

GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE

NEWS & INFORMATION FOR GARLAND AREA DEMOCRATS

February 7, 2011

Garland, Texas

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Where in the World Is Gov. Perry?

This past week is the coldest one in 15 years. Winter weather has virtually shut down North Texas; schools have been shut down for 4 days. Power has been on rolling shut downs to prevent overload-compete shut downs even though Lt. Gov. Dewhurst reported power usage was 20% *lower* than in peak summertime. More snow and cold is predicted for the first of the week. Postal delivery is spotty. City Services have been suspended. Dallas County Judge, Clay Jenkins, slipped on the ice and broke his leg in two places - requiring surgery to repair.

The Texas Legislature, in session for their “once-every-two-year-session,” set aside the plight of the people of Texas to take up emergency measures for the Voter ID bill seeking to solve an undocumented, unproven voter fraud issue and to fix the “straight ticket” ballot which both parties like, except Republicans in blue Dallas. Due to the budget mess, Texas agencies budgets and worker salaries are being cut. 100,000 Texas teachers are scheduled for layoffs.

There “are no cuts to the salaries of Texas’ statewide elected officials – all Republicans – and the leaders of the state’s largest agencies, including the Texas Education Agency, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the Departments of Aging and Disability Services and Family Protective Services.” *(Dallas Morning News 02/04/11)*

At foreclosure.com, the State of Texas lists (as of 02/04/11) foreclosures at 19,693, Sheriff Sales at 31, Bankruptcies at 16,433 and Auctions at 182. Unemployment is at 8.2 % (as of Dec 2010).

Where in the World Is Governor Perry? Governor Perry is in Southern California - San Diego visiting soldiers at Miramar Marine Base, staying overnight on the USS Ronald Reagan Aircraft Carrier, meeting with business leaders and attending festivities around the 100th anniversary of President Ronald Reagan –the president who presided over a 186.1 % increase in the national debt.
(Office of Management and Budget)

This is the same Governor Perry who left Texas immediately following the \$25,000,000,000 shortfall announcement in the Texas budget. He left “ole Texas now*,” to promote his new book, written while serving the office of Texas Governor and living in his \$10,000 per month rented villa.

*Cowboy Song: “I’m Going to Leave Ole’ Texas Now,” available at:
[http://www.traditionalmusic.co.uk/song-midis/Old_Texas_\(The_Cowmans_Lament\).htm](http://www.traditionalmusic.co.uk/song-midis/Old_Texas_(The_Cowmans_Lament).htm)

GARLAND DEMOCRATIC VOICE EDITORIAL

The image of Nero playing his violin while Rome is burning has been in the forefront of my mind these days. Governor Perry has been away from Rome, *err...* Texas recently, more than he has been present. This past week, during the coldest winter weather in recent memory, found our globe-trotting Governor in sunny southern California. His travel schedule shows much more travel in the coming months. Our state legislature meets for about 6 months every two years.

Our Chief Wrangler is absent during the [*ed: last?*] roundup.

The deficit in Texas is real. Reports forecast the deficit to range from a low of \$15,000,000,000 to as high as \$28,000,000,000. *In abstentia*, Gov. Perry continues to maintain the conservative stance of, "No raises in taxes." a campaign promise. *In abstentia*, Gov. Perry says the cuts will be deep and will hurt - 12% across the board. Among the projected cuts, Texas is to lose 100,000 teachers. According to the TEA Division of Performance Reporting we have 333,007 Texas teachers. Do we conclude we are going to lose one third of our teachers? (In Camelot, Precinct 2100, children attend Big Springs Elementary - RISD: there are 32 teachers: Which 11 teachers would be cut?).

Texas stands at 49th in SAT Scores (2005), 51st (2011) in H. S. Diplomas (38th in 2005).

In abstentia, Wrangler Perry put the Voter ID bills and Required-Sonograms-before-Abortion on an emergency status so the Texas Legislature could put less important matters aside and have the cowhands deliberate these bills riddled with US Constitutional flaws.

President Obama, in his State of the Union speech told us:

"We do big things. The idea of America endures. Our destiny remains our choice. And tonight, more than two centuries later, it's because of our people that our future is hopeful, our journey goes forward, and the state of our union is strong. God bless you, and may God bless the United States of America. (Jan 25, 2011)"

We must not be discouraged. We will vote in the future elections. Call, email, visit your representatives. Talk to your neighbors, friends and family.

