

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Texas Republicans voted down every amendment that would lessen the damage to the restrictive voting legislation. Instead, Republicans moved to advance the bill to the House floor.

- This special session has been poisoned from the beginning. Gov. Abbott's defunding of the legislative branch is an abuse of power, an act of legislative coercion and a threat to democracy. House Republicans' HB 3 is just the next step in their continued attacks on Democracy.
- Abbott and Republicans have given up on Democracy and the democratic ideals of our Founding and turned over their loyalty to Trump and the big lie.
- Texas Republicans don't want free and fair elections. House Bill 3 puts up deliberate barriers to voting to make it harder for Texans to cast our ballots freely, safely and equally.

TALKING POINTS

- To protect the civil right to vote for millions of Texans, we were – quite literally - forced to leave the state of Texas.
- Texas Republicans don't want free and fair elections. House Bill 3 puts up deliberate barriers to voting to make it harder for Texans to cast our ballots freely, safely and equally.
- HB 3 is an attack on voter's freedoms and democracy. Even without two ruthless provisions removed, the bill as written still makes it harder for Texans to vote and easier for partisan poll watchers to harass and intimidate voters.
- As former Texas Governor Ann Richards once said, "you can put lipstick on a pig and call it Monique, but it's still a pig."
- Greg Abbott has shown weakness and is more concerned about his re-election and his presidential ambition. That is why he will continue to push an agenda that is harmful to our great state.
- We have real issues to address in Texas that Greg Abbott won't touch because it exposes his own weaknesses. He has done nothing to protect the electric grid even after the grid's recent failures caused 700 people to die due to his negligence during the recent winter storms.
- Greg Abbott wants the spotlight anywhere but on his own failures. Rigging the system, attacking the very foundation of democracy and the rights of all Texans is the price he and the GOP-led legislature are willing to pay in order to pray at the Trump altar.
- Democrats will use everything in our power to fight back, but we need Congress to act now!