



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF TEXAS**

**TESTIMONY  
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I am Grace Chimene, testifying as a member and on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Texas. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments in opposition to SB 21 that would allow the Legislature, as opposed to the voting citizenry, to select the delegates to a constitutional convention.

Our position on a constitutional convention, like other League positions, is derived through a lengthy and thoughtful process involving Leagues from across the country and the participation of 24 local Texas leagues.

The League of Women Voters of Texas position is that the representation at the Constitutional Convention must be based on population rather than one state, one vote, and delegates should be elected rather than appointed. The delegates represent citizens, should be elected by them, and must be distributed by U.S. population.

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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.