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July 10, 1983

The Honorable Ed Watson  
Texas House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78769

Dear Ed,

The League of Women Voters of Texas congratulates you on your successful passage of HB 487 on the siting of hazardous waste management facilities. In my new capacity as LWV-Texas Director for Hazardous Waste and Land Use, I shall be encouraging local Leagues throughout Texas to monitor the writing of the regulations that will result from your bill. We believe the compromise bill can indeed produce workable regulations capable of improving the siting of hazardous waste management facilities.

Your efforts to encourage proper hazardous waste management are appreciated.

Sincerely,

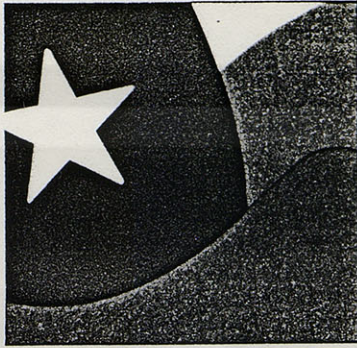
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June 15, 1983

The Honorable William P. Hobby  
Texas Senate  
P.O. Box 12068  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Hobby:

We wish to endorse the recommendation of Kenneth W. Kramer,  
600 W. 28th St., Suite 101, Austin 78705, for appointment to  
the Sunset Commission.

Mr. Kramer has a thorough understanding of the functions of  
Texas government and the political process. His ability to  
work cooperatively with diverse groups is well known.

During the biennium, most state agencies responsible for  
environmental protection will be subject to Sunset review.  
We think that Mr. Kramer's familiarity with the roles of those  
agencies and his expertise on environmental matters would be  
advantageous to the Commission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Lois Carpenter*

Lois Carpenter  
President

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**KENNETH W. KRAMER**

600 W. 2nd St., Suite 101 • Austin, TX 78705  
512/476-4062

May 19, 1983

The Honorable William P. Hobby  
Texas Senate  
P. O. Box 12068  
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Governor Hobbs:

I would like to be considered for appointment as a public member of the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission. As a political scientist and as a person who has closely followed the work of several of the agencies scheduled for sunset review during the upcoming cycle I feel that I could make a contribution to the work of the Sunset Commission during the next two years.

Most of the state agencies responsible for environmental protection and natural resources management will be evaluated by the Commission during 1983 and 1984. I first became familiar with some of these agencies while working on my Ph.D. in political science at Rice University and writing my dissertation on the implementation of federal air and water pollution control policy in Texas. My knowledge and understanding of these and other such agencies has increased during the last five years as a result of my volunteer work as Legislative Chairman of the state Sierra Club and more recently as President of Texas Environmental Coalition, two positions which I still hold.

These experiences have given me some important insights into the work of these agencies and would be helpful in the evaluation of each. At the same time, I wish to assure you that I will take an objective approach in the sunset review of the agencies and do not seek to use the position to achieve any preordained purposes, other than to assure that the structure and functions of these environmental and natural resource agencies be appropriate, effective, and efficient.

Thank you for considering this request. I enclose a copy of my vita for your consideration.

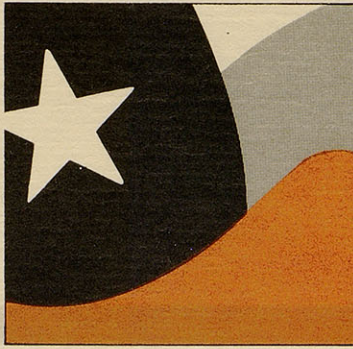
Sincerely,

*Kenneth W. Kramer*

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May 19, 1983

It is essential that Rider #57 to SB 179 be retained during your deliberations. This rider can fund HB 1732 which would establish a temporary emergency relief program to meet the needs of those who are suffering hardships caused by our recent economic recession.

Since HB 1732 has now passed the House and is expected to pass the Senate, please support and vote for the funding rider which is critical to the implementation of this program.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

*Diana Clark*

Diana Clark  
President

*Barbara McCormick*

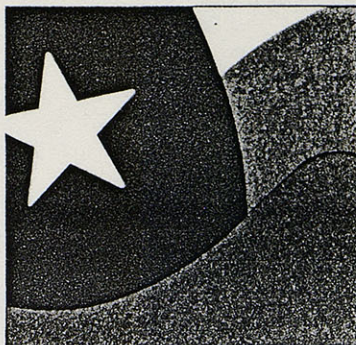
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May 18, 1983

The Honorable Gib Lewis  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
State Capitol  
Austin, TX 78711

Dear Mr. Lewis,

The League of Women Voters of Texas, as you know, has long supported the Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council. We consider research and development in renewable energy sources extremely important to the state of Texas, as well as continued policy development in such important fields as lignite and high level nuclear waste.

When you assured me last month that a TENRAC bill would pass the House, I did not anticipate problems with the Calendars Committee. We urge you to encourage the Calendars Committee to release the TENRAC bill.

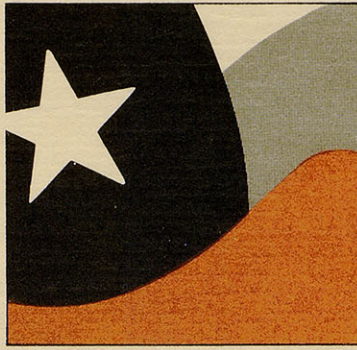
Thank you for your help in this vital area.

Very truly yours,

Laura Keever  
Energy Associate Director







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May 16, 1983

The Honorable  
Texas Senate (House of Representatives)  
State Capitol, Room  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Representative (or Senator)

The League of Women Voters of Texas urges you to adequately fund the Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council.

It is imperative that research and development be continued for renewable energy sources and that policy development and oversight continue in lignite and high level nuclear waste.

Very truly yours,

Diana Clark  
President

Laura Keever  
Energy Associate Director

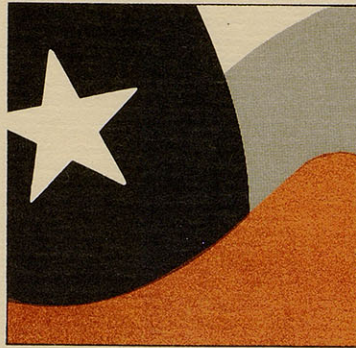
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This letter was sent to the following Senators:  
Jones, Farabee, Brooks, Howard, Traeger

and the following Representatives:  
Presnal; Madla; Rudd; J. Gibson; Hollowell.  
(Conference Committee on Appropriations)







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League of Women Voters of Texas  
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To: Members of the 68th Legislature

Date: May 13, 1983

Subject: House Bill 1732 (Polumbo)  
Emergency Relief  
on floor for vote today

The League of Women Voters of Texas support House Bill 1732 (Polumbo) and urge your "yea" vote to establish this temporary emergency relief program to meet the needs of those who are suffering hardships caused by our recent economic recession.

