



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS

**TESTIMONY
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS
HOMELAND SECURITY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
HB 899
Tuesday, April 11, 2017**

I am Aimee Mobley Turney testifying as a member and on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Texas IN SUPPORT OF HB 899. We appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to share the League of Women Voters of Texas' position on this bill.

We support HB 899. Our position on gun safety, like other League positions, is derived through a lengthy and thoughtful process involving the participation of 25 local Leagues representing more than 5,000 members and supporters throughout the state of Texas.

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports this proposed legislation regarding 30.06 and 30.07 signage with its innovative steps of

- Reducing the size of the signs to 8 ½ x 11 inches.
- Simplifying the wording and providing a pictogram of a handgun which shows, on a white background, a handgun drawn in black ink within a red circle and a diagonal red line across the handgun and
- Creating uniform signs that are easily accessible and downloadable from the Department of Public Safety's website

The current 30.06 and 30.07 signage requirements require a long phrase in two languages in large letters that results in a sign the size of a small child that must be printed by a professional printer. No other state requires a sign nearly as large.

Though signage requirements have been in place for 20 years it was only last session that the requirements became so burdensome for business owners. Let's lift the onerous requirements and make it easy for business owners to comply with 30.06 and 30.07 signage requirements.

HB 899 is a common sense solution for the complicated 30.06 and 30.07 signage requirements.

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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.



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