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OF TEXAS**

**TESTIMONY  
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**SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
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I am Cinde Weatherby, testifying as a member and on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Texas. We appear today to speak in SUPPORT of SB 142 by Senator Garcia. Thank you for providing us the opportunity to address you today on the important topic of modernizing the Texas voting process through online training of volunteer deputy registrars (VDRs).

The League of Women Voters of Texas strongly endorses actions to modernize all facets of the Texas voting process. Much like our support of the adoption of online voter registration, we believe we should be using 21<sup>st</sup> Century technology to our advantage. Standardizing VDR training and broadening its availability is a good thing.

Since 1919, our membership has engaged in promoting registration of Texas voters. We know the unique challenges that officials in each of the 254 counties face. We also know there is a range of VDR training experiences that do not appear to be meeting the demands for it. Having a thorough online training program can be quite beneficial in addressing the currently unmet needs.

Upon passage of this bill, LWV-TX stands ready to assist the Secretary of State's Office in pilot testing of the program or any other actions to advance voter registration in our state. We encourage you to vote FOR SB 142.

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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 3,900 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.