

Election Integrity and Voter Access Time to Hit the Reset Button

In the 2020 General Election, a majority of the voting age population voted for the first time in Texas history. According to the Texas Secretary of State, the election was "smooth and secure" despite all the challenges. Yet today, our state government is in serious conflict over proposals to reform our election laws.

Texans face everyday issues of life and livelihood that require orderly legislative resolution. Our communities cannot endure this protracted and escalating battle of wills.

Lawmakers will serve Texas best by "hitting the reset button" on this polarized issue. It is time to negotiate a new bill—one that demonstrates broad stakeholder input. Texans deserve an election integrity bill that affirms commonsense reforms and does not reduce access to the ballot for any eligible voter.

Process Matters

- Listen to minority communities
- Listen to the disability community
- Listen to demonstrably nonpartisan voting rights organizations
- Negotiate a new bill with all stakeholders

Drop the Partisan

- No interference in elections by partisans
- No intimidation by poll watchers
- No criminal or financial jeopardy for election workers
- No prosecuting caregiver assisters
- No criminalizing legitimate assistance

Affirm What Works

- Longer early voting period
- More polling locations
- More opportunities for weekend voting
- Online voter registration
- More attention to best practices (like Utah's vote by mail system)

Strengthening election integrity and voter access is critical to the health of our democracy. We all want more secure elections. Secure elections do not require new barriers to voting.







