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This is a call to action.

We are now midway through the 87th Texas Legislative Session. Three RCV bills were filed in the House, one in the Senate. You can see [details](#) on our website.

The House will hold a hearing on HB740 this Thursday, April 15. This bill would enable military and overseas voters to use RCV to ensure that their votes are counted in the event of a runoff.

Action #1:

Texas residents can [submit testimony electronically](#) until the hearing on April 15th is adjourned.

Here is a link to our [1-pager](#) which describes why you should support this bill.

[Information on testifying in person.](#)

Action #2:

Send a message to House Elections Committee [Chair Briscoe Cain](#). Thank him for scheduling a hearing on HB740 and ask him to schedule hearings on HB117 (use of RCV in primaries) and HB2457 (allow local jurisdictions to adopt RCV for nonpartisan municipal and school district elections).

Mention that RCV is a nonpartisan change in voting logistics and has been adopted in various forms in both red and blue states. Ranked choice voting is proven in practice, with more communities interested in its benefits each year.

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Action #3:

Send a message to Senate State Affairs [Chair Bryan Hughes](#). Ask him to schedule a hearing on SB537 (allow local jurisdictions to adopt RCV for nonpartisan municipal and school district elections).

Since individual jurisdictions would choose to adopt RCV, the legislation would not mandate anything but would give Texans a chance to try out this nonpartisan change in voting logistics that has been adopted in various forms in both red and blue states.

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Thanks to those of you who sent messages to your representatives after our request in late February. They make a difference.

We appreciate the efforts of our current volunteers. Let us know if you have questions or want to participate in our efforts. Email us at info@rcvfortexas.org.

Best regards,

Harriet, Joanne, and Kathryn