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Submitted to the Committee on Elections
For HB 1475

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Beth Biesel, VP Texas Eagle Forum
Texas Eagle Forum
Dallas, TX

Yes

Carmela Walker
Urban League of Texas
Houston, TX

HB 1475 provides the Attorney General the latitude to hold an order of restraint against a precinct if the precinct stays open an hour late. The bill would require the AG's office to be notified to attend a meeting to determine the reason. If not, the justification is not reasonable, then the matter would be sent to the Texas supreme court for a decision blocking the precinct from providing services to Voters. Proponents of this bill believe leaving voting centers open for an extra hour would compromise the effectiveness of a fair election.

ULot disagrees with this stance because the measure would intentionally leave polls unavailable for voters to participate in the election process fairly. It would cut access for voters who may work late and cannot make it to the voting station during 9 to 5 hours. We ask the committee to leave this bill pending.

Katherine Cano
Self
Fort Worth, TX

I agree with Rep. Raymond that if a polling location opens (accepts voters) late, then it should stay open late to compensate. I do not find arguments about election judges intentionally opening late to be compelling; the remedy for that is to remove such persons from being election judges. (It is currently very difficult to remove an election judge even for misconduct, and that needs to be addressed.) I find it even more incomprehensible to impute political motives to judges evaluating cases. If we go that road, we cannot have any faith at all in our judiciary.

Michelle Mostert
Self/Self-employed
Dripping Springs, TX

Please vote YES on HB 1475. Thank you.

Katherine Dombrowski
Self - Chemical Engineer
Austin, TX

I am AGAINST HB 1475.

Mary Recio, Ms
self retired
Austin, TX

No just no to this bill affecting voting.

Bianca Arvin-Eagle
self
Lago Vista, TX

I OPPOSE HB 1475 and I urge you to do the same. This bill and it's Senate partner SB 509 are echoes of the slew of election bills targeting Harris County in 2023. It's a partisan voter suppression bill disguised as a procedural bill. OPPOSE HB 1475

Karen Santhanam
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I'm strongly opposed to this bill

Thomas Nobis
self - retired
Houston, TX

I am For the Bill. This will inform the attorney general of judicial action taken regarding election law that he is responsible to enforce. The Companion bill SB509 was passed by the Senate in a bi-partisan manner 24-6.