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General Comment

I am a disability activist in San Antonio, TX. The voting rights bills in Texas have language under sections of voter assistance, signing an oath, curbside voting, and mail in ballot requirements that will disenfranchise me in the various ways I vote and need assistance due to muscular dystrophy. My assistants who helps me may also face criminal charges if they help me. The rules about limiting the number of people a driver can give to the polls will affect the very limited accessible transportation options wheelchair users and other disabled people have to the polls.

I think the For The People Act is great and will fix a lot of problems, BUT the paper ballot mandate will harm people with print disabilities and others. Please listen to the concerns of the American Association of People with Disabilities and National Council on Independent Living based in DC that have also voiced their concerns and have remedies to resolve this ADA violation in the For The People Act via an amendment, then pass this bill into law.

Attachments

Disability Advocates Warn the For the People Act Paper Ballot Mandate Will Disenfranchise Voters