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OF TEXAS**

**TESTIMONY
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
HB 10
House Public Health Committee
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I am Jane McFarland testifying as a member and on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Texas. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments in support of House Bill 3266 regarding the conduct that constitutes the practice of psychology.

The Texas League of Women Voters supports this proposed legislation because it furthers the League's position on behavioral health which maintains that every U.S. citizen should have access to quality behavioral health services.

This legislation supports this position in that it clarifies the definition of the practice of psychology as well what is not the practice of psychology. With this clarifying language in the Psychology Act, the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists may enforce this law and the rules of the Board effectively.

The Act changes in this proposed legislation have been vetted by appropriate stakeholders and now should be approved by the Texas Legislature, thereby allowing the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to perform its invaluable regulatory services for Texas citizens.

Thank you for allowing the Texas League of Women Voters to provide you with our testimony today.

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The League of Women Voters of Texas (LWV-TX) is a nonpartisan citizens' organization that has fought since 1919 to improve our government and engage all citizens in the decisions that impact their lives. It represents more than 5000 members and supporters throughout Texas.

The League of Women Voters never supports or opposes candidates for office or political parties. The member-driven organization of women and men encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government and seeks to influence public policy through education and advocacy of positions based on extensive issue study and consensus.