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**Tennessee Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights  
To Host Web Briefing for Study on Senate Bill 8005 and Voting Rights**

The Tennessee Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has been undertaking a study on voting rights with a focus on the effects of Senate Bill 8005 (passed in 2020) and barriers to voting during the pandemic. The Committee has held a series of panels on this topic and, with their upcoming panel on February 8, 2023, is aiming to enrich their understanding of the legislative context behind the passage of Senate Bill 8005.

**Panel VIII: Legislative Perspectives on Senate Bill 8005**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. CT**

Online registration (video and audio): [Zoom Registration Link](#)

Telephone access (audio only): 833-568-8864, Access Code: 160 809 7873#

Committee Chair Shaka Mitchell said, “So far, our Committee has heard from a variety of experts and community stakeholders on voting rights in Tennessee, both on the impacts of Senate Bill 8005 and the access to voting during the pandemic. At this time, we look forward to hearing more detailed insight on the passage of SB 8005 to help inform us on the civil rights concerns faced by Tennesseans and to ensure a balanced and bipartisan view from various parties. Their testimonies will assist our Committee for recommendations we can make to improve these situations.”

Committee Vice-Chair Yesha Yadav said, “As a Committee, we recognize the importance of hearing directly from those involved in and/or impacted by issues surrounding voting rights and those with bipartisan viewpoints to join our briefings and provide public comment or written testimony. We look forward to hearing your experiences and incorporating your insight into our project.”

Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open comment period towards the end of the meeting. Members of the public are encouraged to share their experiences and perspectives of voting in the state. Individuals requiring additional accommodations should contact [vmoreno@usccr.gov](mailto:vmoreno@usccr.gov) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting to make the request. The Committee will also accept written comments related to this study. Please send written statements on this topic to Victoria Moreno, at [vmoreno@usccr.gov](mailto:vmoreno@usccr.gov) until thirty (30) days after each panel. Meeting materials will be available at the [Tennessee Advisory Committee Public Folder](#).

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