All social service agencies report substantial increases in requests for food, shelter, utilities and clothing. People are sleeping in cars for lack of funds to rent adequate shelter. Utility shut offs threaten others who may have a residence and food is critical to those with no address to use to be eligible for food stamps or who are not fortunate enough to live near one of the few food banks in Texas.

The League of Women Voters supports constructive efforts to combat poverty. This bill would do that and would help keep these unemployed families from taking steps to qualify for welfare. Vouchers would be used in lieu of cash and state auditing is a requirement of the bill. The bill also nurtures cooperation among local governments and nonprofit organizations during the application process and provides for public comments at that time. The program would terminate in 1985 at which time a report would be issued to the legislature and governor regarding its operation.

is urgently needed  
to help intact  
families  
through  
the current  
economic crisis

TO HELP LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND VOLUNTARY SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS DEAL

WITH THIS CRITICAL TEMPORARY PROBLEM, WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO

VOTE "YES" TO H.B. 1732.

*Diana Clark*

Diana Clark, President  
League of Women Voters  
of Texas



May 2, 1983

Dear Calendars Committee Member:

The League of Women Voters of Texas met in convention in Dallas the weekend of April 15. The delegates voted unanimously to send a telegram to Calendars Committee Chairman Bill Messer to this effect:

The League of Women Voters of Texas urges you to schedule for floor action HJR 17 (S. Thompson) granting Congressional representation to the District of Columbia.

We would like the committee members to be aware of the action taken by the delegates.

Sincerely,

*Diana Clark*

Diana Clark  
President

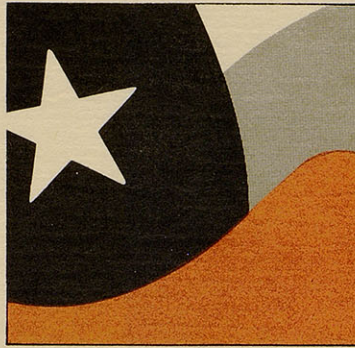
*Evelyn Bonavita*

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Legislative Director

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President

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Evelyn Bonavita  
Legislative Director

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May 2, 1983

The Honorable Paul C. Moreno  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78769

Dear Mr. Moreno:

Thank you for your letter of April 18, 1983, regarding the merit selection of judges. We share your concern for the inclusion of more Mexican-American judges, as well as for the inclusion of more black judges and women judges, on the Texas bench. We are not in favor of creating a merit selection based on wealthy-white-male virtues, whatever those virtues might be. Do wealthy, white males have virtues that the rest of us do not have? We do not want any of our judges to be chosen on the basis of wealth, color, sex, party affiliation, good looks or charm. We want judges to be chosen on the basis of their legal education, training, and knowledge; on their experience with the law; on their ethical standards and their reputation in their communities for intelligence, integrity, and character.

The League of Women Voters of Texas believes that we have a better chance to get the best judges through the process we support than through regular competitive, partisan, expensive elections. The process we support is appointment by the governor from a short list of nominees screened and evaluated and recommended by a nominating commission followed by a non-partisan, non-competitive retention election at the end of each term.

Let me tell you about a couple of recent judicial races in Harris County. One of our most admired (by the legal profession) Mexican-American judges lost his place because of his party affiliation. Another fine Mexican-American judge running for an appellate judgeship garnered a large majority of votes in his home county but lost the election because his excellent qualifications were not known to the voters in the rest of the appellate judicial district. I don't believe that the results would have been the same in either of these cases if the merit selection process had been in place.

We hope that you will reconsider merit selection of judges and that we can work together to acquire the finest judges possible for our Texas courts. We



are confident that the finest judges would include women, Mexican-Americans, and blacks. Goodness, honesty, intelligence, wisdom, integrity are not qualities pertaining solely to white males.

Yours very truly,

Lavora S. Arizaga  
Judiciary Director  
8911 Sandstone  
Houston, Texas 77036





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April 19, 1983

Dear Elections Committee Member:

The League of Women Voters of Texas met in convention in Dallas last weekend. The delegates voted unanimously to send a telegram to Elections Committee Chairman El Franco Lee to this effect:

The League of Women Voters of Texas urges you to act favorably on HJR 17, granting Congressional representation to the District of Columbia.

We would like the committee members to be aware of the action taken by the delegates.

Sincerely,

*Diana Clark*

Diana Clark  
President

*Evelyn Bonavita*

Evelyn Bonavita  
Legislative Director

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April 29, 1983

The Honorable Debra Danburg  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 427-B  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Representative Danburg:

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports HB 1730, concerning revision of the criminal laws relating to the offense of rape, etc. We urge its passage in the House.

Very truly yours,

*Diana Clark*

Diana Clark  
President

*Lavora Arizaga*

Lavora Arizaga  
Director, Women Under Texas Law

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cc: Senator Craig Washington

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April 29, 1983

The Honorable John Whitmire  
Texas Senate  
State Capitol, Room 321  
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Senator Whitmire:

The League of Women Voters of Texas supports SB 966, concerning revision of the criminal laws relating to the offense of rape, etc. We urge its passage in the Senate.

Very truly yours,

*Diana Clark*  
Diana Clark  
President

*Lavora Arizaga*  
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to Governor White, Lt. Governor Hobby, and Speaker Lewis:

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS MEETING IN CONVENTION, URGES  
YOUR SUPPORT OF \$60 OR MORE MONTHLY AFDC BENEFIT FOR 1933 35.

DIANA CLARK, PRESIDENT  
1212 GUADALUPE #109  
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CAPITOL STATION  
AUSTIN TX 78711

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF TEXAS STRONGLY SUPPORTS AN EQUITABLE SYSTEM OF TAXATION WHICH ASSURES ADEQUATE REVENUE FOR THE CONDUCT OF STATE GOVERNMENT. IT IS THE CONCLUSION OF THE DELEGATES AT THE 1983 CONVENTION OF THE LWVT THAT A TAX INCREASE IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO MEET THE BASIC NEEDS OF THE CITIZENS OF TEXAS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE STATE OF TEXAS PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE, AID TO NEEDY CHILDREN, A FAIR SYSTEM OF JUSTICE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. WE THEREFORE URGE THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS TO ACT IN A FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE MANNER AND ADOPT AN EQUITABLE TAXING MEASURE TO FINANCE AN ADEQUATE STATE BUDGET FOR THE 1984-85 BIENNIUM.  
DIANA CLARK, PRESIDENT, AND LOIS CARPENTER, PROGRAM VICE PRESIDENT

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April 19, 1983

This is a copy of a Mailgram sent by the League of Women Voters of Texas to Governor White, Lt. Governor Hobby, and Speaker Lewis.