"Yes, we can!"

February 7, 2011

***Rachel Baker Ford, Editor

FROM THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS:

Letters to the Editor 01/14/11

RE: "Court sides with EPA in air case- State vows to keep fighting feds on greenhouse gases," (*Thursday news story.*)

Finally, a victory for those of us who prefer to breathe cleaner air. Gov. Rick Perry and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality have tried every way possible to keep business costs of cleaning their toxic emissions low – at the expense of the people of North Texas. Thankfully, we still have our court system to rein in these misguided politicians. What politicians don't seem to understand is that many businesses are concerned about the environment their employees must live in. Plans to locate new facilities in Texas hinge on issues like clean air and good schools.

Give it a break, Perry. The environmental Protection Agency needs to handle a clean air program. The TCEQ with his chosen appointee has refused to even set up the program.

We need better air quality and stricter controls over emissions in North Texas.

Peggy Henger - Garland



Uncredited Photo Dallas Morning News Blog

Ever Smell Rotten Eggs?

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott wrote a column for the January 31, 2011 edition of, *The Dallas Morning News*, claiming the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision to regulate green house gases needs to be stopped by Congress because it will kill jobs by imposing burdensome costs and economic hardships on employers. Business needs to be as interested in keeping air and water clean as is the EPA. A sick employee is unsatisfactory. A dead customer is worthless.

The west Texas sky was still beautiful this past January as we crossed Hwy 10 on Hwy 17 leaving the scenery of the Big Bend area behind us. The air looked clear but my nose was burning before I spotted the gas well. My thought was a person could not survive long breathing such fumes. People's homes were there! I've smelled the same gas well sulfur emissions in west Fort Worth and on 121 near Haltom City. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has initiated an enforcement action against Carrizo Oil & Gas in connection with complaints by an Arlington woman that she has suffered from extreme chemical sensitivities and allergies as a result of fumes and odors from a natural gas pad site for 22 gas wells which is on the University of Texas at Arlington property only 600 ft. from her home.

The fumes that burned my nose are probably sulfur. Natural gas itself may be the flammable gas coming out of shower heads and garden hoses of a couple of houses in Parker County. Earlier last year the TCEQ ignored a Parker County resident's complaint about being able to light his water on fire so one of the Parker County homeowners gave the EPA a video in which his garden hose became a flamethrower. The EPA discovered the water well pollution was caused by horizontal gas wells drilled into Parker County, near the two homes, from drilling pads located nearby in Hood County and began seeking reparation for the two families.

Carbon dioxide also is generated by gas wells. CO₂ is breathed out by humans so isn't going to burn our noses, but it could help end life on earth as we know it. High concentrations of CO₂ cause sickness and death. The EPA considers CO₂ and other so-called greenhouse gases to be pollutants because of their role in propagating climate change.

Our United States House of Representatives has come out strong on the side of bad air, water hoses you can use to set a forest fire and greenhouse gases that threaten to cause climate changes no Tea Party Congressman, polar bear, or normal human may survive.

“In a sharp challenge to the Obama administration, House Republicans intend to unveil legislation Wednesday to ban the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act and expect to advance the bill quickly, officials disclosed Tuesday night.

The officials said the bill would nullify all of the steps the EPA has taken to date on the issue, including a threshold finding that greenhouse gases constitute a danger to the public health and welfare.

In addition, it seeks to strip the agency of its authority to use the law in any future attempts to crack down on the emissions from factories, utilities and other stationary sources.”

(The Huffington Post Feb. 2, 2011)

Further Reading:

Star Telegram – UTA Oil Well Pad:

<http://www.star-telegram.com/2010/10/14/2548210/state-takes-action-over-odors.html#ixzz1CkPMxmR>

The Dallas Morning News – Parker County EPA story :

http://www.dallasnews.com/health/medicine/20101209-epa-2-parker-county-homes-at-risk-of-explosion-after-gas-from-fracked_well-contaminates-aquifer.ece

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Job Creation at the Local Level

*Chuck's Research
Charles E. Ford, Jr.*

Stimulus bills are a quick way to put some people back to work but most of the jobs created or saved are only temporary. Businesses still need increased demand for their product or services to keep or expand their workforce. Businesses do not hire workers just to get them off the streets.

