

# THE NEVER-ENDING 87<sup>TH</sup> TEXAS LEGISLATURE: WHAT'S THE STATE OF THE STATE?

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# MALDEF

The Latino Legal Voice for Civil Rights in America.

# What is MALDEF?

- **Founded in 1968, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) is the nation's leading Latino legal civil rights organization. Often described as the "law firm of the Latino community", MALDEF promotes social change through advocacy, communications, community education, and litigation in the areas of education, employment, immigrants' rights, and political access. MALDEF is non-partisan.**
- **MALDEF combines advocacy, educational outreach, and litigation strategies to achieve socio-economic change.**

# SENATE BILL 1



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# Senate Bill 1 – Recap of Texas Legislature

- **87<sup>th</sup> Regular Session**
  - **SB7 and other bills**
- **Passage of SB1**
  - **87<sup>th</sup> Second Special Session**
  - **Effective on December 2, 2021**

# Senate Bill 1 – What does it do?

- **Targets voters who use assistance**
- **Expands investigation of voter registration applicants and registered voters**
- **Chills community organizing**
- **Promotes intimidation of voters inside the polling place**
- **Makes voting more difficult for all voters**

# Senate Bill 1 – Litigation

- **MALDEF, along with the Brennan Center for Justice and two private law firms, filed a lawsuit on behalf of several plaintiffs in federal court**
- **MALDEF represents: La Union Del Pueblo Entero, Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, Mexican American Bar Association of Texas, Texas Hispanics Organized for Political Education, JOLT Action, William C. Velasquez Institute, and FIEL Houston**
- **First filed and consolidation of cases**
- **Impacted individuals**

# REDISTRICTING



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# Redistricting – Census

- **Every ten years, after the Census, we redraw districts to re-allocate population**
- **Redistricting = Redrawing district boundaries to equalize population across districts**



# Redistricting – What districts are redrawn by Texas Legislature?

- **U.S. House of Representatives**
- **Texas Senate**
- **Texas House of Representatives**
- **State Board of Education**

# Redistricting – Current state at Texas Legislature?

- **87<sup>th</sup> Third Special Session**
  - **Texas Senate released Congressional, State Senate and State Board of Education maps**
  - **Texas House released State House map**
  - **Last day is October 19<sup>th</sup>**

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