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## Securing Texas Elections: Legislative Briefing and Prayer Rally at the Capitol

Election integrity advocates from across the state organize a formal briefing and prayer rally to highlight significant vulnerabilities in the Texas election system

**AUSTIN, January 19, 2023** - Hundreds of concerned voters are expected to flood the Texas Capitol on Tuesday, January 24th to sound the alarms on significant security flaws with electronic voting machines as the 2023 legislative session gets underway. [Texas First](#) and a network of grassroots voters from across the state have organized the [legislative briefing and prayer rally](#) to ensure law makers are educated on the loopholes and vulnerabilities in the State's election laws and procedures; and urge them to consider new legislation that will achieve **accuracy, transparency, and accountability**.

Texas First argues that under our current voting system, there is **no way** for voters to know:

1. Whether each ballot counted was attributed to a single, properly registered person
2. Whether each properly registered person only got to vote one ballot
3. Whether all legally cast ballots were tabulated as the voter intended

There is a lack of transparency built into the system that has led to a dangerous lack of confidence among the voting population. Texas First seeks to change that by presenting solutions to improve the system. Texas First is working closely with [Texas Senator Bob Hall](#) and other legislators who are proposing a new system of voting that provides **accuracy, transparency, and accountability**.

Some of the new voting procedures the group would like law makers to consider include:

- Hand-marked, sequentially numbered ballots pre-printed on counterfeit-resistant paper
- Paper poll books
- Precinct "neighborhood" level voting (no county-wide centers)
- Tabulation of ballots with secure / tamper-resistant counter and hand counts
- Verified and certified results with robust audits and reconciliation procedures
- Limited mail-in voting to only those who legitimately need it
- Replacement of ERIC (Electronic Registration Information Center) and cleaned voter rolls

While these initiatives are being presented inside by cybersecurity technologists, political scientists and election officials, there will be a prayer rally taking place outside the South Capitol steps from 2pm - 5pm. The prayer rally will feature special guest speakers Lara Logan, the Brunson brothers, and pastors and musicians from across the state.

*"There is a growing movement across the country in which voters are standing up and demanding a return to common sense election procedures. It is virtually impossible to maintain data integrity with a computerized election system. It is our hope that after the legislative briefing and prayer rally, our Texas legislature will see how important this issue is to the voters of Texas and make it a primary focus of the 2023 session."* -**Beth Biesel, Texas First**

**WHAT:** Legislative Briefing

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023

**TIME:** 10:00am - 3:00pm

**LOCATION:** Texas State Capitol  
1100 Congress Avenue  
Austin, TX 78701

*\*\*Committee Room E1.016 (or watch from your legislator's office)*

**WHAT:** Prayer Rally

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 24, 2023

**TIME:** 2:00pm - 5:00pm

**LOCATION:** Texas State Capitol  
1100 Congress Avenue  
Austin, TX 78701

*\*South Capitol steps*

To download agenda and Capitol site map, please visit: [TexasFirst.org](https://TexasFirst.org)

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