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Coalition of Texans with Disabilities Applauds Senate Inclusion of Ballot Cure Provisions in SB 1

Urges Lawmakers to Remove Others Barriers to Voting in Proposed Legislation

AUSTIN, TEXAS–*The following statement on the Senate’s passage of SB 1 should be attributed to Chase Bearden, Deputy Executive Director of the Coalition of Texans with Disabilities:*

“Election integrity and improved voter access are important goals with strong support across Texas. We are pleased to see the Texas Senate amend Senate Bill 1 to include a way for voters to cure minor mail ballot errors remotely.

“Still, election measures lose any semblance of integrity if they cross the line into interfering with the reasonable, necessary, and legally protected accommodations the millions of Texans living with disabilities need to make our voice heard in our democracy. That’s why we continue to encourage state lawmakers to also maintain existing curbside voting accessibility and allow voters with visual impairments to receive accessible ballots they can complete at home without needing assistance.

“Texans living with disabilities deserve the same protections and access to a private, lawful vote that other Texans have.

“The Coalition of Texans with Disabilities will continue to work with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle in good faith to further improve SB 1 as it moves through the Texas House and closer to Governor Abbott’s desk.”

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