WHEREAS, House Bill 375 states the following “Sec. 43.008. CAMPUS POLLING PLACE. The commissioners court of a county shall designate as a polling place a location on the main campus of an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003, Education Code, located within the county if at least 10,000 students are enrolled in the institution.”,

WHEREAS, the University of North Texas qualifies as an institution of higher education as defined by Section 61.003 of the Education Code and has 38,000 enrolled students.

WHEREAS, historically the University of North Texas has struggled with student voter turnout, and a study from MIT has found that voter turnout lowers by 2%-5% for every quarter mile distance from a polling location.

WHEREAS, student and community activists have had to fight year after year for an on-campus polling location, to the detriment of civic engagement and voter turnout efforts,

WHEREAS, the University of North Texas mission statement includes a commitment to “preparing students to become thoughtful, engaged citizens of the world”, and encouraging student voter turnout falls within that commitment.

LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, the University of North Texas Student Government Association supports House Bill 375 in the 2019 Texas Legislative Session,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to State Representative Lynn Stucky, State Senator Pat Fallon’s, Committee on Elections offices for viewing immediately.

Respectfully Submitted,
Senator Deana Ayers
College of Health and Public Service

Senator Shane Warren
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences
In Witness thereof, I hereby certify the Student Senate of the University of North Texas Student Government Association has approved this document and is referred to the office of the President.

Speaker of the Senate

Presidential Action:
- Vetoed
- Approved

President of the Student Government Association

Vice President of Student Affairs