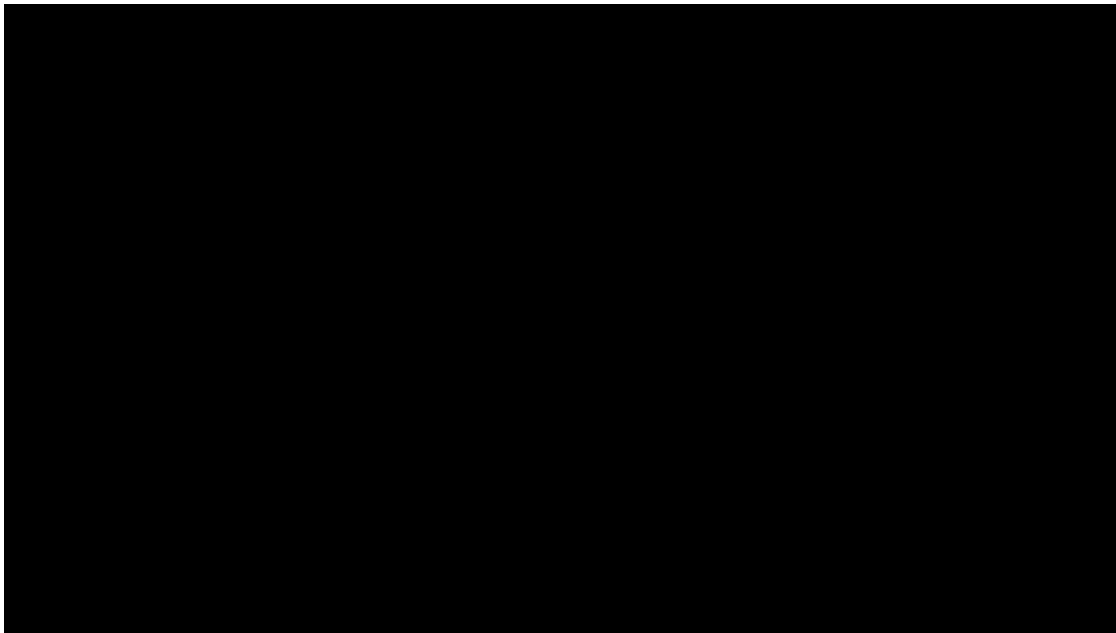


Laura Prather in Fox 4 on Texas House Bill's Impact on Free Speech Protections

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Texas lawmakers are debating a bill that intends to change the language of the Texas Citizens Participation Act. Haynes Boone Media Law Chair [Laura Prather](#) spoke with *Fox 4* about the potential impact this will have on free speech in the article excerpted below:



Laura Prather and other free speech advocates believe HB 2988 will hurt Texans' rights.

"Think about the person who posts an online review. A SLAPP suit can be brought against them. A person who notifies a government agency about an issue that they're having with somebody who's licensed," she explained. "Right now, under the law, you get your fees back. It helps you get a lawyer to begin with. It helps deter frivolous lawsuits. And it helps make you whole when somebody targets your constitutional rights by filing a bogus lawsuit against you."

Prather said the act is protection for people who never should have been sued in the first place.

[Read the full article in Fox 4 here.](#)