The ideal job creation comes from an entrepreneur whose idea creates a new business which expands like Apple, Microsoft, Facebook, and Google. Those success stories are rare. Small business success stories are more common and important to the nation's employment.

Tax breaks for corporations may have a slight impact on a hiring practices but people are hired to perform a function when the current workforce is stretched to its limits. Tax breaks for hiring are perks for the corporation. Tax breaks for individuals have little affect on our buying habits with the exception of the School Tax holiday in the fall.

The Texas Enterprise Zone Program (TEZ) rewards investment in capital projects that create or save jobs with a \$2500 tax rebate for each job created or saved. There is no risk to the state, city, or taxpayer. In 2008/9 three Garland companies, Ecolab, Inc., MAPEI Corp., and The Sherwin-Williams Company benefitted from the TEZ Program as 38 jobs were created and 396 jobs were saved. In 2010/11, Sears Logistics and Kraft have participated in the TEZ Program. The TEZ program is based on capital investment by the businesses and does not create jobs but rewards businesses for adding to or maintaining the current number of employees.

A more aggressive approach to enterprise zones requires cooperation between the local government, residents, and developers. Working together they can identify a project to promote the area economic welfare and increase the tax base. They invest in improvements or create new attractions (ie: theme parks, malls, casinos), or revitalize a section of the city. They also create jobs, reducing unemployment. Risk is involved and enterprise zones require substantial investment by the residents and existing businesses. Rowlett currently has three enterprise zones in the planning stages.

To provide the legal framework for the enterprise zones TX Sen. Bob Deuell, (R-SD2) , and Rep. Joe Driver (R-HD113) introduced legislation in the Legislature. SB 233/HB 426 create Rowlett Pecan Grove Management Dist. SB 234/HB 425 create Rowlett Downtown Management Dist. SB 235/ HB 427 Create Rowlett Waterfront Entertainment Management Dist.;

All the bills provide the authority to impose a tax, levy an assessment, & issue bonds.

The bills can be viewed at www.house.state.tx.us & www.senate.state.tx.us

The text of the six bills is nearly identical except for the description of the property. The purpose is "The creation of the district is necessary to promote, develop, encourage, and maintain employment, commerce, transportation, housing, tourism, recreation, the arts, entertainment, economic development, safety, and the public welfare in the district." The six bills create "enterprise zones" (Districts). Each district is governed by a board of five directors appointed by "the mayor and the governing body of the city."

Note: The directors are NOT elected officials. They have the authority to impose taxes, levy an assessment, and issue bonds, actions normally associated with elected officials. The directors will serve staggered four year terms. The City of Rowlett Officials have oversight responsibility.

To emphasize the power that the district will have beyond the powers already mentioned, "The district may provide, or it may enter into contracts with a governmental or private entity to provide the following types of improvement projects or activities in support of or incidental to those projects:"

1. Potable water 2. Paved road/ street 3. Planning, design, construction, improvement, and maintenance of landscaping, highway right-of-way beautification, lighting banners, signs, parks, lake, gardens sports facilities, drainage, storm water detention, a water facility, sewer facility, facility for conventions or trade shows, advertising, traffic congestion, etc.

The district shall annually levy ad valorem taxes based on improvements they perceive to existing properties and businesses The district can impose an impact fee on residential property for public water, drainage or storm ware facilities, or for streets and alleys.

These six bills put a tremendous amount of power in the hands of 5 appointees, non-elected officials.

The authority to issue bonds is like handing the district a giant credit card. Bonds initiated by the district may have a life of up to 40 years and must be approved by a majority of the "DISTRICT" voters and the governing body of the city.

If the projects are chosen to fill a demand without hindering existing businesses, they will do what is intended: create jobs and expand the tax base.

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GISD - \$6433 Per Pupil Cost

Chuck's Research: Part 2

Charles E. Ford, Jr.

The GISD student population is 58,000: 28,000 in elementary, 13,000 in middle school, and 17,000 in high school. At first glance those numbers seem out of balance but elementary includes Pre-kindergarten and Early Childhood. The ethnic make-up of the student population has changed dramatically in the last ten years although the total enrollment has only increased from 49,000 to 58,000.

