

Notes on the methodology used for oil & gas industry donations to Texas politicians who are stripping back voting rights

[According to the nonpartisan law and policy institute the Brennan Center](#), Texas Senate Bill 1 is “a dangerous and sweeping voter restriction bill” with provisions that “ultimately harm voters.” The [U.S. Justice Department also contended](#) that Senate Bill 1 violated sections of the Voting Rights Act and Civil Rights Act of 1964 in a lawsuit against the state of Texas.

We use the phrase “Texas politicians who are stripping back voting rights” to refer to Texas state officeholders who voted to pass, or were notable advocates for passing, Texas Senate Bill 1.

Gov. Greg Abbott [made election integrity an emergency item for Texas’s 87th legislative session and was a vocal proponent of the bill](#), also signing it into law. Abbott thanked Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick for “stepping up to ensure this bill made it to the finish line.” In Texas, the Lieutenant Governor [“wields great power as the president and agenda-setter of the state Senate.”](#) State legislators who voted to pass Texas Senate Bill 1 were determined [via LegiScan](#) according to the final House and Senate votes. Donations to Abbott, Patrick, and legislative officehouses who voted to pass Texas Senate Bill 1 were included in the analysis. Donations over \$200 from individuals and non-individuals classified into the “Oil & Gas” or “Gas and Electric Utilities” sectors for the 2021-22 election cycle were included. Data were obtained from FollowTheMoney.org and are subject to a Creative Commons Attribution-Noncommercial-Share Alike 3.0 United States License by OpenSecrets.

Politician(s)	Total amount received from oil & gas	URL	Date accessed
Gov. Greg Abbott	\$16,671,379	https://www.followthemoney.org/show-me?dt=1&s=TX&y=2022&c-t-eid=11281947&d-cci=33&d-ccb=104&d-amt=200.1000000#[%7B1%7Cgro=d-eid	10/31/2022
Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick	\$3,633,403	https://www.followthemoney.org/show-me?dt=1&s=TX&y=2022&c-t-eid=11860515&d-cci=33&d-ccb=104&d-amt=200.1000000#[%7B1%7Cgro=d-eid	9/28/2022
State legislative candidates who voted	\$1,734,126	URL #1. Oil & Gas industry donations	9/28/2022

to pass Texas Senate Bill 1		to all Republican Texas state legislative officeholders (\$2,228,127) URL #2. Oil & Gas industry donations to Republican Texas state legislation officeholders who <i>did not vote to pass Senate Bill 1</i> (\$494,001)	
Total	\$22,038,908		