

TEXAS SOVEREIGNTY & INFLUENCE SHIELD ACT

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Texas Land, Texas Rules

No hostile foreign nation or agent will ever own our dirt or our decisions again.

Already written. Ready Day 1.

One bill. Nine historic wins:

1. **Permanent ban on land & home purchases by governments of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, Pakistan (and entities they control) plus cartel-linked organizations.**

The **Governor**, in consultation with the **Department of Public Safety** and considering national security, terrorism, religious freedom, demographic influence, and sovereignty threats, **shall have explicit authority to designate additional countries, networks, or entities** (including those with patterns of foreign-financed religious institutions, parallel systems, or rapid enclave formation).

2. **Mandatory Texas Foreign-Agent Registry (Texas FARA)** — anyone taking money or direction from a foreign government must register publicly. Expanded to explicitly include any entity receiving direction or substantial funding from Pakistan or other high-influence sources advancing parallel legal/religious frameworks. Full public disclosure of funding, activities, and affiliations to expose all influence ops threatening our one-law-for-all system.

Expanded Scope for Corporate and Coordinated Influence Operations:

This registry shall also apply to any out-of-state corporation, multi-state operator (MSO), trade association, nonprofit, or proxy entity (including subsidiaries or funded influencers) **when such activities are coordinated, paid, or part of a campaign that primarily targets Texas sovereignty, rural industries, or specific Texas legislation, and where the entity has a significant economic interest in the outcome** (e.g., influencing hemp/cannabis policy or attacking Texas-First farmers).

Key Requirements:

- Full public disclosure of all funding sources, coordinating entities, expenditures, contracts with influencers or media platforms (including X/Twitter), and specific activities aimed at influencing Texas legislation, regulation, or public opinion.
- Registration with the Texas Ethics Commission (or designated agency) within 10 days of initiating such activities.

- Annual and supplemental reports detailing all influence operations, including content of campaigns attacking Texas-First farmers or policies like the **Cultivate Texas Act**.
- No exemptions for “commercial” or “issue advocacy” activities when they meet the criteria above.

Purpose: To expose and deter out-of-state MSOs and cronies from running smear campaigns, coordinated attacks on social media, or hidden lobbying designed to suppress Texas farmers and shift market control. Failure to register or disclose constitutes a deceptive trade practice and violation of Texas sovereignty.

Penalties: Fines up to \$250,000 per violation, disgorgement of profits, barred access to Texas markets, loss of state contracts/incentives, and criminal penalties for willful concealment. The Attorney General shall investigate and prosecute violations aggressively.

New Religious & Ideological Funding Rule: Any mosque, Hindu temple, nonprofit, religious organization, or affiliated entity receiving substantial foreign funding (over \$10,000 annually from non-U.S. sources, including from Pakistan or other designated countries) or direction from foreign principals must register under Texas FARA. Disclosures shall include full funding trails, ideological affiliations, and any advocacy for parallel legal systems. Governor/DPS may block permits, land acquisitions, zoning approvals, or operations for failure to comply or for advancing incompatibility with Texas one-law sovereignty.

3. **Extension to Protect Texas Family Homes from Corporate & Outsider Exploitation**

Extend sovereignty to ban out-of-state/institutional corporations from bulk-buying single-family homes—prioritizing Texas families over Wall Street. No more foreign visa holders or non-residents snapping up properties at locals' expense—Texas first!

Key provisions:

- **Cap corporations/institutional investors** at no more than 10 single-family homes statewide (phased divestment for excess; exceptions for small/local builders or build-to-rent serving Texans).
- Strengthen SB17 (effective Sept. 1, 2025; upheld in 5th Circuit challenges): Mandate residency/citizenship verification for non-homestead buys; empower governor to designate high-risk sources (e.g., visa patterns or demographic flooding).
- **Penalties:** Up to \$250,000 fines per violation, forced sales/divestment, AG probes, property forfeiture.
- **1836 Homesteader Fee:** A one-time **\$50,000** non-refundable **transaction fee** shall be imposed on any out-of-state resident (non-Texas domiciliary for tax purposes) or entity purchasing a single-family home or residential property in Texas. All proceeds shall be dedicated exclusively to the **Freedom Fund** to eliminate property taxes.

