



VOTE NO ON SB 9!

IT WILL STRIP DUE PROCESS PROTECTIONS AND EXACERBATE WEALTH-BASED PRETRIAL DETENTION

SB 9 would further entrench Texans in a system of wealth-based detention and result in rising pretrial detention across the state—at great cost to court efficiency, county budgets, and public safety.

- **SB 9 gives prosecutors unchecked power to hold people in pretrial detention** for up to 20 days if they believe bond amounts are too low. This means that any person who would otherwise be able to post bond and return to their community must remain in jail, regardless what the judge in their case determined.
- **SB 9 mandates money bail for many additional charges—including some misdemeanors**—even when there is no risk to public safety or flight. SB 9 would remove judicial discretion to consider the facts and circumstances of each of these types of cases, and instead require judges to always set money bail.
- **SB 9 will prolong unnecessary pretrial detention by preventing criminal law hearing officers from setting bail in some cases.** Criminal law hearing officers and magistrates are authorized by law to make hundreds of thousands of bail decisions across the state each year, and restricting this ability will cause drastic and harmful delays.
- **SB 9 will require people be taken into custody while they await sentencing for certain offenses**—a process that can take months—even if their ultimate sentence would not require incarceration.

FOR ALL OF THESE REASONS, WE URGE YOU TO STOP SB 9.