

What would baseball be like with only two teams?



There are millions of independent, non-aligned voters in Texas, but we remain without the competitive playing field we need to protect our water, our land, and our democratic republic.

Join the League of Independent Voters of Texas in tearing down the urban-rural and 2-party fences that divide and conquer us. *Note: LIV is not a political party and we encourage you to vote in the open Texas primary.*

For our full agenda, please visit the “2017 Lege” page:

► **WATER: is THE BIG wealth transfer slated for this session. We must slay “Gridzilla”, aka the California Water Model** – an abject failure to protect aquifers and private property rights in favor of mining aquifers and exporting water to growth corridors. “Gridzilla”, defeated in the 2015 legislative session, is back on steroids in 2017 via a bevy of bills promising death by a thousand cuts to local groundwater management, aquifer sustainability and landowner rights to protect their groundwater rather than sell it or have it sucked out from under them. Gridzilla includes irresponsible municipal water utilities (starting with San Antonio Water System) that seek to broker water outside their service areas and offload new infrastructure costs onto their own urban ratepayers. *LIV supports HB 3166, HB 3417 and HB 3996* (Rep. Cyrier’s bill calling for a Sunset Review of SAWS!), *tentatively supports HB3028*, and *opposes SB1392, HB 31, HB 2378 and HB 4235*. AND, understand there are 100+ bills coming to unleash Gridzilla. So, your basic message to your legislators (Texas House and Texas Senate members) is for them to “stop the water grabs”.



► **LAND: Pass Texans for Property Rights Coalition reform bills.** See Calvin Tillman’s study (on our 2017 Lege page) explaining why passing **SB 740** for reimbursement of property owner’s expenses when sued on a low-ball offer is so easy to support.

► **ELECTIONS: LIV joins Texans for Electoral Competition** to pass fair ballot access laws for independent candidates and non-primary parties allowing for enhanced electoral competition in Texas elections. Legislators on both sides of the aisle are urged to become a co-sponsor of **HB 3068, the Voter Choice Act!** We also support:

- Ending one-punch straight ticket voting, joining 40 other states to encourage voters to think before they vote. We support **HB 25** and **SB 2175**.
- Protecting our cherished municipal petition rights – a 1912 Texas constitutional amendment for *REAL* local control. We are cautiously optimistic that **SB 466, SB 488** and **HB 907** will succeed in preventing local government interference with citizen petitions.
- Ensuring verifiable elections – no candidate wants to face an unverifiable recount. We especially like **HB 1711**.

Membership dues help us grow as an all-volunteer non-profit, 501c4 organization:



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