 as a necessary step toward protecting the rights of voters, improving election transparency, and ensuring every valid vote is counted. We urge lawmakers to support this bill and uphold the principle of individual liberty through accessible, accountable voting procedures.

Candy Maxey
Collin County GOP
Plano, TX

Defects must be corrected.

Christine Vorderbruggen, Mrs
Self
Allen, TX

I support this bill, strengthening accountability for people who change election laws, undermine our election integrity, or would otherwise act in a rogue manner to weaken the integrity of our election. Vote yes to send a strong message that elections should be fair and secure.

Bonnie Seelig
Retired Self
Spicewood, TX

Against HB 569

When given extra time at the beginning of election and easy access to the mail, please don't ask for the extra time at the end. ALL BALLOTS SHOULD BE COUNTED ON ELECTION DAY! THE DAY AFTER DOES NOT COUNT.

Carmela Walker
Urban League of Texas
Houston, TX

HB 569 - Eradicates dual dates to cure defects on ballots via notice and allows poll watchers to observe activities. ULoT supports this bill that aligns with the law and integrity connected with what we are currently doing. It empowers transparency with voluntary participation.

Karen Santhanam
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I support this bill. Early voting helps more of the electorate get involved