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The following bill is on the House Regular Order of Business Calendar.

Elections
SB 362
OPPOSE

League Members: Contact your State Representative urging a NO vote for SB 362

When: Now

Background: The Texas legislature has tried to pass a Voter ID bill for the past two sessions but failed to do so. This year the Texas Senate took the unusual step of suspending its two-thirds rule for the sake of passing this single piece of legislation and easily passed SB 362. No other bill was treated in this special way. After a hearing and considerable discussion and multiple substitute bills, the Texas House Elections Committee just voted out SB 362 exactly as it came from the Senate. Many people do not understand that this bill will negatively affect between 2% and 8% of the voting population of Texas.

What to say: This voter ID requirement is a barrier to voting, NOT an answer to voter fraud as supporters would have you believe. The only problem that requiring a photo ID even purports to solve is “voter impersonation.” The League has studied the evidence of “voter impersonation” at both the national and Texas levels and found it to be practically non-existent.

Where to find the phone number or email address of your Texas Representative:
www.fyi.legis.state.tx.us Recommend a phone call to add to their tally of yeas and nays.

You may also want to call one or more members of the Committee on Calendars and ask that they put a hold on the bill. We’d like to do anything we can to slow this bill down so that time runs out on passing a bill in this session. This is a link to members of the committee: <http://www.txdirectory.com/online/housecom/detail.php?id=259>

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