Exemptions: Active duty U.S. military and veterans relocating to Texas and immediate family members of current Texas residents.

Enforcement: Collected at closing through county clerks with residency verification by the Attorney General and Department of Public Safety. Ties directly to the Governor's expanded designation authority for high-influence visa patterns, demographic flooding, and foreign-linked purchases under this Act.

- Affordability tie-in: Pair with **Freedom Fund** incentives (expanded homestead exemptions, first-time buyer credits) so Texas families win. This slams the door on corporate rental empires and foreign playgrounds—building on SB17's enforcement (ongoing despite suits) and Abbott's calls to curb Wall Street distortion.

4. **Expanded Protections Against Ideological Threats (Including Islamist/Sharia Influence)**

Islamist ideology poses a clear sovereignty threat: It promotes demographic takeover via high birth rates and generational power shifts, abusing our Constitution. Groups exploit loopholes for segregated "compounds" (e.g., discriminatory projects like halted EPIC City), fraud/scams, permit skips, Sharia zones, and faith-based discrimination.

Texas acts decisively:

- Governor Abbott signed HB 4211 (Sept. 2025) banning Sharia compounds—no discriminatory developments, no Sharia enforcement, disputes in Texas courts only.
- Designated Muslim Brotherhood and CAIR as foreign terrorist/transnational criminal organizations (Nov. 2025)—banning land ownership, ops, recruitment statewide.
- AG Paxton's suits halted EPIC City fraud and target CAIR chapters.

Texans are sick and tired of the abuse. "Peaceful" immigration from high-risk Islamist sources, combined with unchecked high birth rates, is a deliberate strategy of demographic replacement and takeover — echoing centuries of Islamic conquest through hijra (migration + settlement) and outbreeding host populations. North Texas shows the pattern clearly: rapid mosque construction and projects like EPIC City pushing enclaves, parallel Sharia systems, and rejecting American/Christian values while exploiting the First Amendment as a shield for supremacy.

This constitutes a national security risk to our sovereignty, families, kids, and grandkids.

Additional expansions under this Act:

- Ban foreign-funded mosques and nonprofits advancing supremacy ideology (expand Texas FARA triggers to include any entity with patterns of foreign direction or funding over \$10k annually).

- Enforce strict assimilation requirements and enhanced ideological vetting for all entrants and visa holders from high-risk sources.
- Explicitly block formation and expansion of no-go enclaves or parallel legal/religious systems.
- Restrict welfare and public benefits that enable rapid demographic growth from groups advancing incompatibility with Texas values.
- Clarify that political Islam, when it seeks to replace our Constitution with sharia, is treated as an ideological threat — not a fully protected religion immune from scrutiny under Texas sovereignty powers.

Texas First: One law, one system, rooted in our Christian heritage. No more surrender.

My bill expands:

- Broaden designations to any advancing Islamist ideology/demographic strategies or entities linked to Pakistan or other high-influence sources.
- Mandate disclosures of ideological ties, Sharia advocacy, foreign funding for nonprofits/permits/land—deny approvals, starve resources.
- Texas Ideology Watch List: Screen/block licenses, benefits, land buys, ops.
- Anti-enclave laws: Ban HOAs/covenants/developments imposing non-Texas systems (Sharia/foreign).
- Deportation task forces for non-citizens linked to threats (including exploitative family units).
- Restrict welfare/benefits fueling large-scale non-citizen growth from threat groups. No more footholds. Texas sovereignty: One law, one system—rooted in our Christian heritage.
- To prevent visa programs from enabling foreign influence, workforce displacement, and parallel systems: Mandate state-level audits of all H-1B/L-1 employers in Texas. Prioritize American/Texas workers. Require proof of genuine labor shortages and assimilation commitments (English proficiency, civics). Link to property/land restrictions: Visa holders and entities from designated countries (including Pakistan) face heightened scrutiny on purchases, organizational involvement, and religious/nonprofit activities.

