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Submitted to the Committee on Elections  
For SB 2753

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Mellany Lamb  
Self  
Flower Mound, TX  
Strongly support.

Kori Acompa-Sanchez  
Self  
Houston, TX  
Voting laws need to stay as is

Sherry Graham, Ms  
Self  
Crandall, TX

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

Karen Darby  
Self - Retired Attorney and Part-Time Organist  
Georgetown, TX

I oppose SB 2753. The part of this bill that caught my eye was the repeal of county-wide polling. Instead, the counties can set up Voting Centers, to which a voter would be assigned. While voting centers appear to encompass a greater portion of the population than voting precincts, because more than one precinct can be included at a voting center, this proposed provision still reduces the options a voter has for getting to the polls. Voters who are not eligible to vote by mail would still have to get to a specific location within the voting period. Voters who work long hours away from their residence and far from their assigned Voting Center could be disenfranchised if the voter cannot get to the assigned location within the hours available. With countywide polling, a voter can vote at any location in the county and I have been informed that apparently the county-wide polling option is also cost-effective. Last weekend on local election day, May 3, I, a Volunteer Deputy Registrar, was at the Taylor Fest engaging voters and reminding them that they still had time to vote in the local elections that day. I met a person from Granger who was worried that she couldn't get home in time to vote. Then, she remembered that we have county-wide polling in Williamson County. A voting location was conveniently located next door to Heritage Square, where the festival was taking place. She was able to go vote for her candidates in her home town within the allotted time on election day. We need to empower voters, not restrict their voting options. I oppose SB 2753.

Laura Pressley, Ph.D.  
True Texas Elections, LLC  
Copperas Cove, TX

The bill addresses many issues with early voting and the security of ballots and results and we are grateful for the work Senator Hall and his staff have done. There are two concerns because the bill is not consistent with existing ballot security statutes, Sections 85.032(b) and 127.006(c). The bill needs to be amended to require 2 election officials transfer of voted ballot boxes to their final storage location after the polls close. Right now, the bill's language only requires 1 election official. That needs to be changed to better secure the ballot boxes and align with 127.066(c).

Debbie Tropiano  
self / retired  
CEDAR PARK, TX

Early voting and county-wide voting has saved Texas counties a huge amount of money and allowed polling locations to be staffed. They have also made it easier for working people to actually vote on a regular basis. Early voting on weekend days is essential in allowing people employed in many professions to vote at all. Educators who work outside of the county they live in, have great difficulty accessing their polling locations around their working hours since they regularly need to arrive early to school and are staying late to work with students, attend campus meetings, grade papers, work on lesson plans, etc. People working in other professions face similar challenges.

Mail-in voting is essential for military members stationed outside their county and especially outside the USA to vote as well as for their eligible family members to vote. Any changes making mail-in voting more difficult would impede military members and families from exercising their right to vote! It would also impact many elderly people, disabled people and college students.

Texas should be making voting easier for eligible voters, not harder! Voting is a right and that right should be able to be exercised easily!

Lois McDougall, Mrs.  
Precinct Chair 1034 - Little Elm, Texas  
Little Elm, TX

I approve of this bill. It reduces the gap between early voting and Election Day voting. This allows for only one tape of voters from one machine and makes the election more secure by eliminating swapping out machines.

Christine Hoar  
Citizen of Texas  
Rockwall, TX

I support the bill for election integrity  
Please pass it

Kelley Burnett  
Self and Election Integrity Project Nueces Co  
Ingleside, TX

support this bill. This bill clarifies sections of election law that need to be clarified. But the most important thing this bill does is to remove the gap between Early Voting and Election Day. This is a win in many ways. 1) This bill makes it easier to maintain election staff, by limiting the number of days they are having to put on their calendar to work for the county. This will increase the number

Mary Jane Ligon  
Self/retired antique dealer  
Dallas, TX

I am woman 85 years and remember ww2 with two brothers surviving. It is vital that the access to placing a vote to slow the pace to recreating a nazi Germany again is vital. Accepting gifts from Saudi Arabia, forgiving their flying airplanes into NY Towers, seemed unbelievable yesterday. Please see that the elderly and handicapped are always able to place their own individual vote.

Lincoln Achilli  
self  
Dallas, TX

Any legislation that shortens early voting and reduces the use of electronic pollbooks and tabulation equipment is good and I support it.

The legislation must not stop there. Elections should ultimately be reduced to election day only voting, using hand marked, hand counted paper ballots that are counted at the precinct. Voter check in should only use paper pollbooks of regularly maintained voter rolls. Only US citizens should be allowed to vote in any election conducted in the state

Teri Wilson  
Myself SB2753  
Sanger, TX

Please pass this bill. It shortens the window thus keeping the tape from one machine and one tape and other changes keeping the integrity of the vote and making it more secure.

Lindsey Crow, Mrs  
Self. Retired  
Austin, TX  
Oppose.

