Bills Passed that LWVTX Opposed

Each bill effective Sept. 1, 2021

HB 574 - Bonnen [Signed by Gov.]

Creating a felony of the second degree for a person who knowingly or intentionally "makes any effort" to count invalid votes or to refuse to count valid votes.

		Name Senate				
	District	House	Yea	Nay	NV	Absent
1	2	Bob Hall	Voice			
2	8	Angela Paxton	Voice			
3	9	Kelly Hancock	Voice			
4	16	Nathan Johnson		Voice		
5	23	Royce West	Voice			
1	100	Jasmine Crockett		Х		
2	102	Ana Marie Ramos		Х		
3	103	Rafael Anchía		Х		
4	104	Jessica González		Х		
5	105	Thresa Meza		Х		
6	107	Victoria Neave	Х			
7	108	Morgan Meyer				Х
8	109	Carl Sherman Sr		Х		
9	110	Toni Rose		Х		
10	111	Yvonne Davis		Х		
11	112	Angie Chen Button	Х			
12	113	Rhetta Bowers		Х		
13	114	John Turner		Х		
14	115	Julie Johnson		Х		

HB 2283 - King, Phil [Signed by Gov.]

Prohibiting elections funding assistance from any outside sources. Does allow acceptance of:

- Food or beverage for E-workers
- Offer of use, without charge or for reduced fee, of public or private building for conducting an election

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1	2	Bob Hall	Х			
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HB 3920 - Dean [Signed by Gov]

Relating to eligibility to vote by mail

- Adds as a ground for eligibility: expecting to give birth within 3 weeks before or after election day
- Specifies what is NOT sufficient cause to VBM:
 - a lack of transportation;
 - a sickness that does not prevent the voter from appearing at the polling place on election day without a likelihood of needing personal assistance or of injuring the voter's health; or
 - o a requirement to appear at the voter 's place of employment on election day.
- Adds that an applicant for VBM must affirm disability in an oath on the application

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SB 1111 - Bettencourt [Signed by Gov]

Relating to the residence address of a voter for purposes of responding to a confirmation notice sent by the voter registrar.

- Amends the definition of residence to specify that a person cannot establish a residence:
 - o to affect the outcome of an election, or
 - o in a place the person has not inhabited
- Adds that a voter registrar must send a confirmation of residence notice if a person uses a commercial P.O. box number
- The confirmation response form must list the type of acceptable documentation to confirm residence; or if the person is exempted, then the type of exemption claimed.
- The type of acceptable documentation includes: a DL, a DPS ID, a license to carry a concealed handgun, an appraisal district documentation of homestead exemption, a utility bill with address, or a car registration with address.
- The confirmation response must be submitted within 30 days.

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<u>SB 1113</u> Bettencourt [Signed by Gov.]

Requiring election funding administered by the Secretary of State be withheld if counties do not keep their voter registration rolls updated.

- If a registrar fails to timely perform a duty to approve, change, or cancel a voter's registration, the Secretary of State may withhold funds administered under Chapter 19 or Section 31.009 of the Election Code.
- If the registrar performs the neglected duty within 30 days after the funds are withheld, SOS shall go ahead and distribute the funds.

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<u>A Hybrid</u>

LWVTX did not take a position on <u>HB 3107</u> (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 LWVTX supported. 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, some negative items were inserted that will be detailed in the future.

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