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## **GUILLEN SUPPORTS THE PROTECTION OF ELDERLY VOTERS**

*Measures That Help Protect The Elderly Now In Effect*

**AUSTIN** - Texas State Representative Ryan Guillen (D-Rural South Texas) is proud to announce the passage of two measures designed to aid elderly voters and protect them against fraud, H.B. 658 and S.B. 5.

**"We must work hard to ensure the elderly do not face undue hardships at the polls. These measures make voting for seniors and those with mobility issues a lot easier," said Guillen.**

H.B. 658, which passed during the regular session and is now in effect, allows election officials to give priority to voters with medical conditions or disabilities that impair their ability to wait in line for an extended period of time. This will make voting easier for those who can't be outside for extended periods of time or can't stand on their feet for a long time.

S.B. 5, which passed during the special session and is effective December 1st, complements H.B. 658 by cracking down on mail-in ballot fraud. It targets criminals who go into nursing homes with fraudulently completed mail-in ballots and then force the residents to sign the ballot against their wishes or even without their knowledge. It increases penalties for this crime and strengthens language defining this type of fraud to make it easier to prosecute those criminals.

**"With thousands of assisted living facilities statewide, it is important that these citizens have the right to a secure vote. S.B. 5 will strengthen the laws governing mail-ballot fraud to maintain the integrity of Texas elections and the right to vote for the elderly."**

*Serving ten rural South Texas counties in the Texas House of Representatives, Ryan Guillen is known for his hard work, fierce independence, and relentless efforts for South Texas families. Recently, Capitol Inside called him a "House Bill Machine," and a "one-person assembly line for legislation." Since elected, few other legislators have passed more bills than Guillen. Sign up for updates at [ryanguillen.com](http://ryanguillen.com), [facebook.com/representative.guillen](https://facebook.com/representative.guillen), and [twitter.com/ryanguillen](https://twitter.com/ryanguillen)*

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