

# Resolution to Draft a Bill Adding an Enforcement Mechanism for Texas Election Codes to Prevent and Prosecute the Violation Thereof

Whereas conventional American philosophy dictates that unless there is a law prohibiting a given activity, then the activity is arguably legal to conduct generally, and

Whereas Article 1, Section 4 of the National Constitution states that the legislature of each State is the entity responsible for prescribing the time, manner and places of our elections, and

Whereas Article 6, Section 2(c) of the Constitution of the Great State of Texas states that the practice of free suffrage shall be protected under due penalties from all undue influence in our elections, naming possible examples as Bribery, Power, Tumult, or other improper practice, and

Whereas Keith Ingram from the Texas Secretary of State's Elections Department has issued advisory codes, and even less formal opinions, to county elections officials which effectively waive or circumvent Texas Election Codes which were drafted, debated and passed through the State legislature, and

Whereas these authorized waivers and methods of circumvention of Texas Election Codes have weakened the ability to conduct a full, forensic audit of county election processes across the state, and

Whereas this issue must necessarily be taken up with the State Legislature in the very next session, so that the Legislature might reclaim their authority over the election processes they have deemed appropriate, and

Whereas there does not appear to be an entity responsible for enforcing the Texas Election Codes,

Be it Resolved that the State Legislature must draft a bill to establish and codify that it is the responsibility of each county's Sheriff and Sheriff's deputies to enforce, investigate and refer for prosecution, the violation of Texas Election Codes which have been drafted, debated and passed by the State Legislature.

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