April 19, 1983

The Honorable Mary Polk  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 412-A

Dear Representative Polk:

The League of Women Voters of Texas endorses HB 1732 (Polumbo), which your committee will hear Tuesday afternoon. We feel it is a step in the right direction in providing emergency assistance to the destitute. We also are pleased with the provision which requires the applicant to consult with other organizations and associations which provide assistance to the poor.

Sincerely,

*Diana Clark*

Diana Clark  
President

*Barbara McCormick*

Barbara McCormick  
Human Resources Director

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cc: Rep. E. Barton, Rep. Vowell, Rep. Cavazos, Rep. L. Evans,  
Rep. Tow, Rep. Clemons, Rep. Haley, Rep. Polumbo,  
Sen. Brooks, Speaker Lewis.





[<sup>del</sup>del] Now is the time for poor children of  
Texas to become a top funding priority.  
Now is the time for our legislators to  
respond to the mandate of the voters  
who throughout the state supported the  
AFDC Amendment.] The League of  
Women Voters of Texas, meeting in Convention,  
urges your support of \$60 <sup>or more month per</sup> ~~or above month~~  
~~for decent AFDC benefits~~ for 1983-85.  
~~SOBELY NEEDS~~

Telegram to Gov. & Gov.  
Speaker,  
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Diane Sheridan  
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# ACTION MOTION

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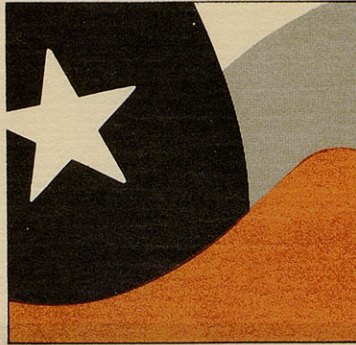
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Diana Clark, Pres.  
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April 5, 1983

\* Dear House Human Services Committee Member:

The League of Women Voters of Texas has actively opposed the concept of mandatory workfare for income assistance recipients. We have instead worked for education and job-training programs as the necessary links to permanent employment with a decent standard of living.

Therefore, we believe the provisions in HB 1299 which address the need for job-training for AFDC recipients have merit, especially when compared to other conventional, costly and dead-end welfare programs which have had limited success.

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We commend Representative Geistweidt for recognizing these difficulties and moving toward a more productive program. However, we still have some serious reservations.

Texas does not administer a two-parent AFDC grant and that places us in a fairly unique situation. A workfare program here would be dealing with mostly young mothers with small children. Many have not finished high school and most are unskilled in the work force. Adequate job-training becomes then only the first major component of a successful program for Texas. Child care, transportation, regions chosen for the pilot programs, and realistic funding for implementation of this project are all equal in their need for attention.

The sponsor had included day care, which is essential in Texas, as a provision. But no definition of services or facilities is given. There are only about 14,000 slots for children needing day care and there are about 200,000 AFDC children in Texas. DHR would have to increase the day care program by 500%.

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Which cities will be chosen for the pilot? "Job Search," another proposal (DHR) for AFDC applicants, does not include Houston. This means the issues of Houston's unemployment rate and extremely limited public transportation are not to be addressed in that study. A successful pilot should cover the largest cities and the most rural areas. Unfortunately the problems of getting a child to a day care facility on public transportation and of getting to work in another part of town on public transportation are almost impossible and have defeated many job efforts in the past in large cities.



How can the DHR budget be stretched to provide staff to coordinate these job placements and needed services? Much more funding is needed for staff. There are no extra monies from the AFDC program to fund this program.

It has been mentioned that day care and transportation could be provided until the trainee reaches 47% of the state median income. If so, that needs to be specifically included as a provision of this bill. If Medicaid cannot continue after six months, then a prerequisite for any job provided is availability of medical insurance.

If this committee believes that Texas can implement in the future a costly, mandatory work program for AFDC recipients, then this pilot should be a comprehensive, well-funded model that can be used to evaluate not only how much it's costing the state but if long-term employment with a decent salary can be found for unskilled persons on a state-wide basis.

Thank you for your consideration,

*Diana Clark*

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President

*Barbara McCormick*

Barbara McCormick  
Director for Human Resources

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April 5, 1983

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President

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Director for Human Resources

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Human Services Comm.

This is almost what I want to say. Lois heard it - but we had a bad connection so she would like to hear it again.

Off to Oas Hauge to do my duty!

Thanks, Barbara

N.B. #1299 April 6, 1983

The League has actively opposed the concept of mandatory workfare for income assistance recipients. We have instead worked for education and job-training programs as the necessary links to permanent employment with a decent standard of living.

Therefore, we believe the provisions in #1299 which address the need for job-training for AFDC recipients have much merit, especially when compared to other conventional, costly and dead-end <sup>workfare</sup> programs which have had limited success, usually only with make-work jobs financed by government.

We commend Rep. Gershtweidt for recognizing these difficulties of ~~workfare~~ and moving toward a more productive program. However, we believe many <sup>serious</sup> concerns <sup>still</sup> exist.

Texas does not administer a two-parent AFDC grant and that places us in a fairly unique situation. A workfare program here would be dealing with mostly young <sup>uneducated</sup> mothers with small children. Many have not finished high school and most <sup>are</sup> unskilled in the work force. Adequate job-training becomes then only the first major component of a successful program for Texas.



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\* There are about 200,000 AFDC children in Texas. ~~that is a tremendous~~

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How can the DRR budget be stretched to provide staff for all these job placements and needed services coordination? Much more needs to funds funding is needed

\* <sup>there are no extra monies from AFDC programs to fund this program.</sup> West Virginia's required work program costs <sup>Higher</sup> ~~more than \$60 million~~ <sup>include day care</sup> and that doesn't

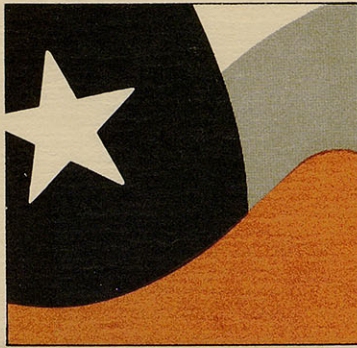
~~more than two~~ minimum wage jobs must be provided found or the dilemma of the working poor ~~and~~ and not being able to provide <sup>child</sup> day care or medical treatment arises.

