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Hi y'all,

Happy Special Session, eve! Surprisingly (or not?), Governor Abbott still has not announced the agenda for the max-30-day session that kicks off Thursday, July 8. Here's a quick outline of how the session works:

- Only the Governor can call a Special Session, and only the Governor can decide what topics get discussed
- Bills need to follow the same path as they would in the Regular Session: introduced in 1 chamber, sent to a committee in that chamber, heard and passed in that committee, then sent to the chamber for a full vote and sent on to the other chamber if passed.
- All bills from the 87th Special Session will be gone, so expect to see new bill numbers (and don't count on using the same bill numbers as the Regular!)
- Two topics we do know are on Abbott's mind: voting suppression, and bad bail reform. Other than that? He already has 2 Republican challengers for his primary next year, so he'll likely want to rally the far right of his party.

So what can you do? Even though we don't know what's on the agenda or what the bills look like, we DO know that Texas is already the hardest state to vote in. We DO know that Governor Abbott and many in the Texas GOP want to make it even harder to vote. So **call your State Rep and State Senator, every day from now until the end of the Special Session, and push them to make voting access easier for Texans!**

## 1. Call

**Call your State Rep and State Senator and urge them to oppose restrictions on voting access and instead support access to voting**

The Texas GOP wants to limit early voting, limit mail-in voting, and increase fear and penalties for honest mistakes. Voting rights advocates want to increase access to early voting, reduce restrictions on mail-in voting, increase accessibility for disabled voters, and make online voter registration available. Removing voter ID restrictions and allowing same-day voter registration would be great steps too. Make sure you tell your State Rep and State Senator your own personal stories of things that have made voting easier or harder for you in this state!

For more: [League of Women Voters Texas - Take Action!](#)

## 2. Comment on Redistricting

**Submit Comments on Redistricting Before the Hearing on Wednesday, July 7 at 10 am**

## Adjourns

The House Redistricting Committee is having an interim hearing on Redistricting (which is expected to be the topic of another Special Session later this year). You can testify in person at the Capitol, or [submit your comments in writing](#). [Read more about it in the CTA \(Call to Action\) on our website!](#)

## 3. Call

### **Call Governor Abbott at 512-463-2000 and urge him to build the grid, not a wall**

After the Regular Session ended, our Governor started pushing racist, anti-immigrant tropes to rally his base. He's even gone as far as outlining a plan to build a wall between Texas and Mexico. [Read more about his awful plan and what you can tell his staffers on our website.](#)

## 4. Show up

### **Show up for a Voting Rights Rally at the Capitol in Austin on Monday, July 19 at 11 am**

We'll need a full court press (even more than usual!) during this Special. Join Texas Impact along with many allied groups to push for voting rights.

For more + sign up: [texasimpact.org: Let My People Vote Rally](http://texasimpact.org: Let My People Vote Rally)

## 5. Donate

### **Donate to Indivisible TX Lege so we can help lodge volunteers and protestors in Austin this month**

Showing up matters. But showing up can be expensive. We need your help to get more TX Lege organizers up to Austin for the Special Session. Your donation will help ensure we get more voices heard up at the Capitol by supporting assistance for lodging and food. [Donate here!](#)

That's it for this week, but don't forget to check in at [our website](#) for new Calls to Action throughout the Special Session. And tell your friends to [subscribe to this newsletter!](#)

Much love,  
Marieke  
Indivisible TX Lege

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