



**TESTIMONY
SB 1310**

Senate State Affairs Committee
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The League of Women Voters of Texas has a long history of working to increase voter participation in Texas and supporting laws that would make it easier for Texans to vote.

We support SB 1310 as a pilot program to permit the Secretary of State to gather more data about the value of using countywide polling places. It could be a way to make voting more convenient, and thereby increase voter turnout. Counties could save money by having to provide fewer precincts.

SB 1310 requires public hearings, which are essential. We urge input from all community groups, including minority and disability groups, be included on all potential voting sites. Sites should be chosen that have the best possible access by members of all communities.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.