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April 5, 1983

Dear Legislator:

Enclosed you will find an advocacy paper prepared by the League of Women Voters of Texas on the merit selection of judges. This is a position supported by the League based on extensive study and preparation by our statewide membership. We hope that you will consider the issue according to its merits.

Sincerely,

*Diana Clark*

Diana Clark  
President

*Evelyn Bonavita*

Evelyn Bonavita  
Legislative Director

DC:djm





April 5, 1983

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P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78769

Dear Mr. Speaker:

A thousand thanks to you for re-referring the D.C. congressional representation bill, HJR 17, to the House Elections Committee.

We are pleased to have been assured that this bill will receive the fair hearing it deserves in the near future.

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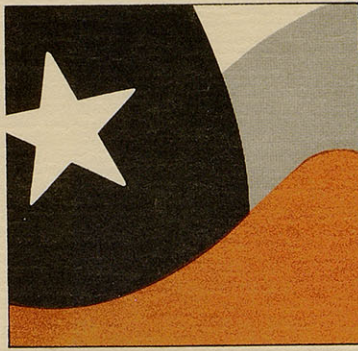
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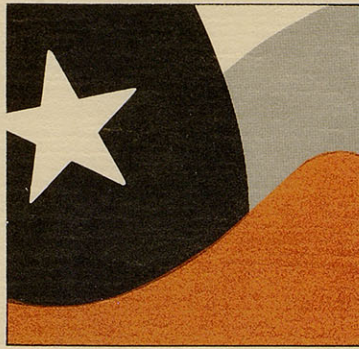
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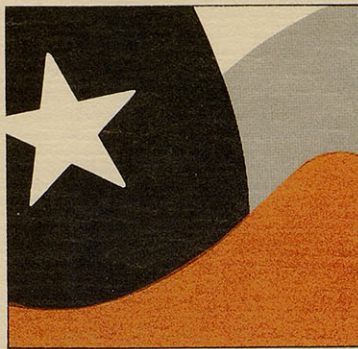
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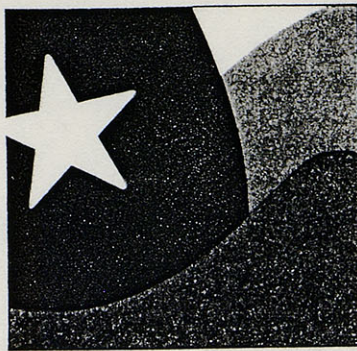
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The Honorable J. W. Buchanan  
State Capitol

Dear Mr. Buchanan:

Herewith, finally, my suggested amendments to HB 655. I think that you will like some of them and hope that you will go along with some of the others that you won't like as well. I tried hard to come up with a way to have some of the provisions apply only to the eastern part of the state, but haven't succeeded.

I have not checked out any of the language with a lawyer, so I would suggest that this be done for any amendments you wish to include--especially those having to do with changing district boundaries and merging and dissolving districts.

I will welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have as to why a particular amendment is suggested or discuss them with you. And I would appreciate any information you can give me as to when the subcommittee will consider the bill and whether further testimony will be taken.

Sincerely,

Catherine Perrine  
Water Director  
7616 Royal Place, Dallas, TX 75230  
(214) 368-7889

cc - House Natural Resources Committee  
Mr. Bill Rose





## HB 655 - Suggested Amendments to SECTION 1

## Sec. 13.001. DEFINITIONS

(6) "Groundwater reservoir" means a subsurface geological formation containing groundwater in quantities sufficient for beneficial use.

(7) ~~"Subdivision-----"~~

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Sec. 13.021. BASIC STANDARDS. (a) The board shall adopt rules providing basic standards for the management of groundwater that shall be followed by the commission and by groundwater conservation districts listed in Subsection (c) of Sec. 13.052 of this chapter. The rules shall provide for the coordination of planning, data-gathering, and management activities undertaken by districts and by the department.

(b) The board shall adopt rules providing for commission approval of district activities in supplying water authorized by Sec. 52.105 of this code and the issuance of district bonds authorized by Sec. 52.241 of this code.

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Sec. 13.069. COMMISSION DECISION.

(b) The commission shall grant the application if the proposed well or proposed alteration conforms to the rules adopted under Sec. 13.053.

Sec. 13.073. WATER WELL FEE. (a) The department shall collect a fee for each water well that is registered with or permitted by the department.

(b) The fee may be based on the size of the column pipe used in the water well, the production capacity of the well, or the amount of groundwater pumped. The amount of the fee shall not exceed one dollar per acre-foot of water pumped in any year, or an equivalent charge based on pipe size or production capacity.

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Sec. 52.022. BOUNDARIES OF A DISTRICT. The boundaries of a district created pursuant to this chapter shall be determined by the commission with the objective of providing the most suitable management area for the groundwater resources of the part of the state where the district is located. To the extent feasible, the boundaries of a district shall coincide with the boundaries of a groundwater reservoir or a significant part of a reservoir. However, the commission may also consider other factors, including the boundaries of political subdivisions. The size and configuration of a district shall be appropriate for the performance of the duties set forth in Subchapter D of this chapter.

Sec. 52.023. PETITION (a) To create a district, a petition requesting creation of the district must be filed with the commission as provided by this chapter.

(b) The petition must be signed by at least 50 persons who own real property in the part of the state where the proposed district would be located.

(c) The petition shall be accompanied by a fee of \$250 to pay costs of processing the petition. No part of the fee may be refunded.

Sec. 52.024. CONTENTS OF PETITION. A petition to create a district must include:

- (1) the name of the proposed district;
- (2) the part of the state where the proposed district would be located.
- (3) a statement of the purpose for which the district would be created.

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Sec. 52.025. NOTICE OF HEARING. (a) Within 45 days after a petition is filed with the commission, the commission shall call and hold a hearing on the petition and shall give notice of the hearing.

(b) The commission shall give notice and hold the hearing in the manner provided by law and rules of the Texas Department of Water Resources for hearings



for creation of other districts under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of Water Resources.

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Sec. 52.026. HEARING. (a) The hearing shall be held in the part of the state where the proposed district would be located.

(b) The executive director shall be a party to the hearing and shall present information concerning the groundwater resources of the area and the current and projected use of water.

(c) The commission shall hear testimony as to the most appropriate boundaries for the district in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section 52.022 of this chapter, on methods of electing or appointing directors, and on means of financing operations of the district.

