



**NEWS FOR THE ENGAGED CITIZEN!**

**Letter from the Chair**

Thank you to everyone who traveled with us to Austin. We sincerely enjoyed having each of you with us and trust you feel empowered to discuss what's going on in Texas regarding our elections. As you learned, Texas is at a crossroads and we must continue to pressure our legislators to vote in favor of securing our elections. We also want to thank the Republican Party of Bexar County for partnering with us to make this trip possible.

The Chairmen of the House of Rep has sole discretion whether action is taken on a bill. That being said, Speaker of the House, Dade Phelan appointed 8 democrats to chair committees. While less than last session, there are 8 democrats who will use their power to determine if a bill is killed in committee; or is moved out of committee. Until Republicans learn they must use their powers to prevent this, nothing will change. Shame on Speaker Phelan and our house "republicans". However, we must move forward and deal with what we have; therefore, as soon as possible, please contact each person on the elections committee listed below. Then, contact your senators and house reps demanding they vote to get the machines out. This session's election committee is considerably less conservative than last session.

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# What did people say about the Austin trip?

**"I had a wonderful time and got a lot of information on what I can do."**

**"Thank you so much for allowing me to watch you navigate through the Representatives. Your professionalism and genuineness was inspiring. Please let me know what I can help with."**

**"This trip was awesome. I learned so much, even on the trip up and back; I'd love to do it again."**

**"First time to the Capitol. This trip far exceeded my expectations and how you all served us – WOW. I would do this again."**

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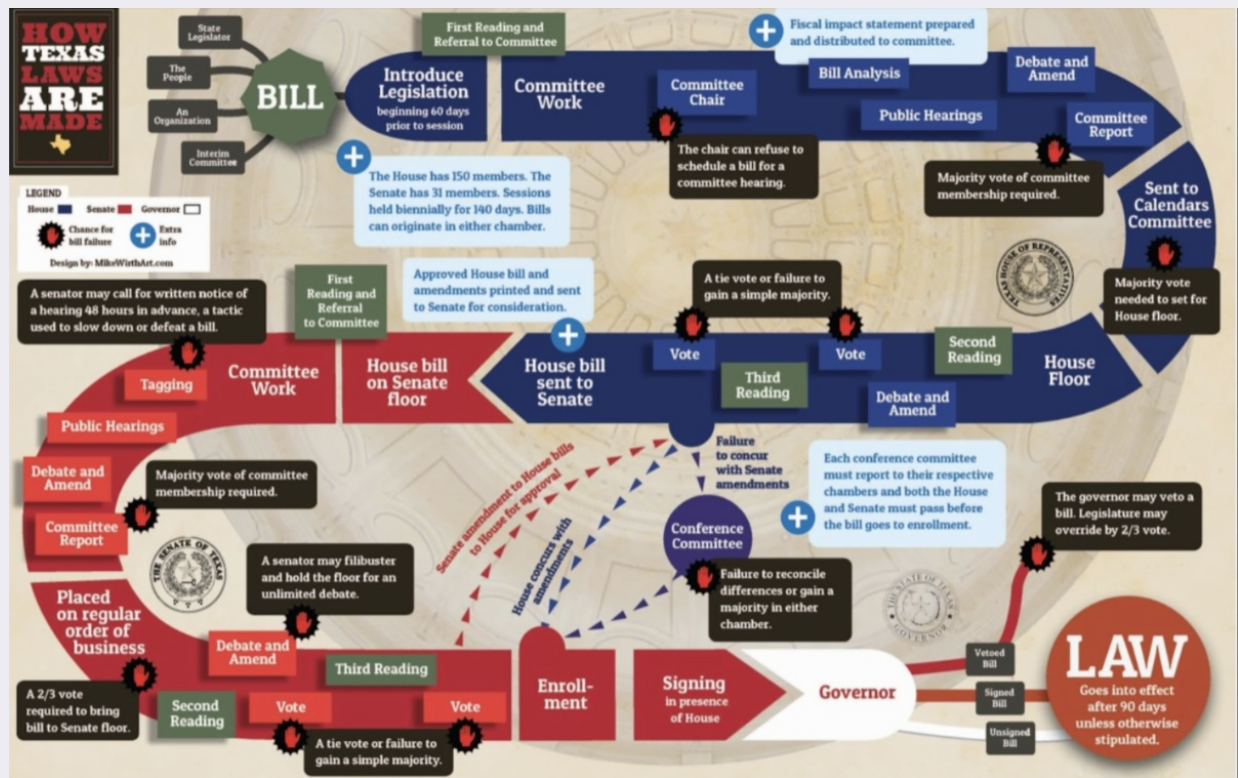
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0:32: Senator Hall's remarks  
1:07 Russ Ramsland  
2:04. Machine Hacking Demo

