

# INDIVISIBLE TX LEGE

## Clothes Hanger Crusade Against SB 8 – the ‘Heartbeat’ Bill

Thank you for joining our Clothes Hanger Crusade against SB 8, flooding our state lawmakers with clothes hangers to remind them that their vote and support of the ‘heartbeat’ bill has set women’s rights back to the days of clothes hangers and back-alley abortions.

The bill will go into effect on September 1<sup>st</sup>. We want to let legislators know how disappointed we are with their support of this extreme anti-choice bill and that we will remember *their* vote when *WE* vote in the November, 2022 elections.

### What SB 8 Does:

Bans abortions before a person knows they are pregnant and shows a profound ignorance of gestation and the continuum of a viable pregnancy.



Has no exception for rape, incest or mental health.



Relies on “civil penalties” allowing anyone (in or out-of-state) to sue anyone that they believe “aids and abets” someone who gets an abortion that they believe was after the appearance of a ‘heartbeat’.



Ignores the legal practice of “standing” to sue, meaning that anyone can sue regardless of whether or not they have been harmed by the action.



Does not allow a person who is sued and wins the case to reclaim legal costs from the person who sued them. This clears the way for frivolous lawsuits and weaponizes the judicial system.

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#### Step-by-step Instructions:

##### 1. Get Your Hangers

- Wire coat hangers - full hangers, not the ones with the paper tube for pants.

##### 2. Print your Hanger Notes

- Print landscape - using the one-side printing option.
- Sign your name and your zip code so they have to put your message in the constituent communications database.
- You can add your phone number or email if you want them to reply.
- Add a personal message on the note if you'd like.

##### 3. Have a Hanger Note Party or Event

- Have your friends pass out & sign the hanger notes. Send hangers and notes to your state representative and state senator. Find out who represents you at: <https://wrm.capitol.texas.gov/home>.
- You can also send them to Governor Greg Abbott and Lt. Governor Dan Patrick. (Their address labels are included on the second page of the Hanger Note file)
- Punch a hole in the big red period to slip onto the hanger and bundle them up for mail or delivery.

##### 4. Will you be mailing your coat hangers?

- You can send 20 +/- hangers and notes in a medium flat-rate box for \$15.50
- You can send 10 +/- hangers and notes in a Ready Post Bubble mailer (12.5x19) for about \$12 (includes \$3 for the envelope)
- Take pictures!

##### 5. Will you be delivering your coat hangers in person?

- Leave them on the door of your state legislator's office or hand them to the staff. If you talk to the staff, be sure to let them know that the messages are from their constituents and to note that in their system.
- Consider inviting local press to cover the delivery of the hangers to local offices.
- Take pictures or videos!

##### 6. Share on social media – everywhere, every platform.