Sec. ~~52-034~~ 52.027. GRANTING OR DENYING THE PETITION. (a) . . .

Sec. ~~52-035~~ 52.028. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM DIRECTORS. (a) If the commission grants the petition, it shall issue an order creating the district and describing the method by which the directors are to be elected or appointed.

(b) If directors of the district are to be elected, the commission shall appoint five directors who shall serve until the initial directors are elected and have qualified for office.

(c) If the directors of the district are to be appointed, the interim directors shall be appointed by the same officials who are authorized by the commission's order to appoint directors of the district. If directors are to be appointed, appointments must be made by local elected officials, such as city councils and county commissioners.

(d) Within 15 days after appointment, each interim director shall take the oath of office.

(e) If an interim director fails to qualify or if a vacancy occurs, another person shall be appointed in the same manner by which the first interim director was appointed.

Sec. ~~52-036~~ 52.029. CONFIRMATION ELECTION. (a) Within 30 days after all interim directors have been appointed and have qualified, the directors of a proposed district shall meet and shall call an election to be held within the boundaries of the proposed district to confirm the creation of the district.



(b) The directors shall determine the propositions to be voted on and shall issue a notice stating the day and place for holding the election and the propositions as they are to appear on the ballot.

(c) The directors shall publish the notice . . . .

Sec. 52.030. BALLOT PROPOSITIONS. (a) The ballot for the election must be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The creation of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert name of district) Groundwater Conservation District."

(b) The directors may include a separate proposition for the issuance of bonds by the district, which shall state the maximum amount of bonds to be issued and their maximum maturity date.

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Sec. 52.031. RESULTS OF THE ELECTION. (a) Immediately after . . . .

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(c) If the confirmation of the creation of the district is defeated, the commission shall rescind its order creating the district.

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Sec. ~~52-056~~ 52.053. ELECTION DATE. If the directors are elected, the initial election of directors must be held . . . .

Sec. 52.101. RULE-MAKING POWER. (a) A district shall make and enforce rules to provide for conserving, preserving, protecting, recharging, controlling subsidence, and preventing waste of groundwater.

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Sec. 52.105. SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF WATER. (a) A district may purchase, sell, transport, and distribute surface water or groundwater for any purpose if these activities are authorized by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the district.

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(e) The board shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the election.

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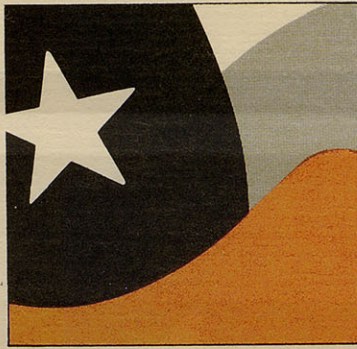
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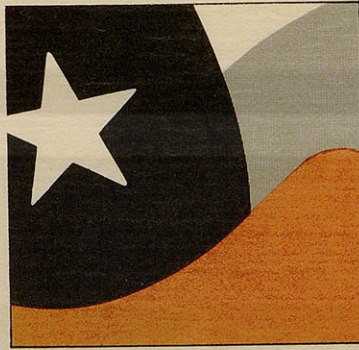
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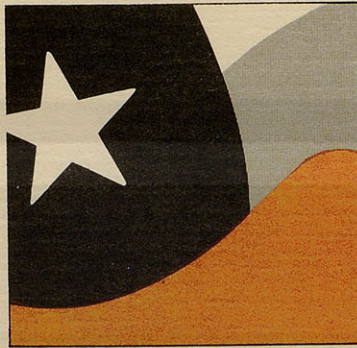
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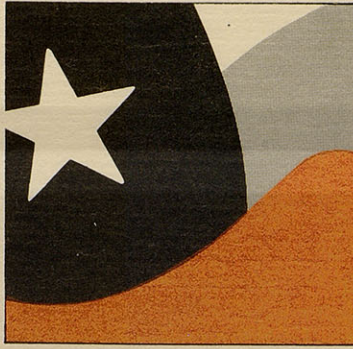
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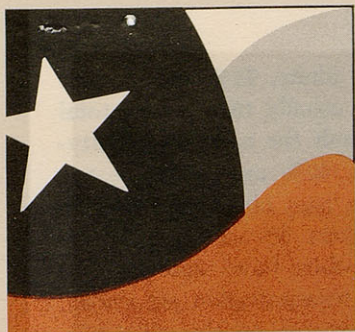
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*Welfare. . . income assistance. . . something for nothing. Nothing conjures up more negative thoughts and attitudes than these few words. The myths of welfare riches prevail over factual knowledge of poverty. The reality is that Texas has only one cash assistance program for families with needy children. And it is only for single-parent or caretaker families. The monthly payment is so low that the basic Aid-to-Families-with-Dependent-Children grant for three persons provides only 18% of the income nationally defined as poverty level. The destitute Texas child receives \$34.51 a month. That is the welfare that Texas dollars finance. It is hardly the road to riches.*

Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) is a public assistance program for poor families with needy children. It is administered in accordance with federal regulations and is jointly funded by federal and state governments. AFDC provides direct monthly cash grants to children deprived of the support of one or both parents. The remaining parent or related caretaker also receives assistance. In Texas, two-parent families do not qualify except when one parent is incapacitated.

To be eligible, the AFDC child must be under age 18 (unless he or she is a full-time student expecting to graduate before age 19), be a United States citizen or a permanent U.S. resident, and be a member of a family with limited resources and income. Children of illegal aliens are not eligible. The family may not have more than \$1,000 in assets or resources, not counting its home, nor more than \$1,500 equity in an automobile. Income limits used for AFDC eligibility are based on a standard of need. The current Texas AFDC need standard, which is the lowest of any state, is determined by the cost of the basic needs of housing, utilities, transportation, clothing and personal care in 1969.

Texas uses only 70% of the 1969 standard of need as the basis for its monthly AFDC payments. As a consequence, Texas ranks 49th among the states in the amount of AFDC payments provided.

A destitute Texas parent with two children (average AFDC family size is 2.2 children) can be given a maximum basic AFDC grant of \$118 per month, but the average monthly payment per recipient in FY 1982 is \$34.51. In recent years, after much effort by the League of

Women Voters and other advocacy groups, the Texas Legislature approved special payments to each AFDC child for school expenses and other special needs. In 1982, \$110 has been given to each AFDC child — \$55 in January and \$55 in August. However, the Federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 requires that these lump-sum payments be counted as income in determining AFDC eligibility. All AFDC families will be adversely affected: either they will become ineligible for one or two months following the special payment or their AFDC grants will be reduced by the amount of the special payment. Because of this situation, funding for the lump-sum special payment will not be requested for FY 1984/1985. Rather, the Department of Human Resources (DHR) will propose to the Texas Legislature that the special payments be incorporated in the basic grant figure for the 1984-1985 budget.