5. Protection of Texas Workers from Displacement by Visa and Offshore Labor

- a.) It is unlawful for any employer operating in Texas that employs 15 or more employees to:

1.) Lay off, terminate, or reduce the hours or compensation of any U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident employee, and within 12 months thereafter;

2.) Hire or contract with any H-1B, L-1, or other nonimmigrant visa holder, or transfer the same or substantially similar work to an offshore location or foreign contractor, for the purpose of performing the same or substantially similar duties previously performed by the laid-off American worker.

b.) Presumption: A layoff followed within 12 months by the hiring of a visa holder or the offshoring of the same or similar work shall create a rebuttable presumption of violation unless the employer demonstrates by clear and convincing evidence that:

- A bona fide, documented labor shortage existed that could not be filled by available American workers after good-faith recruitment efforts; and

- The action was not taken to reduce labor costs or displace American workers.

c.) Penalties:

- Civil fine of up to \$50,000 per displaced American worker;

- Mandatory payment of back wages and benefits to the displaced worker(s);

- Loss of eligibility for all state contracts, tax incentives, and economic development programs for a period of 5 years;

- Public listing of the employer as a Texas Worker Displacement Violator.

d.). Enforcement shall be by the Texas Workforce Commission and the Office of the Attorney General. Any displaced American worker shall have a private right of action.

e.). This section shall be liberally construed to protect Texas and American workers and shall apply to all employers doing business in Texas, including those utilizing third-party staffing or contracting arrangements.

6. Nullification of Federal Refugee Resettlement Mandates and Protection of Texas Resources

Federal refugee resettlement programs, coordinated through nonprofits and the **Office of Refugee Resettlements (ORR)**, continue to place individuals into Texas communities – even after Texas withdrew from the direct state administration in 2016. These programs strain local infrastructure, housing, schools, healthcare, and taxpayer resources while prioritizing federal goals over Texas sovereignty.

Under the **Texas Sovereignty and Influence Shield Act**:

- Texas will **nullify** any federal requirement for state or local cooperation with new refugee placements
 - The state will **refuse or condition** participation in federal refugee resettlement programs, withholding Texas resources, funding, services, or cooperation for new arrivals without explicit approval by the Texas Legislature, full security vetting beyond federal minimums, and complete cost reimbursement to Texas taxpayers.
 - The current nonprofit designee (**Texas Office for Refugees/ TXOR**) or any successor will be prohibited from expending state funds or providing services for new federal placements absent legislative consent.
 - Mandate full transparency and annual reporting on all ORR-funded activities in Texas, including costs, outcomes, crime data, and welfare usage.
 - Shield Texas officials, agencies, and local governments implementing these protections from federal lawsuits, penalties, or retaliation through state-funded legal defense and indemnification.
 - Prioritize Texas resources for American citizens, veterans, the homeless, struggling Texas families, and border security – not expanding federal programs that burden our communities. This provision asserts Texas sovereignty by ensuring “**Texas Land, Texas Rules**” applies to who we welcome and how we allocate our finite resources. No more federal influence ops turning Texas into relocation hub without our consent. Texas stays Texas – one law, one system, rooted in our heritage and putting Texas first.
7. **Full transparency & enforcement** on foreign funding/influence in universities, think tanks, NGOs, critical infrastructure—plus criminal penalties and property forfeiture for violations.
8. **Protection of Texas Workers from Discriminatory Corporate Influence and Identity-Based Segregation**
Texas sovereignty includes shielding our workforce from corporate practices that divide Texans by race, ethnicity, sex, religion, or other protected characteristics. Employer-sponsored Employee Resource Groups (ERGs), affinity networks, or similar programs—like those excluding White, Christian, or straight male employees while promoting others—create unequal access to networking, mentoring, training, and career opportunities. These practices undermine merit, individual sovereignty, and workforce unity, and can interact with visa/H-1B distortions that disadvantage Texas citizens.

