



Beverly Powell

Texas State Senator, District 10

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State Senator Beverly Powell, Senate Bill 7 Conference Committee Member, Statement on the Passage of Senate Bill 7

Austin, TX -- Tonight, the Texas Senate, on a party line vote, passed one of the worst voter suppression bills in the nation. State Senator Beverly Powell (D - Senate District 10) released the following statement:

"Texas has a long, tragic history of suppressing the vote of African American and Hispanic Texans. Today, on a party-line vote, the tradition sadly continued.

"After the representatives of majority-minority districts were excluded throughout the legislative session, state leaders pushed Senate Bill 7 through early this morning while Texans were asleep. This last-minute, late-night legislation will undermine and silence the voices of minority Texans. Even as the only Senator representing a majority-minority district appointed to the SB7 Conference Committee, I was not included in any formal discussions and only saw the final bill as the clock approached midnight, on the eve of the bill's deliberation.

"Although SB7 has passed the Texas Senate, the fight is far from over. I stand committed to fight for the voting rights of all Texans, who deserve so much more than the overtly discriminatory voter suppression tactics passed in the early hours of the morning."

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State Senator Beverly Powell is a Democrat who represents Texas Senate District 10 (Tarrant County) and was elected in 2018.