All AFDC children and their caretakers are eligible for Medicaid, and most are eligible for food stamps and fuel-bill assistance. Excluding Medicaid, which does not provide spendable income, an AFDC family of three — a mother and two children with no other income — could receive the maximum monthly benefits of \$316. At present, only 1% of AFDC children receive the maximum payment.

Maximum monthly AFDC basic grant	\$118
Maximum monthly food stamp allotment	\$173
Fuel-bill assistance per month	\$ 7
Special payment—two children, averaged	\$ 18
	\$316

Each family must report income and expenses on a



monthly schedule. If the family has earned income, pensions, unemployment compensation, Social Security, etc., the monthly AFDC payment is reduced accordingly. A parent with two children cannot have a gross income of more than \$252.00 a month to be eligible for AFDC. That figure is 150% of the standard of need. The parent or caretaker must sign all rights to child-support payments to the state and cooperate with the state in efforts to collect child support. If employed full-time, the parent or caretaker may take deductions of up to \$75 per month for work-related expenses, as well as up to \$160 a month per child for child-care costs. If not employed, an AFDC parent must register for the Work Incentive Program (WIN); however, a person with preschool children or who is unable to work is exempt. WIN will be terminated at the end of 1982 and may be replaced by one of various federal employment proposals.

The Texas Department of Human Resources (DHR) administers the state's AFDC program. In FY 1982, the state provided \$42 million for monthly grants and the federal government's share was \$75 million. The state's portion for basic grants was 6% of the DHR annual budget. (The total state budget for the 1982-83 biennium is \$26.6 billion.) The special payments will raise the state's allocations to AFDC to \$64 million this year. The state and federal governments share all administrative costs equally. Because the number of AFDC families is projected to increase, the DHR will request \$79.98 for basic grants, including special payments, for 1985. That will be precariously close to the \$80 million ceiling in the Texas Constitution for annual state expenditures for AFDC benefits.

Despite the stringent AFDC eligibility requirements, almost 94,000 Texas families are expected to qualify in 1982, which means that approximately 200,000 Texas children could be living on AFDC grants. Who are these people? Contrary to popular beliefs and prejudices, these recipients are not able-bodied loafers with large families who refuse to work and who receive huge monthly checks

from the government. Of AFDC adults, 95% are head-of-household women with children, usually two, whose total maximum benefits are less than half the national poverty-level income. Of AFDC children, 40% are under the age of six and 38% are between the ages of six and twelve. Most of their mothers or caretakers do not have a high school diploma or job skills. One-third have eight years or less of education. Day care and transportation are critical problems. The average family remains on the state rolls about 54 months while the children are small. Two-thirds do not return after withdrawing. The family is usually black (44%) or hispanic (41%), while 14% are anglo.

Although Texas AFDC payments are absurdly low and at best a guarantee of extreme poverty, the AFDC family does have medical care, special payments for school expenses, and usually food stamps. There are three and a quarter million Texans who are not poor enough to qualify for AFDC but who are living substantially below the national poverty level of \$7,760 (non-farm, 3 persons). One out of every four Texas children lives in poverty — counting AFDC children, the number amounts to more than one and a quarter million.

The three poorest Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas in the country, based on per capita personal income, are in Texas. Reality is grim for all these people. The sagging economy does not promise more or better jobs. Recent federal budget cuts will severely hurt the working poor and their families. Block grants of federal funds for social services, health services, child abuse protection, day care, nutrition programs, job training, education, etc., have been consolidated and considerably reduced. The number of food stamp recipients has been reduced by 6% in Texas and the federal housing subsidies for both new construction and rental assistance are very limited. It is not likely that the Texas Legislature will appropriate state money to replace all the lost federal dollars.

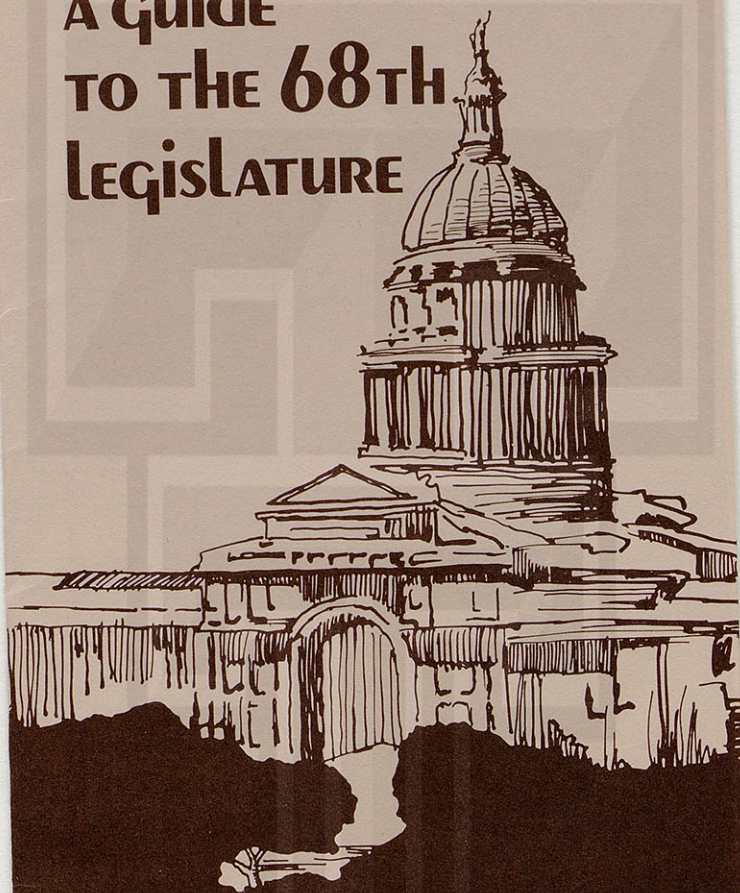
Thus, neglected by the state's laissez faire and by its paucity of assistance, the poverty-stricken child's plight in Texas grows worse. It is unconscionable but true.

