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Sen. Hancock Statement on Passage of HB 25

AUSTIN - Senator Kelly Hancock (R-North Richland Hills) today issued the following statement regarding Senate passage to third reading of House Bill 25 (85R), which eliminates "one-punch, straight-ticket" voting in Texas:

"Voting is one of the most sacred rights we hold as Americans. While political parties are extremely important to our state, when voters cast their ballots, they are evaluating which individual candidate is best suited for a given job in government service. We vote for people, not parties.

"House Bill 25 encourages voters to learn about *all* the candidates vying for their vote, up and down the ballot. Of course, voters have every right to continue casting their vote for all candidates of one political party, and political party will continue to be identified next to each candidate on the ballot."

Senator Hancock is the Senate sponsor of HB 25 by Rep. Ron Simmons. To read the full text and legislative analysis of the bill, visit [Texas Legislature Online](#).

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Senator Hancock represents [District 9](#), which includes portions of Dallas and Tarrant Counties. He currently serves as Chairman of the Texas Senate Committee on Business & Commerce.