	1999-00	2009-10
White	50.0%	27.2%
Hispanic	26.5%	45.3%
African-American	16.5%	18.8%
Asian	6.3%	8.3%
Native American	0.7%	0.4%

The sad news is that those categorized as economically disadvantaged has risen from 34.5% to 57.2% in the same time period. The unemployment rate and general economic conditions contribute to the increase.

On the positive side, graduations have risen from 2500 to 3700 in the last ten years. 95% of the students in the class of 2009 graduated, received a GED, and/or continued in school. GISD is a *Recognized* school district by the TEA with 28 campuses rated as *Exemplary*, 33 as *Recognized*, and 5 as *Academically Acceptable*. The 2010 graduating class included 9 National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalists, 19 National Commended Students, 5 National Achievement Scholars, and 9 National Hispanic Scholars. In 2010, graduates received \$48 million in scholarship offers.

According to the adopted budget on the GISD website for 2010-2011, it will cost \$375,278,336 to educate 58,000 students or \$6433 per student. In addition, the food fund for lunches and breakfast is \$28,000,000 and the debt service is \$38,000,000. (Some numbers rounded off for ease in reading.)

The major expense items are:

Instruction	\$224,169,599
Instructional Resources & Media Services	\$ 7,252,133
Facility Maintenance & Operations	\$ 18,955,212
School Leadership	\$ 26,536,611
Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation	\$ 15,832,736
Student Transportation	\$ 10,121,868
Food service	\$ 27,179,642

The money to educate our children comes from:

	General Fund	Food Service	Debt Service
Local Revenue (<i>mostly property tax</i>)	\$136,987,934	\$10,532,936	\$27,856,174
State Revenue	\$235,928,402	\$ 161,000	\$ 9,691,794
Federal Revenue	\$ 250,000	\$17,280,000	
Total Revenue	\$373,166,336	\$27,973,936	\$37,547,968

Not all property tax comes from residential property. Commercial property contributes significantly to the tax base. The top 10 tax payers in 2010 are: Walmart, Simon Property Group, Verizon/GTE, Atlas Copco Drilling, Kraft Foods, Plastipak Packaging, Oncor, Wesdale Properties, Engineered Polymer, and Sears & Roebuck.

GISD is the areas largest employer with 7200 employees. Raytheon is second with 3500 employees, and the City of Garland is third with 2500 employees. GISD teachers are paid between \$45,000 and \$72,000 per year depending upon their education level and experience. 73% of the GISD teachers have Bachelor's degrees and 26% have Masters degrees. The student teacher ratio has remained between 15 :1 and 16:1 for ten years.

\$6433 sounds like a lot for 187 days of instruction. What do we get for the \$34 per day?

1. A professional teacher in the classroom.
2. A safe place for your children during the day
3. Breakfast and lunch for your children 5 days a week
5. Social interacting with other children
6. Hours away from television, video games, and & cell phones (Mobile Devices)

The most important return for our investment is a basic education which serves as a foundation for successful lives, future education and meaningful employment. \$6433 per year is a very reasonable investment in our most precious citizens. For comparison, RISD spends \$7506 per student each year.

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Bruce Sherbet Resigns Under Pressure

FROM THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS: January 27, 2011

As reported by: Bruce Jeffers, Jr. Staff Writer gjeffers@dallasnews.com:

Dallas County Elections Administrator, Bruce Sherbet, under pressure from County Judge Clay Jenkins and County Commissioner John Wiley Price, said Wednesday that he would resign from the post he's held for more than two decades.

"It is my understanding from media reports that Mr. Sherbet [ed. Sherbet] will offer his resignation. I wish Mr. Sherbet the very best in his new endeavors," Jenkins [ed. Clay Jenkins, Dallas County Judge] wrote. "Fair and accurate elections are extremely important. Every eligible voter must be able to vote and their vote must be accurately counted."

On Wednesday, he [ed. Sherbet] received praise from Democrats and Republicans – many of whom lamented his departure.