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34	Berlanga, Hugo	475-5743	144-B
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66	Burnett, Dick	475-6229	G04-B
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95	Cary, Reby	475-3122	G04-A
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58	Gibson, Bruce	475-2909	417-A
75	Gibson, Jay	475-5673	G13-A3
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44	Glossbrenner, Ernestine	475-6197	427-A
108	Granoff, Al	475-5873	G16-C
140	Green, Gene	475-2813	304
52	Grisham, Noel	475-2192	154-A
139	Hackney, Clint	475-5916	G56-A2
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149	Heflin, Talmadge	475-5869	108-B
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150	Hilbert, Paul	475-5753	147-A
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49	Hill, Gerald	475-6461	G13-A3
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13	Kubiak, L. B.	475-4517	G54-B
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7	Mankins, Jimmy	475-3584	345
148	Martinez, Roman	475-2095	141-A
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96	Millsap, Mike	475-5791	151-C
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128	Polumbo, Tony	475-6647	G55-C
14	Presnal, Bill	475-5654	305
22	Price, Al	475-2930	352-B
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74	Valles, Bob	475-6269	349
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129	Watson, Ed	475-2228	G56-B
84	Whaley, Foster	475-3883	148-C
33	Wieting, Leroy J.	475-4383	140
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131	Wilson, Ron	475-5933	G16-A1
103	Wolens, Steve	475-5875	G13-A2
57	Word, C. K. "Chock"	475-2992	G59-B
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11	Brooks, Chet	475-2901	325	28	Montford, John	475-0176	118
17	Brown, J. E. (Buster)	475-5881	331	4	Parker, Carl	475-2809	129-A
5	Caperton, Kent	475-4371	329	12	Parmer, Hugh	475-2526	128-B
14	Doggett, Lloyd	475-3731	126	29	Santiesteban, H. Tati	475-3641	129-C
9	Edwards, Chet	475-3758	320	31	Sarpalius, Bill	475-3222	326
30	Farabee, Ray	475-4446	120	16	Sharp, John	475-2753	332
22	Glasgow, Bob	475-3452	319	25	Sims, Bill	475-3494	421
8	Harris, O. H. (Ike)	475-4171	128-A	21	Traeger, John	475-3756	G-35-B
7	Henderson, Don	475-2751	116	20	Truan, Carlos	475-4279	124
1	Howard, Ed	475-0140	122	27	Uribe, Hector	475-3471	333
24	Jones, Grant	475-3733	128-C	26	Vale, R. L. (Bob)	475-0156	G-35-A
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16	Leedom, John	475-3764	327	15	Whitmire, John	475-2261	321
2	Lyon, Ted	475-4175	419	6	Williams, Lindon	475-3643	324
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### GROUND FLOOR

#### Numbers

G1 to G4	South
G5 to G17	North
G20 to G44	East
G50 to G73	West

### FIRST FLOOR

#### Numbers

101 to 106	South
107 to 114	North
115 to 129	East
140 to 155	West

### SECOND FLOOR

#### Numbers

200 to 204	South
205 to 207	North
209 to 215	East Front
216 to 226	East Back
231 to 236	West Front
238 to 245	West Back

### THIRD FLOOR

#### Numbers

300 to 306	South
305 to 316	North
317 to 321	East Front
324 to 333	East Back
345 to 362	West Back

### FOURTH FLOOR

#### Numbers

400 to 405	South
407 to 417	North Front
419 to 422	East Front
425 to 427	West Front



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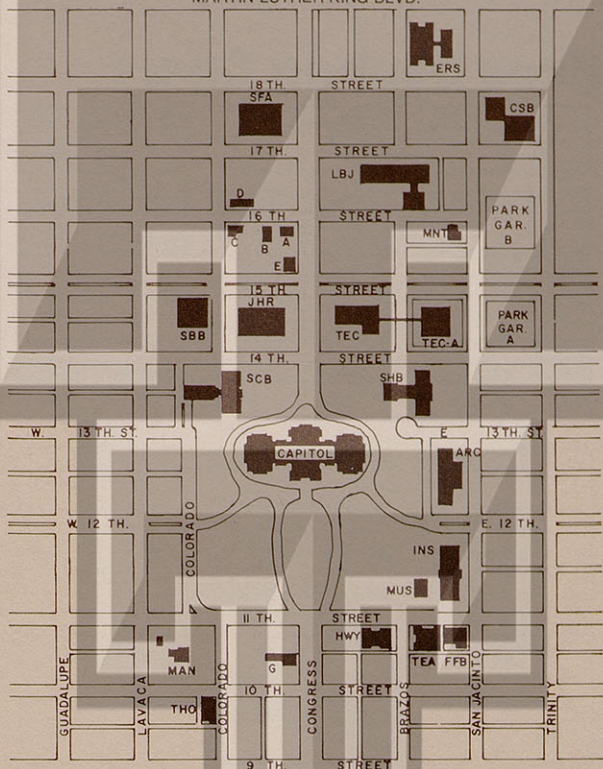
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ARC-LORENZO DE ZAVALA - ARCHIVES BLDG.  
CAPITOL - STATE CAPITOL BUILDING  
CSB-CENTRAL SERVICES BUILDING  
ERS-EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT  
FFB-FIRST FEDERAL - (INSURANCE COMM)  
HWY-HIGHWAY BUILDING  
INS-INSURANCE BUILDING  
JHR-JOHN H. REAGAN  
LBJ-LYNDON B. JOHNSON  
MAN-GOVERNOR'S MANSION  
MNT-MAINTENANCE SHOP BUILDING  
MUS-MUSEUM - DRT & DOC  
SBB-STATE BAR BUILDING

SCB-SUPREME COURTS BUILDING  
SFA-STEPHEN F. AUSTIN BUILDING  
SHB-SAM HOUSTON BUILDING  
TEA-TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY  
TEC-TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMM. & ANNEX  
THO-ERNEST O. THOMPSON  
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HOW to WRITE



GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIALS





# How to Write Government Officials

The public officials who represent you depend a great deal upon hearing from their constituents. The quantity and quality of their mail has been known to reverse many votes, and it is always an important factor in their voting.

## HERE ARE THE FUNDAMENTAL DO'S

- DO** make your letter legible. Type if possible.
- DO** be concise and brief. Write about only one issue.
- DO** use your own words. Don't let anyone else write your letter.
- DO** sign your name legibly and give your address.
- DO** address him correctly, using the accepted forms.
- DO** be courteous and reasonable.
- DO** write to give him your appreciation when he does something of which you approve.
- DO** write early in the discussion of a subject.
- DO** feel free to write committee chairmen or a member of a committee not from your District.

