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Submitted to the Committee on Elections  
For SB 2217

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Self  
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We want online voting! Everyone deserves the right to vote

Laura Pressley, Ph.D.  
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Thank you Senator Hughes and staff for this bill. There are two issues with it as noted below. These issues relate to the bill being consistent with existing Election Code statutes:

A. Allowable ballot discrepancies, p. 4 lines 14-15, are inconsistent with Section 127.156:

-Existing Sec. 127.156 requires a final tabulation at central count if a discrepancy of more than 3 exists between votes and voters.

-SB 2217 (p. 4 lines 14-15) requires a count at central count if a discrepancy of more than 1% exists between votes and voters.

For example:

if 75 people vote at a location - this bill allows a discrepancy of 0.75

if 100 people vote at a location - this allows a discrepancy of 1

if 300 people vote at a location - this bill allows a discrepancy of 3

if 600 people vote at a location - this bill allows a discrepancy of 6

if 1,000 people vote at a location - this bill allows a discrepancy of 10

if 2,000 people vote at a location - this bill allows a discrepancy of 20

It is concerning that a discrepancy of 20 or more for each polling location could exist before anyone verifies it. It seems that vote discrepancies allowed under SB 2217 should be consistent with current law, Sec. 127.156.

B. Definition of central accumulator (p. 4 lines 22-24) should match its definition in the Administrative Code Rule 81.62(e).

"The "central accumulator" as used in this rule is the part of an Election Management System that tabulates and/or consolidates the vote totals for multiple precincts/devices."

How can we fix these in the House?

Tara Schulte, Texas Executive Director  
Citizens Defending Freedom  
McKinney, TX

There is a already existing code and this bill contradicts that code. How are you reconciling this if this bill passes?

Michael Rideau, SVP  
Self  
Garland, TX

This bill is unwarranted. We currently have a system in place to prevent voter fraud. This bill will adversely impact people in low-to mod census tract, people who are disable, and low paid wage earners.

lucy trainor  
Self  
Driftwood, TX

SB 2217 is a great bill to address transparency in our elections which will absolutely encourage accurate reporting, particularly with our electronic polls books and (which in the past have not had any state certification protocols) and post election reconciliation results at individual polling locations and at Central Count. Please make sure the regional sub stations are included in the reconciliation process in addition to Central Count, when applicable in the appropriate counties.

Susan Bell  
self  
Kerrville, TX

I am in favor of SB2217 Texas must do everything we can to secure our elections and close loopholes that may invite fraud. I support SB2217