

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE LEGISLATION FOR ACCURATE, TRANSPARENT, AUDITABLE ELECTIONS IN TEXAS

Whereas, WE THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS deserve secure, ACCURATE, TRANSPARENT, and AUDITABLE elections with full ACCOUNTABILITY for those who violate our election laws;

Whereas, our current voting processes are dependent upon an expensive, proprietary, overly complex “black box” system that uses encrypted codes unreadable by the human eye and where the election results are unverifiable;

Whereas, the black box system is approved for use through grossly inadequate certification and security procedures, creates a vast, unnecessary security risk with unacceptable opportunities for undetectable error and nefarious activity, and is impossible to maintain or operate without support from vendors due to its proprietary complexity;

Whereas our voter rolls are inflated and inaccurate despite hundreds of thousands of dollars paid to ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center);

Whereas, maintaining three separate voting processes of mail-in, early, and election day voting creates unnecessary risks of opportunities for abuse and error;

Whereas, election officials across Texas at all levels have altered, ignored, and waived important election procedures designed to secure our elections, with no way to hold them accountable;

Whereas, it is impossible for the electorate to know whether the declared winner reflects the intent of the majority of the people who legally cast their vote in the race;

Whereas it is abundantly apparent that Texas has sacrificed security for convenience by allowing non-standardized procedures and insecure processes and equipment;

Whereas, recent polls show that a great percentage of the population across party lines has lost faith in our elections;

Be it resolved, that the _____ formally requests the 88th Texas Legislature pass legislation to minimize election mismanagement and vote manipulation by requiring:

- hand-marked, sequentially numbered paper ballots preprinted on counterfeit-resistant paper, signed by an election judge
- paper poll books, fixed 30 days before the election period
- precinct “neighborhood” level voting (no county-wide polling place program)
- tabulation of ballots by hand count at the precinct level
- verifying vote results with random hand counts and robust audits
- elimination of the gap between election day and the end of early voting
- limiting mail-in voting to only those who legitimately need it
- cleaning and securing our voter rolls ensuring they contain only qualified and eligible citizens
- eliminating the costly and ineffective ERIC system (Electronic Registration Information Center)
- restoration of felony penalties for fraudulent voting
- reinstatement of Texas Attorney General’s prosecutorial authority to investigate and prosecute election and voter fraud
- prohibition of rank choice voting and any foreign ownership of election processes, data storage, or components
- county-to-precinct and state-to-county election results verification,

Which will result in an election process that is transparent, accurate, verifiable, and holds officials and voters accountable. This will make Texas the nation’s leader in election integrity – as it should be!

I hereby agree with this resolution _____ Date _____

PRINTED NAME & TITLE _____

COUNTY _____, Texas