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## Gearing up for May Elections

# What will be on the May ballot?

- **Mayoral Race**
- **River Authority Board**
  
- **School Board:**
  - **AHISD has 2 seats up for election**
  - **Northside ISD has 4 seats up for election**
  - **SAISD has 3 seats up for election**
  - **Southside ISD has 5 seats up for election**
  - **Southwest ISD has 2 seats up for election**
  - **Spring Branch has 2 seats up for election**

**If you know someone considering to run, the filing deadline is fast approaching. For Mayor, 2/17. School board candidates need to check with their school board district.**



## **Throwing the Hammer Down on the Justice Charter!**

**Learn more about the what the justice policy is about and why we are against it.**

In addition to these elections, the “Justice Policy” is slated to be included on the ballot. This is an Amendment to San Antonio’s City Charter. Details below.

Have you heard of the “Justice Policy”? Perhaps you signed a petition to get it on the May ballot? Let me explain the details to this dangerous attempt to alter our San Antonio City Charter and in the process, dismantle our justice system rendering our police ineffective.

Two attorneys out of the Austin area have written an Amendment to the **San Antonio City Charter**. The petition, to get this on the May ballot, garnered over 38k signatures. While those signatures have to be validated, all they need is 20k.

On the surface, the amendment doesn’t sound too harmful, i.e. “We will be saving money, keeping families together, stopping the unnecessary overcrowding of jails — but most of all, we will be saving lives through these policies,”

Sound good? Who wouldn't want to save money, stop overcrowding, keep families together and save lives? However, what's behind the smoke and mirrors is stunning and will actually put you and your family at risk.

What are some of these policies?

1. Banning chokeholds for police to subdue a suspect. Do you want them to use billy clubs?
2. A policeman who uses a chokehold to restrain a suspect can have criminal charges brought against him/her
3. Abolishing no-knock warrants – a policeman knocking gives the suspect time to take aim at the police
4. Expand site and release
5. No charges brought against criminals who break into your home, or business, and take your property, if under \$750. Have you seen CA lately? They don't stop at \$750. They take whatever they want and walk free.

While our police department already has many of the policies in effect, codifying these will radically change the safety of our city and put you and our officers at risk.

Additionally, this "Justice Policy/Charter" Amendment is contrary to our laws and State Constitution.

Please know we will follow up with information as it evolves and nears the May election, in the meantime, we're throwing the hammer down on the "Justice Policy".



## Voter Registrars Must Renew Certification

Every Texas deputy voter registrar's certification expired on December 31st, 2022. If you wish to register voters, please go here <https://www.bexar.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=958> and sign up for zoom, in person or on line. Read the directions carefully. If you complete the training on line, you will print and complete the test. Then, you will take the completed test to the elections department, 1103 S Frio between 9AM and 4PM, Monday – Friday, to be sworn in. If you've never helped as a VDR, we recommend the in-person training so you can ask questions. Let us know when you've completed your certification so we can get you on one of our teams who register citizens to vote.

## In Election Integrity News



### Voter fraud case against SA campaign worker in doubt after Texas Attorney General departs case

KENDALL COUNTY, Texas - A voter fraud case against a San Antonio campaign worker is in doubt after the Texas Attorney General's Office said in court filings that it had been disqualified from handling the case. Raquel Rodriguez was charged in early 2021 with election fraud, illegal voting, unlawfully assisting people voting by mail, and unlawfully possessing an official ballot.

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The US Supreme Court set the date for conference! February 17th.

They have agreed to reconsider our case for a possible hearing. If we get 4 votes then our petition will be granted, which means that the Solicitor General, along with her team of expert lawyers will have the chance battle it out with the Brunson Brothers and see if the judges will determine that the Oath of Office is important, because right now it might as well not exist.

This whole case rests on this one question:

If there is no penalty for breaking the Oath of Office, then why have it at all?

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