

Firm Joins Civil Rights Groups to File Lawsuit Against State of Texas Over Voter Suppression Bill SB1

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Jenner & Block recently joined the American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of Texas, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Disability Rights Texas and the Texas Civil Rights Project to file a lawsuit on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Texas, the Texas Organizing Project, Workers Defense Action Fund, Register, Educate, Vote, & Use your Power - Texas (REV UP Texas), and OCA of Greater Houston.

These organizations argue that numerous provisions of the bill violate the Voting Rights Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the US Constitution. The law makes it virtually impossible for members of the plaintiff organizations to vote, especially those who are more comfortable with languages other than English, those with disabilities, and who have no option but to vote by mail. SB 1 is opposed by diverse groups of Texans — from business executives, faith leaders, community organizers, local elected officials and countless everyday Texans — including those represented by MOVE Texas, Common Cause Texas, Texas Freedom Network, AFL-CIO Texas, Black Voters Matter and Jolt Texas.

Recent non-partisan polling shows most voters, regardless of political party, believe that all Texans should have equal access to the ballot box. SB 1 would not only make voting harder for all Texans, it threatens to harm communities of color and Texans with disabilities the most.

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