"I'm saddened by it," Ewing said. [ed. Darlene Ewing, Dallas County Chairperson] "Bruce Sherbet is one of the finest elections administrators in the state. It's significant that both county chairs supported him." [ed. Ewing Democratic Chair & Neerman, GOP Chair]

Subsequently, Mr. Sherbet did submit his resignation. The County has made the ouster effective immediate, though he will be paid through March.

"I don't want to work under these conditions, where the county judge and the most powerful person in the county are against me for no legitimate reason," Sherbet said. "I love my job, but I'll go do something else." (DMN 1/27/11)

Bipartisan Outrage

Peggy Henger writes in an email:

Democratic Friends - I usually only write to DMN when I am angry. Yes, I'm angry and I hope you are, too. Please read the editorial in today's DMN and join me in your outrage. Clay Jenkins ran on a platform of transparency and independence, but this act looks like a betrayal of not only campaign promises, but betrayal of the voters who put him there. Please write the Dallas Morning News at letterstoeditor@dallasnews.com

and let the paper know how you feel about this betrayal. Thanks, Peggy

Response to Editorial: "How Not to Govern." [ed. Peggy's]

As a Democratic Precinct Chair and Election Judge, I can certainly confirm your opinion of the respect and appreciation we (Democrats and Republicans) all hold for Bruce Sherbet. Since he was supported by BOTH the Democratic (Darlene Ewing) and the Republican (Jonathan Neerman) County Chairs, who obviously know a little bit about elections, we have to wonder with amazement why John Ames and John Warner would side with Clay Jenkins to vote for his dismissal!!! We all suspected that Clay was strongly influenced by John Wiley Price, but are John Ames and John Warnen also controlled by Price???? I just hope they remember that Democratic Primaries roll around again next year, and MANY of us Democratic Precinct Chairs and Election Judges have LONG memories - and we ALL VOTE! ...Peggy Henger

Call to Action:

1. Attend the Commissioner's Court Meeting:

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 9:00 am.

The Court is located at 411 Elm Street, 75202.

2. Write, Email, Call The Commissioners:

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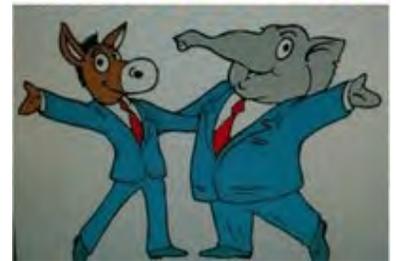
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BITS & PIECES



In Memoriam

Louise Ballerstedt Raggio
1919-2011

“Mother of Family Law in Texas,” Louise Ballerstedt Raggio was also a mentor, civil rights activist, champion



for the rights of women and children, mother,



Virginia Whitehall &
Louise Raggio

grandmother and
great-grandmother and friend.

Mrs. Raggio is survived by her three sons, Grier Jr. and wife Lorraine, Tom and wife Janice, Ken and wife Patty, seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Her most satisfying professional accomplishment was her leadership in the reform of Texas Property laws

giving married women the right to own property. Louise was committed to her profession, but she was equally committed to her family. The deep love, devotion and respect felt by her family is the result of that commitment. We will always remember the home cooked meals, the vegetables from your garden, and your wonderful sense of humor. As a friend has said, “she did so much because she didn’t know she couldn’t.”



Louise Raggio &
Vivian Castleberry

PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Fran Donnell, President

Our goals are set and we are ready to move forward. The support and election of our Democratic Candidates is our first imperative. We will have victory when we increase the Democratic vote in each and every precinct by at least 3%.

At the January meeting, we took the oath, given by the Dallas County Election’s Representative as Deputy Registrar of Voters. This is only the start of the plan to victory. We have only 21 months to get every eligible voter registered and to overcome voter apathy. Our Precinct Chairs are already on the move – they need your help. Get to know the folks in your neighborhood - especially the Democrats. Knock on doors, make phone calls, spread the Democratic message.

Spread the word about our club. This last meeting we had several new folks. Mark Edwards has volunteered to chair a membership drive. Get your neighbors, friends and family to join our club and help turn the tide!

See you on February 10th. We’re having a program from the NAACP. 7:00 pm at the Women’s Activities Building.

– Fran

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Several Candidates have opened their campaigns for 2012.