Key provisions:

- Prohibit employers (15+ employees) operating in Texas from establishing, funding, promoting, or endorsing any ERG or program that limits membership, leadership, benefits, or participation based on race, color, ethnicity, sex, religion, national origin, or other protected traits under Texas Labor Code Chapter 21.

- Ban unequal workplace privileges or basing employment decisions on participation in identity-based groups.
- Require all company-sponsored programs to be open to every Texan employee without demographic gatekeeping.
- Exceptions for purely voluntary, informal social groups with no employer resources.
- Enforcement: Texas Workforce Commission and Attorney General investigate complaints; remedies include damages, injunctions, attorney fees, penalties up to \$50,000 per violation, and loss of state incentives/contracts. Ties directly to AG Paxton's 2026 opinion on DEI risks in private employment. This ends corporate identity politics that treat some Texans as "diverse" and others as invisible—uniting all under merit and equal opportunity. Texas workers come first.

9. **Economic Sovereignty & Litigation Defense – Protecting Texas Farmers & Innovators from Extraterritorial Attacks**

Texas sovereignty extends to shielding our farmers, rural innovators, Texas fishermen, wild-caught operators, and compliant aquaculture businesses — **especially those operating under the flagship Cultivate Texas Act, the Texas Hemp Sovereignty and Rural Energy Act, and the Texas Freedom Act's** seafood sovereignty provisions — from predatory out-of-state litigation, coordinated media campaigns, and influence operations designed to suppress compliant Texas businesses and shift market control to multi-state operators (MSOs), foreign importers, or connected entities.

No out-of-state person, corporation, or government shall weaponize courts in other states or coordinated public influence campaign to harass Texas-licensed operations engaged in lawful activity under Texas law.

Key Provisions:

- **Mandatory Exclusive Texas Forum & Choice-of-Law:** All Texas-licensed businesses under the **Cultivate Texas Act, Hemp Sovereignty Act, Texas Freedom Act** seafood provisions, or related programs **shall** include **mandatory, exclusive** forum-selection and choice-of-law clauses in **every** contract, invoice, license, sales agreement, label, website, and marketing material. Any dispute **must** be litigated **exclusively in Texas courts under Texas law**. Texas courts **shall** enforce these clauses to the fullest extent permitted by the U.S. and Texas Constitutions and may impose sanctions for evasion.
- **Enhanced Texas Anti-SLAPP Protections:** Any lawsuit filed against a Texas-compliant farmer, fisherman, or business for authorized actions under **Cultivate Texas** or the **Hemp Act**, or the **Texas Freedom Act's** seafood labeling and waterway protections shall be subject to **immediate dismissal with prejudice**. The plaintiff shall pay the defendant's attorney fees, costs, **and triple damages** if the suit was meritless or intended to chill lawful Texas commerce.

- **"Texas Compliant" Safe Harbor:** The Texas Department of Agriculture "Texas Compliant" certification (including for wild-caught and responsibly farmed seafood) triggers automatic AG intervention, full state-funded legal defense (including out-of-state cases), and presumptive evidence of legality.
- **Mandatory Reciprocity and Retaliation:** The Texas Attorney General **shall** impose reciprocal sanctions (higher fees, restricted market access, product bans, denial of all state incentives, and civil penalties) against any entity or state that enables predatory lawsuits or coordinated attacks on Texas operators.
- **Statutory Cause of Action for Bad-Faith Extraterritorial Litigation:** Any person or entity that has operated, is operating, or will operate in compliance with Texas hemp laws (including current Chapter 443 of the Health and Safety Code and the 2018 Farm Bill standards), The **Cultivate Texas Act**, the **Hemp Sovereignty and Rural Energy Act**, the **Texas Freedom Act's** seafood provisions, or other agriculture laws shall have a private right of action in Texas courts against any out-of-state person, corporation, or entity that has filed, is pursuing, or in the future files a lawsuit in another jurisdiction in bad faith, with the intent to harass, suppress, or economically injure compliant Texas operations.

