Groundbreaking Update

The Texas Attorney General's Ruling

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Election Records are Public Records

The latest ruling from the office of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is a profound one. The ruling states that Texas Election Law (1.012, 66.058) identifies "Election Records" as "Public Records" and that, as long as a cast ballot cannot be traced back to a voter, they are covered under the Public Information Act. He points out that the 22-month preservation period exists to allow examination of the records, and that there is no need to wait for the end of the preservation period to allow public access to the records.

Read the Attorney General's Ruling

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Refusals are a Thing of the Past



Prior to this latest ruling, County Election Officials statewide were regularly refusing to produce election records, tying up the process in lengthy requests for Ken Paxton to back them up and authorize their approval. This is a requirement of the Public Information Act - an official cannot deny you requested records without a supporting ruling from the Attorney General's office outlining the reason for the refusal.

Read about the Public Information Act

This ruling did not "change" any laws, but interpreted them in a clear way that favored the Rights of the People to audit their own elections. Texas Election Laws are some of the strongest in the Nation, we simply need to follow them. Thanks to our Attorney General, red tape will never again be an obstacle for citizens looking for ways to properly audit or simply examine election records for their own understanding. We encourage everyone to send a copy of the Attorney General's ruling to their County Clerk or Election Administrator for future reference. This is one of the best rulings we could have asked for. Despite the CCA ruling which attempted to neuter our Attorney General and prevent him from investigating Election Fraud, Ken Paxton unleashed his authority by returning power and public access to the People. We will not be denied our rights.

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