

# The war between the two parties is putting our small “d” democracy at risk – not to mention fundamentals like our land and water.

*House & Senate members, independent and rural Texans need your help!*



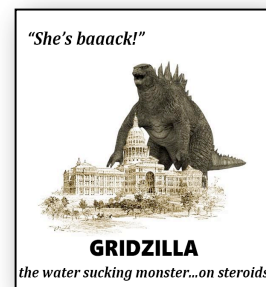
**Democracy is not a game:** Most voters agree the gamesmanship between the two parties is not only stifling innovation, it is harming small “d” democracy – the ability to build consensus in our country. In Texas, ballot access petition reform would allow independent, non-aligned candidate and minor party competition. It’s called the *Texas Voter Choice Act (HB 4499)*.

## **The Right to Petition – Texans’ most important local control:**

Since 1912, Texans have exercised their constitutional right to petition for municipal voter charter amendments when municipal government fails them. Municipal interference with petition rights is commonplace in Texas. Sen. Joan Huffman’s SB 323, discussed in Senate State Affairs

Committee on 3/4/19, could be a reform or deform bill – depending on amendments. The petition rights of Texans, of all political persuasions, living in 352 home rule cites are at stake.

**Saying NO to the California Water Model:** Private water speculators are hijacking the State Water Plan via “Gridzilla,” a water grid copying California’s over-pumping and costly transfer of groundwater from distant locations for real estate development. The *Sustainable Groundwater Development Act* will protect our aquifers, rivers, streams and springs, landowners, ratepayers and future generations. We further urge legislation to prohibit the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) getting into the “Gridzilla” game. Legislators from all camps can do right for all Texans by opposing any legislation facilitating the “California Water Model.” Public utility, San Antonio Water System (SAWS), should stop lobbying you for what is very wrong for Texas.



**Curbing Eminent Domain Abuse:** The newly organized *Texas Landowners for Eminent Domain Reform (TLEDR)*, representing small landowners, is working this session alongside major agricultural based coalitions to – finally -- level the playing field in an unfair process that favors condemnors over landowners. Sen. Kolkhorst’s **SB 421** is a must pass this session.

## **Legislators! What you can do right now.**

- ▶ Sponsor our legislation before the March 8 filing deadline.
- ▶ Visit our “2019 Lobby Day” page for background materials and updates on these issues and meet with our representatives.
- ▶ Don’t let independent, non-aligned voters, rural Texans and our incoming generations down!

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