



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF TEXAS**

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS
HB 150 PLAN H 113
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I am Anita Privett, the Advocacy VP of LWV-TX. The League has a long standing interest in fair representation of all our citizens. The power of an individual's vote is diluted if districts are drawn to make them safe for one party or the other, to pack racial or ethnic groups unfairly into one district in order to suppress their influence, or to break up those groups among several districts for the same purpose. Such actions can have far-reaching impacts on hard-working families.

We've reviewed Plan H 113. We support minority communities around the state in feeling that they are being significantly short changed on representation in this plan. We realize that redistricting is a very hard and often thankless task but we ask you to do better than this map. This map just perpetuates the inequities of the past. We ask that you identify additional minority opportunity districts.