Suzanne OBrien  
Self-Nurse  
Belton, TX

I approve of this bill. It reduces the gap between early voting and Election Day voting. This allows for only one tape of voters from one machine and makes the election more secure by eliminating swapping out machines.

Connie Hudson, Precinct Chair2088, Denton County  
Salt and Light Ministry  
The Colony, TX

Pass this bill. This is an election integrity issue.

Nancy Pontius  
Self - school receptionist  
Aubrey, TX

We NEED this bill!!! We need to reduce the gap between early voting and Election Day voting... and have only one tape of voters from one machine ...and make the election more secure by eliminating swapping out voting machines!!!

Deborah Avellano

Self

Corinth, TX

I strongly support SB2753, and recommend its passage into law. For the sake of election integrity, elections would be much more secure if we reduced election early voting times and had the voting scheduled for one continuous period from any early voting through Election Day, so one voting tape would be made for each machine and no machines would be switched in and out of the election administration building between early voting and Election Day. We need that continuous tape for transparency. It would also benefit the cost of operations for early voting to have the time reduced. Voters do not need two weeks prior to Election Day. Thank you for passing this forward to the Governor's desk for signature into law.

John Holmgreen

Self and Election Integrity Project of Nueces County

Corpus Christi, TX

I support this bill. This bill clarifies sections of election law that need to be clarified. But the most important thing this bill does is to remove the gap between Early Voting and Election Day. This is a win in many ways. This bill will fix the problem of having to remove equipment from a polling place after Early Voting and re-installing it for Election Day. Many polling places that offer their facilities have other events between Early Voting and Election Day. Having to do the setup and tear down twice each makes it harder to recruit election workers, especially seniors, who struggle to set it up and tear it down once, much less twice. This bill would remove the issue of storing equipment securely, in order to prevent tampering. This bill increases election integrity. Please vote for this bill, and send it to the floor to pass.

Cheryl Foster

Self, Self Employed

Waco, TX

It doesn't appear that Rep Hall has ever worked an election.

Forcing all early voting sites to become voting day sites will be logistically problematic. (Sec 3-43.0015) In McLennan County we use the early voting site at our elections office as central count - we cannot use it as an election day site.

Sec 15.0001 shortening the early voting days is disenfranchising and not necessary. Why do Republicans continue to try to hinder voting. If you are worried about extra costs for smaller counties - then change the verbiage to something like at least 12 days, but not more than 19 days for early voting. Why make it harder for people to vote?

Shann Turner

Self

Lexington, TX

SB 2753 is a good bill. Texans and Americans voted for more secure elections. We have not done enough this session to make that happen.

Transparency and security in our elections is vital.

Please pass SB 2753

Brenda K Estis

SELF / RETIRED / SREC SD15 Committeewoman

Houston, TX

I SUPPORT this bill. Among other things, it will save counties money, time and resources.

Kaneisha Lewis

self

Fort Worth, TX

This is a necessary requirement for democracy.

David Polkinghorn, mr

mr

Conroe, TX

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Michael Belsick

Fredericksburg Tea Party

Fredericksburg, TX

AGAINST SB 2753 Can't really tell what they are trying to change with this bill. There are a lot of different changes. All of this doesn't really seem necessary.

Pamela Woods, PRESIDENT

Election Integrity Project of Nueces County

Corpus Christi, TX, TX

Even though this bill is being called an Omnibus, I really believe it more of a consolidation bill. Consolidating the early voting and election day as one week prior to the Federally mandated date of the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November. By consolidating these two types of voting early voting and in person voting on election day become one method. This will prevent the need to remove equipment after early voting has ended, to prepare for Election day. Poll pads and election equipment has to be recalibrated for two types of voting early and election day. This would no longer be necessary, allowing for a savings in election cost. The bill refers to this as a "Single voting period"

The procedures to vote by mail would remain the same. However, the need for an early voting ballot board would not be needed only a ballot board to process Mail in Ballots. Even though there are no changes to qualify for a vote by mail, as an able-bodied voter over 65 I do believe that only disabled individuals over 70 should qualify for a mail in ballot.

The argument over precincts verse county wide voting appears to be a compromise in this bill. By using precincts but creating a polling center in these precincts and assigning voters to a specific precinct polling center is a very good compromise. There is also a cost savings by removing the need to move or redeploy machines between early voting and Election Day.

I urge the passage of this bill.

Pamela Woods President EIP of Nueces County

Susan Bell

self

Kerrville, TX

I support SB 2753. Anything we can do to avoid voting by mail is good

JOAL MCDONALD

Self retired

HUMBLE, TX

This bill appears to be another attempt by our legislature to make it more difficult for people to vote in the name of election integrity and efficiency. We must encourage to vote by making it as convenient as possible. How about online voting? That way we don't have to worry about early and absentee voting periods. Please vote "no" on advancing this bill.