

Trust in our elections is at an all-time low, across the nation and in every party. In 2016 the fear was that Russia could hack our elections and swing it in favor of Republican candidate Trump. In 2020 the same fear resurfaced, and the concern that hacking into our election systems could be accomplished much closer to home. Texans MUST have trust in our elections or they will not turn out to vote and the Will of the People will be even further abandoned for the whims of special interest groups.

**Democrats** deserve clean and fair primaries.

**Republicans** deserve clean and fair primaries.

**Libertarians and Independents** deserve clean and fair primaries.

All parties and all citizens deserve to have elections that can be thoroughly and timely audited and as a result, trusted. For this to happen, Texas voters must raise the level of awareness over election procedures in place currently, as well as past procedures. This is the only way for citizens to recognize when and where major changes are occurring in the administration of our elections.

**Article 1, Section 4 of the National Constitution; *“The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of choosing Senators.”***

This provision outlines that it is solely the duty of the State Legislature to create, approve and pass election laws, and is often interpreted as applying only to federal offices up for election, however Texas has strongly worded legislation which mandates uniformity across the state;

**Texas Election Code 1.002 *“APPLICABILITY OF CODE. (a) This code applies to all general, special, and primary elections held in this state.***

***(b) This code supersedes a conflicting statute outside this code unless this code or the outside statute expressly provides otherwise.”***

Texans must demand our Legislature clean up any and all gray areas in our laws where official election procedures are in question, each member of the Legislature must be capable of explaining in detail and defending procedures in place at the county level, as they are legally responsible for the passage of laws securing elections in Texas. Our country cannot survive another few years of total distrust in our very ability to govern ourselves.

**Texas Constitution, Section 2(c) *“The privilege of free suffrage shall be protected by laws regulating elections and prohibiting under adequate penalties all undue influence in elections from power, bribery, tumult, or other improper practice.”***

There is an effort to undermine our nation, our Republican form of government and our values as a society. I will stand up for each and every citizen's right to lawful elections, and I support the fight to secure elections from all undue influence and improper practice.

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