

# TEXAS VOTERS SUPPORT BAIL REFORM: SJR 5

A new poll conducted by WPA Intelligence for the Texas Public Policy Foundation and Right On Crime found that **81% of Texas voters** support a constitutional amendment allowing judges to deny bail to violent offenders accused of severe crimes like murder and child sexual assault.

**STRONG  
BIPARTISAN  
SUPPORT**

Texans across party lines favor bail reform:

- **90%** of Republicans support the amendment.
- **73%** of Democrats back the measure.

**THE NEED FOR  
CHANGE**

Currently, Texas law guarantees bail to most defendants, except in capital murder cases or for certain repeat violent offenders. This means high-risk defendants can buy their freedom if they can afford bail, regardless of the danger they pose to public safety.

***SJR 5, a constitutional amendment under consideration in the 89th Texas Legislative Session, would allow judges to deny bail in the most dangerous cases, aligning Texas with many other states.***

## QUICK FACTS

- 1.) **81%** of Texans support judicial discretion to deny bail for violent offenders.
- 2.) Strong bipartisan support from **90% of Republicans, 73% of Democrats.**
- 3.) **SJR 5** aligns Texas law with national best practices.

