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Sen. Huffines Acts to Stop Non-Citizens from Voting in Dallas County Elections

Huffines also announces legislation to verify the citizenship of applicants for voter registration

[Dallas, TX] – With credible allegations of voter fraud plaguing Dallas County, Senator Don Huffines (R-Dallas) is taking steps to make certain that non-citizens are not illegally voting in our elections. In a letter to the Dallas County Clerk and the Dallas County Elections Administrator, Senator Huffines asked both officials to confirm that they are following existing state laws that call for the removal of non-citizens from voter rolls. Senator Huffines also requested an update on how many non-citizens are being removed from Dallas County voter rolls, and if any of them have illegally voted in recent elections.

Senator Huffines stated, "The right to vote allows citizens to exercise their voice and shape our government, driving our state toward a brighter, more prosperous future. To have trust in our system of elections and in our democratic institutions, we must make sure the right to vote is reserved for citizens only. We will not allow non-citizens and illegal immigrants to shape our future or cancel-out the vote of a registered citizen."

Based on previous statistics, the issue of non-citizens' participation in Dallas County elections is very troubling. Senator Huffines' letter was informed and motivated in part by research conducted by the Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute (TCCRI):

"From September 1999 to March 21, 2007, Dallas County cancelled the voter registrations of 1,889 individuals because of non-citizenship. Before being deleted from the voter rolls, 356 of those individuals had voted in Dallas County."

More recently, the Office of the Attorney General reported, "...the process for removing ineligible voters who self-report as non-citizens at jury duty is not being followed correctly, or even at all, in various counties."

Senator Huffines added, "If non-citizens or illegal aliens are voting in our elections, we need to know about it and stop it immediately. We will not allow the future of our state to be dictated by outsiders who have not sworn an oath of allegiance to our Constitution, our laws, and our nation. I greatly appreciate the investigations launched by District Attorney Faith Johnson so far, and I look forward to working with her in every way possible to bring about election integrity and security. I'm confident our DA will investigate and prosecute any non-citizen who illegally votes in Dallas County."

Noting that some other states proactively verify the citizenship of prospective voters before granting them registration, Senator Huffines concluded with a pledge to action in the Texas Legislature, "The U.S. Constitution, Texas Constitution, and state law reserve the right to vote for citizens only, and Texans deserve much more than the careless, haphazard enforcement of those provisions. When the Texas Legislature convenes in 2019, I will file legislation to verify the citizenship of every single applicant who registers to vote. It's an outrage that such a common sense step isn't being currently utilized to secure our elections."

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Senator Don Huffines represents the North half of Dallas County in the Texas Senate. First elected in 2014, he serves as Vice Chairman of the Senate Veteran Affairs & Border Security Committee, and as a member of the Senate Committees on Natural Resources & Economic Development, Education, Intergovernmental Relations, and Administration.