

## **Bills Passed that LWVTX Supported\***

*Each bill effective Sept. 1, 2021, unless otherwise indicated*

### [HB 1264](#) - Bell, Keith **[Signed by Gov]**

Requires more timely reports of deceased residents be forwarded to voter registrars and the secretary of state.

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5	23	Royce West	Voice			
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3	103	Rafael Anchía	X			
4	104	Jessica González		X		
5	105	Thresa Meza				X
6	107	Victoria Neave	X			
7	108	Morgan Meyer	X			
8	109	Carl Sherman Sr	X			
9	110	Toni Rose	X			
10	111	Yvonne Davis	X			
11	112	Angie Chen Button	X			
12	113	Rhetta Bowers	X			
13	114	John Turner	X			
14	115	Julie Johnson	X			

### [HB 1382](#) - Bucy **[Signed by Gov]**

Requires an electronic tracking process be established for VBM application and ballots

Before voters can access the website to check on status of the application or ballot, the voter must provide:

- voter's name and registration address and the last four digits of the voter's social security number;  
**and**
- the voter's driver license number or personal identification card number issued by the Department of Public Safety.

The tracking process will also require each carrier envelope be assigned a serially numbered and sequentially issued barcode or tracking number that is unique to each envelope and recorded.

Separate early voting rosters required:

- early voting clerk shall maintain separate rosters of persons who vote early by personal appearance and persons to whom an early voting ballot by mail is sent
- Information shall be posted on the website at designated times to include:
  - persons who vote early in person
  - persons who vote early by mail

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[HB 1397](#) - White **[Signed by Gov]**

Requires election equipment vendors disclose company ownership of anyone with 5% interest or more

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#### [HB 4555](#) - Guillen

Clarifies the ability of individuals with previous felony convictions to run for office. Also changes penalties for providing false information.

- Applications to file as a candidate to add “an indication of either not been finally convicted of a felony, or if convicted has been pardoned or otherwise released from the resulting disability
- Persons convicted of a felony must include proof of the pardon or release
- Providing false information on the form becomes a Class B misdemeanor
- Application must inform candidates of these provisions

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#### [SB 231](#) - Seliger **[Signed by Gov]**

Requires SOS to provide training for election officials. This includes the Elections Administrator, County Tax Assessor-Collector who also serves as Voter Registrar, and County Clerk (depending on the Clerk’s involvement in elections)

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**SB 331 - Johnson [Signed by Gov] effective June 14, 2021**

Clarifies who may serve as interpreters to voters at an in-person polling place.

- A voter may choose to bring their own interpreter.
- Interpreters appointed by election officers must be registered voters in the county or adjacent county, and take a prescribed oath.
- Meant to bring the law into compliance with a court ruling on the subject, which found that restricting interpreters to registered voters in the county was too restrictive
- If the voter also needs assistance translating the ballot, then the voter can receive assistance according to the “voter assistance” provisions under chapter 64, including the oath.

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**SB 598 - Kolkhorst [Signed by Gov]**

Establishes for risk limiting audits of election results and calls for equipment to offer paper audit trail capability

- The risk-limiting audit (RLA) and the publication of audit results apply to an election that occurs after August 31, 2026, that contains a race or measure that is voted on statewide, and in which an auditable voting system is used.
- No later than 24 hours after all ballots are counted, the general custodian of election records, is to conduct a risk-limiting audit for a selected statewide race or measure.
  - SOS will adopt rules prescribing statistically accepted audit procedures necessary to select the precincts to be counted and the office or proposition to be counted.
  - SOS can appoint personnel to assist with the audit and poll watchers may be present.
- Calls for a five-county pilot program for the November 2022 election
  - SOS shall conduct a pilot program of the risk-limiting audit program beginning with the election taking place November 8, 2022 with at least five counties, one of which must be 500,000 or more in population

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**SB 851 - Blanco [Signed by Gov]**

Adds the SOS Elections Division Director to the Texas Cybersecurity Council officially

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[SB 1116](#) - Bettencourt **[Signed by Gov]**

Requires additional helpful election notice information requirements for county, city, ISD websites

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**A Hybrid**

LWVTX did not take a position on [HB 3107](#) - Clardy **[Signed by Gov]**. As introduced, it was a typical procedural “clean-up” bill. However, in the final days of the session, Rep. Clardy was able to add the text of his HB 2149, that we did support. That bill allows the return of temporary polling places for some counties. It is allowed in counties of 100,000 in population or less. However, other negative items were inserted that will be reported later.

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