

UH Law Professor Froomkin Available to Comment on Legal Limits of FBI Involvement in Texas Redistricting Standoff

Houston, Aug. 7, 2025 – With the FBI reportedly getting involved in tracking down Texas House Democrats who left the state to stall a vote on the GOP’s redistricting plan for new congressional district maps, legal clarity is more important than ever.

David Froomkin, assistant professor of law at the University of Houston Law Center and affiliated faculty in UH’s Department of Political Science says:

“Federal government intrusion into a state’s process of self-government should only occur when there is a clear constitutional warrant. In this situation, the federal government has no authority to intervene and no legitimate role to play. The Texas Constitution assigns to the Texas House of Representatives the authority to govern House members’ attendance and to discipline House members in connection with their attendance. The executive and judicial branches of state government should not interfere with that legislative authority — and the federal government certainly should not.”

Froomkin specializes in administrative law, election law, and democratic and constitutional theory, making him well-equipped to unpack the legal limits of federal involvement in what is fundamentally a state legislative standoff, as well as the broader political and constitutional implications.

You can read more about him here: <https://www.law.uh.edu/faculty/main.asp?PID=8606>

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