Elements and Remedies:

- Proof of bad faith (including lack of probable cause, malicious intent, forum shopping, or use of litigation as an economic weapon) creates a presumption of liability.
- Recoverable damages include actual damages, attorney fees, court costs, **triple exemplary damages**, lost profits, and reputational harm.
- Texas courts shall have personal jurisdiction over such out-of-state plaintiffs to the fullest extent permitted when the suit targets or has targeted Texas-compliant activity.
- This cause of action applies to **pending, future, and certain prior actions** where harm continues or where the out-of-state suit remains active after the effective date of this Act. Judgments obtained in other states against Texas-compliant businesses shall be presumptively unenforceable in Texas if found to violate Texas public policy favoring lawful hemp and cannabis commerce.

This cause of action supplements existing remedies for abuse of process and malicious prosecution and shall be liberally construed to protect Texas sovereignty and rural economic freedom.

- **Defense Against Coordinated Influence Campaigns:** Any out-of-state entity (including MSOs and their subsidiaries, trade groups, or funded proxies) engaging in coordinated social media campaigns, paid advertising, influencer

operations, or public attacks targeting Texas farmers, Texas fishermen, Texas hemp/cannabis policy, or Texas seafood sovereignty policies **shall** register under the Texas FARA (Section 2) and disclose all funding sources, coordinating entities, and expenditures. Failure to disclose constitutes a deceptive trade practice.

- **State Intervention and Defense Fund:** The Attorney General **shall** intervene, file aggressive countersuits (Texas RICO, unfair competition, antitrust, and abuse-of-process), and support a dedicated **Texas Farmer Defense Fund** (priority to **Cultivate Texas/Hemp Sovereignty** farmers) **and a dedicated Texas Food Freedom Defense Fund** (priority to compliant Texas fishermen, wild-caught operators, and aquaculture businesses operating under the **Texas Freedom Act**).

Both the **Texas Farmer Defense Fund** and the **Texas Food Freedom Defense Fund** shall be funded exclusively through civil fines, penalties collected under this Act and the **Texas Freedom Act**, court-awarded costs, and voluntary contributions. Neither fund shall draw from, reduce, divert, or delay the **Texas Freedom Fund** or any revenues dedicated to property tax relief.

Penalties: Bad-faith litigation, forum evasion, or undisclosed coordinated influence campaigns shall result in fines up to **\$250,000 per violation**, disgorgement of any profits, barred access to Texas markets, and asset forfeiture where jurisdiction exists.

Purpose: This section declares predatory litigation **and** coordinated influence operations (including on platforms such as X/Facebook) as **economic attacks on Texas sovereignty**. It ensures **Texas rules govern Texas farmers and Texas fishermen** under the **Cultivate Texas Act** and the **Texas Freedom Act** and blocks out-of-state actors from achieving through lawsuits or smear campaigns what they cannot achieve through legislation.

Enforcement: The Attorney General shall treat defense of **Cultivate Texas, Hemp Act**, and **Texas Freedom Act** seafood operators as a top priority and issue annual public reports on protected cases, influence operations exposed, and economic impacts.

Right now (March 2026), foreign entities hold millions of Texas acres—near bases, farmland, water rights. USDA AFIDA 2024 report (released early 2026): ~46 million national foreign-held ag acres (3.6% private); Texas leads with substantial holdings (mostly allies, but hostile/China-linked in sensitive areas). Cartels/agents hide billions, lobby laws while feds ignore.

Texas sovereignty under attack—our land, decisions, future.

Same threat from corporate grabs: 765kV transmission lines carving ranches via eminent domain for billionaire data/crypto ops. No more elites stealing dirt while families lose heritage. Texas stays Texas—protecting from all invaders, foreign or domestic.

Responsible Texas way: Exempts U.S. allies/lawful residents. Due process. Targets hostile threats only—protects freedom for all Texans.

This bill slams the door forever.

Ties to **Texas Sovereignty Defense Act** (100% border security) and **Freedom Fund** (massive tax relief).

This isn't talk. This ends infiltration—protecting land, jobs, families—making Texas freer, stronger.

Sovereignty-positive | Security-positive | Texas-first

“Cultivating A Better Texas”

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“Reclaim 1836: Cultivating A Stronger, Freer Texas”

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