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TEXAS LEGISLATURE PASSES BI-PARTISAN CITIZEN ONLY VOTING AMENDMENT

TEXAS JOINS ARKANSAS, KANSAS, SOUTH DAKOTA IN PASSING CITIZEN ONLY VOTING

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AUSTIN, TX – The Texas House of Representatives passed the Citizen Only Voting Amendment (SJR37) Monday in a bi-partisan vote (102-14) that placed the constitutional amendment on the November 2025 election ballot. The resolution had passed the Senate in a bi-partisan vote (28-3) on April 1.

“It’s a great day for citizenship and affirming how precious it is,” said author Senator Brian Birdwell “Hooah!”

Texas joins Arkansas, Kansas, and South Dakota in passing a Citizen Only Voting Amendment this legislative session. Citizen Only Voting Amendments failed in Republican led legislatures in Mississippi, Montana, and West Virginia this spring.

“We are excited about the bi-partisan support for Citizen Only Voting in Texas,” said Americans for Citizen Voting President Avi McCullah. “According to our polling, people of every party, ideology, race, and gender believe that citizenship should be a requirement for voting.”

In recent years city councils in Washington, DC, Vermont, and Maryland have voted to legalize foreign citizen voting in local elections. Foreign citizen voting in local elections is legal in California, Illinois, Maryland, and Vermont which do not have Citizen Only Voting Amendments.

“States without a Citizen Only Voting Amendment will eventually have legal foreign citizen voting,” continued McCullah, “States that pass COVA will not. It’s that simple.”

Americans for Citizen Voting is a nonpartisan grassroots organization dedicated to helping citizens pass Citizen Only Voting Amendments. In recent years, these 14 states have passed COVA: Alabama, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Carolina, and Wisconsin.

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