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Theresa Daniels
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The Hon. Judge James Martin &
The Hon. Judge Andrea Plumlee
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The Honorable
James Martin



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The Gavel is Passed



Pat Seehorn &
Cynthia Martin



Pat Seehorn &
Judge Martin



Hon. Elizabeth Crowder
& Pat Seehorn



Sandy Paul &
Judge Martin



The Hon. Julia Hayes



Where in the world is Gov. Perry?

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BULLETIN BOARD

Garland Area Democratic Club Meeting

Thursday, February 10, 2011 7:00 pm
Regular Meeting: Program by the NAACP
All are welcome, bring a friend.
Garland Women's Activities Building:
713 Austin Street Garland
Contact: Fran Donnell 972-414-8822
frandonnell@verizon.net

Garland Democratic Woman's Club

Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 11:30 am
J B Williams of the NAACP will speak on a current bill in the Texas Congress requiring a photo ID to vote. (Ed: see the Legislative note in the next column.) Enjoy the fellowship of Democratic women over lunch!
All are welcome, bring a friend. Pay 2011 dues!
Siciliano's Taste of Italy, 2210 W Buckingham
Garland, TX. For info: 972-226-3387

The Garland Democratic Woman's Club will be hosting the Garland Federation of Clubs Meeting

Wednesday, March 2, 2011 11:45 a.m.
Eastern Hills Club Meeting Room
3000 Country Club Rd Garland.
The luncheon cost is \$12.50 including gratuity and requires pre-registration for attendance. Wear your Democratic tee shirts as show your enthusiasm.
Call or email Jimmie Smith for reservations no later than, Sunday, February 27, 2011. 972-226-3387
gemsmith@airmail

HD112 Democratic Activists

Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at 6:30 pm
MEETING CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER
Meeting will be rescheduled in 2-3 weeks.
For info: 972-226-3387
Contact Ed Miller limonoids@yahoo.com,
or Peggy Henger: pjhenger@tx.rr.com,

Dallas County Democratic Party Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 6:30 pm
CWA Hall, 1408 N Washington #240
Dallas, 75204
Precinct chairs will caucus by state house district to select each district's members to the Advisory Council. Only precinct chairs from a house district vote on the Advisory Council member's from the district.

Rachel Maddow reports 2/7/11: US House is in session 2 weeks on/ one week off. This week only one day has a floor session scheduled.

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The image shows a business card for Wesley C Johnson, Attorney. On the left is a portrait of Wesley C Johnson, a man with short brown hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red and white striped tie. To the right of the portrait is the text: "Law Office of Wesley C Johnson", "3960 Broadway Boulevard, Suite 230", "Garland, Texas 75043", "Office 214-328-9378", "Cell 214-641-1903", "Fax 214-550-0297", "wes@wesleyjohnsonlawyer.com", "Wesley C Johnson", "Attorney", and "WesleyJohnsonLawyer.com".

Legislative Alert: Voter ID Bill

Julie Spears

Gov Perry declared the Voter ID bill an emergency, bypassing the usual 60-day period required for legislation to be considered. The Republican-lead Texas Senate passed Voter Photo ID bill, SB 14, along party lines. The House will follow suit in the near future. The Bill: Voter registration certificates will no longer be used for voting (except for disabled voters or those 70 years or older on 01/01/12) Government-issued photo ID will be used: Texas driver's license, official Texas State ID, Military ID, citizenship papers with photo, passport or concealed weapon permit. SB 14 is long, very messy, and presents many areas to be challenged by lawyers. Poll tax is illegal; There is a fee for driver's licenses. The voter can inform the TXDOT if the driver's license is for voting only, eliminating the fee. [ed: Would the written test be considered a "poll-test?"]

Texas Legislature Bill Alert

SB 354: Concealed Handguns

Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of institutions of higher education. 2/2/2011 S Referred to Criminal Justice
Wentworth Birdwell Carona Deuell et al concealed handguns: higher ed campus

SCR 1 States' Rights

Claiming sovereignty under the 10 Amendment of the US Constitution over all powers not otherwise enumerated and granted to the federal government by the US Constitution, serving notice to the federal government to cease and desist certain mandates, affirming the right to keep and bear arms was reserved to the states, and providing that all compulsory federal legislation be prohibited or repealed. 2/2/2011 S Referred to State Affairs. Hegar Nelson 10th Amend: handguns: states rights

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