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LDF Statement on 5th Circuit Court of Appeals Decision in Texas Voter ID Case

Today, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals determined that Texas' current photo voter ID law, S.B. 5, sufficiently remedies discrimination against Black and Latino voters. The [decision](#) reverses a lower court order that blocked Texas from enforcing that law and an earlier iteration of it.

“We are disappointed in today’s ruling and considering our next steps, but it is important to note that this decision does not affect a trial court’s intentional discrimination and effects rulings,” [said Sherrilyn Ifill](#), LDF’s President and Director Counsel. “We maintain that no voter should ever be turned away from the polls because of an ID requirement and we will continue to aggressively pursue the right to vote wherever it is challenged.

“Since its very inception, we have fought hard against the enactment of Texas’ voter ID laws, S.B. 14 and its descendant S.B. 5. Through steadfast, years-long litigation, we successfully proved that S.B. 14 is intentionally discriminatory and disproportionately impacts Black and Latino voters in Texas.”

Read the full decision [here](#).

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