

The Senate of The State of Texas



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'VOTER ID' LEGISLATION PASSES TEXAS SENATE 19-11

Today, after two full days of debate, the Texas Senate passed SB 14, better known to most as 'Voter ID'. Senator Birdwell proudly joint-authored this important bill that was brought to the floor by Senator Troy Fraser (R-Horseshoe Bay).

"After hearing more than 40 amendments and working late into both nights, I voted with 18 of my fellow senators to pass this legislation that will help prevent voter fraud in Texas," said Sen. Birdwell. "The sanctity of the ballot box must be protected, and today I was proud to help advance that goal."

SB 14 will require Texans to produce authorized photo identification in order to vote. Voters will be able to use a Texas driver's license or ID card, military ID, passport or Texas concealed handgun license as a valid form of photo identification at any polling place.

In 2009, during the 81st legislative session, 'Voter ID' (SB 362) passed the Senate but was never considered in the House. SB 14 now moves to the House, where passage is considered likely. Governor Rick Perry, who declared the issue an 'emergency item', supports the measure.

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Senator Brian Birdwell represents Senate District 22, which includes Bosque, Coryell, Ellis, Falls, Hill, Hood, Johnson, Navarro, McLennan and Somervell counties.

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