The purpose of the League of Women Voters is to encourage political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

## THERE IS AN ART TO WRITING THESE LETTERS

The correct salutation for letters to officials is:

### President of the U.S.

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

### Vice President

The Vice President  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Vice President:

### Senator

The Honorable (full name)  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator (last name):

### Representative

The Honorable (full name)  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. (last name):

### Member of the Cabinet

The Honorable (full name)  
The Secretary of (cabinet position)  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

## THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS YOU SHOULD NOT DO

**DON'T** begin "As a citizen and a taxpayer."

**DON'T** apologize for taking his time.

**DON'T** say "I hope this gets by your secretary."

**DON'T** be rude or threatening.

**DON'T** send a carbon copy to your Second Senator or Representative. Write each individually.

**DON'T** write to the members of the House when the bill is still being considered in the Senate, and vice versa.

**DON'T** ignore your legislator and write to one from another District.

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Austin, Texas 78756

Texas Education Agency  
201 East 11th Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

State Board of Health  
1100 West 49th Street  
Austin, Texas 78756

Texas Dept. of Mental Health  
and Mental Retardation  
909 West 45th Street  
Austin, Texas 78756

State Parks and Wildlife Commission  
John H. Reagan Building  
Austin, Texas 78701

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Ernest O. Thompson Building  
Austin, Texas 78701

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Conservation Board  
First National Building  
Temple, Texas 76501

Texas Urban Development Commission  
Drawer P, Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas, 78711

State Board of Water Development  
301 West Second Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

Water Quality Board  
1108 Lavaca Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

Texas Water Rights Commission  
Sam Houston Office Building  
Austin, Texas 78701

Water Well Drillers Board  
301 West Second Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

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John H. Reagan Building  
Austin, Texas 78701

The salutation: Gentlemen:

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The Honorable (full name)  
State Capitol  
Austin, Texas 78711  
Dear Governor (last name):

**State Senator**

The Honorable (full name)  
The Senate, BOX 12068  
Austin, Texas 78711  
Dear Senator (last name):

**State Representatives**

The Honorable (full name)  
House of Representatives, BOX 2910  
Austin, Texas 78711  
Dear Mr. (last name):

**Mayor**

The Honorable (full name)  
City Hall  
Dear Mayor (last name):

**Councilmen**

Councilman (full name)  
City Hall  
Dear Mr. (last name):

**County Commissioners**

Mr. (full name)  
County Commissioner  
Precinct No.  
County Court House  
Dear Mr. (last name):

The closing for all letters except to the President is: Sincerely yours. For letters to the President the closing is: Very respectfully yours.

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*Carries to Legislators*

DEC 19 1984

December 4, 1984

The League of Women Voters of Houston congratulates you on your unopposed return to the Texas House of Representatives. The 1985 session of the state legislature will be filled with many exciting challenges.

As has been done in previous years, a League member will be requesting a personal interview with you in the near future. These interviews give legislators a chance to discuss legislative priorities and issues important to them in a relaxed setting. We hope that you will be able to participate.

The enclosed postcard has been provided for you to fill in your current Houston address and telephone number; the information will be used in the 1985-1986 edition of the League of Women Voters of Houston's Voters Key to Elected Officials and Voting Information Representing Houston and Harris County. Please return the postcard as soon as possible.

Best wishes for your continued success in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Helen Hunter  
President

Paulette Bogert  
Legislative Coordinator

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*Letters to Legislators  
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Legislative Coordinator

Sent to:  
Don Henderson  
John Whitmire  
Craig Washington





December 7, 1984

*Bonaville*  
*Carves.*  
*to legislators*

The Honorable Patricia Hill  
1000 Pacific Place  
Dallas, Texas 75201

DEC 11 1984

Dear Representative Hill:

The League of Women Voters of Texas appreciates many of the decisions of the Sunset Advisory Commission, but we urge you to reconsider your decision to transfer the management of the hazardous industrial solid waste program from the Texas Department of Water Resources to the Texas Department of Health. We do not believe such a move would improve the state's ability to protect public health and the environment. However, additional resources for the Texas Department of Health to perform health-related assessments and routine evaluation of permit applications for their health implications would advance protection of public health. Leaving the hazardous waste program in TDWR would provide some constancy while hazardous waste regulations are in flux due to recent reauthorization of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The League believes that we benefit from having TDWR manage the environmental program while having TDH available to monitor public health impacts. In this fashion, we take advantage of the different skills and experience unique to each agency.

Consolidation of the hazardous waste program in TDWR (since that agency already manages 90% of the program) was discussed extensively by the Siting Committee of the Governor's Task Force on Hazardous Waste Management. A task force recommendation that the Legislature study consolidation of various types was made because committee members agreed with TDH that such a change has widespread implications and required more in-depth study than the task force could undertake.

The League strongly believes that Texas must have an effective and efficient program to manage its hazardous waste in order to protect public health and the environment while allowing for economic growth. TDWR has been developing expertise in the industrial waste area much as TDH has done in the municipal solid waste area. Transferring the hazardous waste program would disrupt a management system during the critical time that over 90% of the state's hazardous waste facilities are being considered for permits for the first time. It is crucial that we determine whether these facilities can meet new protective standards in a timely and thorough fashion. A transfer of jurisdiction would seriously disrupt this process.





Permitting hazardous waste management facilities is a costly, time-consuming process for all, and most people are supportive of efforts to consolidate and simplify the process. Transferring jurisdiction to TDH is the antithesis of such consolidation for the company seeking a permit, the concerned public, and the state which must review and decide on the permit application. Permit applicants would have to go through the permitting process with both TDWR and TDH instead of just one agency as they do now. For example, at present, an injection well permit also contains the RCRA-regulated surface facilities because the two are intrinsically related. With the jurisdictional switch, a company would need an Underground Injection Control permit from TDWR and a RCRA permit from TDH. In addition, most facilities also need a wastewater discharge permit, which TDWR can grant. Other examples of duplicative use of the state's resources can be envisioned as TDWR retains control over some industrial waste, wastewater discharge, and deepwell injection under the proposed transfer.

It is obvious to the League that Sunset Commissioners are working hard to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the state agencies that manage hazardous waste. We applaud your recommendations to provide earlier notice of permit applications, to authorize the use of administrative penalties, to increase some fees, to require enforcement hearings, to make memoranda of understanding more public, and to change the name of the Texas Water Development Board. However, the decision to transfer jurisdiction over most hazardous waste to TDH does not improve agency efficiency and effectiveness in a field where wise management is critical to public health and the environment. If further justification of our positions is useful, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Lois Carpenter, President

Diane B. Sheridan,

Hazardous Waste Director

