



**TESTIMONY
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS**

HOUSE CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 9, 2017

I am Cinde Weatherby, testifying as a member and on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Texas. We appreciate the opportunity to provide appear before you today. The League of Women Voters of Texas supports HB 187.

Our positions on voting and elections, like other League positions, are derived through a lengthy and thoughtful process involving the participation of all the local Leagues throughout the state and representing more than 5,000 members and supporters in Texas.

As a Volunteer Deputy Registrar (VDR) I have encountered individuals who have served their time and completed all terms of their parole or supervision who do not realize they regain their ability to vote. I have spoken with other League members who have also had the same experiences. This bill will help the previously incarcerated know they have regained that right and can be fully functioning citizens once more.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization, whose primary mission is encouraging the informed and active participation in government. While our history began with the determination that every female citizen be able to vote and actively participate, we strongly believe that all citizens are important in making our democracy work and urge your passage of HB 187.

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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 5,000 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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