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**Donate Life Texas to Implement New Texas Law on Living Organ Donation**  
*New legislation, sponsored by Sen. Kelly Hancock, a kidney recipient, to promote living donation education*

Dallas (June 12, 2023) —Donate Life Texas (DLT), in collaboration with other state agencies, will vigorously promote living organ donation in the coming months via various statewide engagements to comply with a new Texas state law.

On May 19, Texas Governor Greg Abbott signed the Living Organ Donor Education Program into law – originally a bill (SB 1249) sponsored by State Sen. Kelly Hancock. Hancock battled a rare genetic kidney disease for over 30 years before receiving a lifesaving living donor transplant from his son-in-law, Greg Cox in July of 2022.

“We are eager to implement the provisions of this legislation in the coming weeks and months,” said Chad Carroll, Executive Director for Donate Life Texas. “With 10,000 Texans currently awaiting a lifesaving transplant – about 85% of which are awaiting a kidney – this new law will assist us in saving and improving lives,” he said. “We must also embrace and promote living donation as a primary way to whittle down that list of 10,000 Texans waiting, while continuing to encourage registering as an organ donor at the end of life.”

The law takes effect Sep. 1, 2023. Donate Life Texas has begun planning various events around the state and updating communication materials to include information on how Texans can register as a living donor.

Two living donation options of note are the National Kidney Registry and the National Living Donor Registry through Donate Life America. Donate Life Texas’ educational efforts will highlight both programs as viable, legitimate means to register as a living donor.

For more information on organ, eye and tissue donation in Texas, visit:  
<https://www.donatelifetexas.org/>

For more information on the National Kidney Registry, visit:  
<https://www.kidneyregistry.org>

For more information on Donate Life America’s National Living Donor Registry, visit:  
<https://donatelifenet.com/donation/donor-registries/living-donor-registry/>

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## **About Donate Life Texas**

*The Donate Life Texas organ donor registry started in 2005 and celebrated 14 million Texans' registrations in 2022. The registry is supported by the Texas organ procurement organizations, LifeGift, Southwest Transplant Alliance and Texas Organ Sharing Alliance and the eleven eye and tissue banks serving the state.*

*Signing up is fast and easy at [DonateLifeTexas.org](https://www.donatelifetexas.org) and provides a way for individuals to make their decision to be an organ, eye and tissue donor known to the right people at the right time, automatically. It also provides legal consent for donation after death, which removes the burden of decision-making from the family during an already difficult time.*

*Donate Life Texas is part of the [Donate Life America](https://www.donatelifeamerica.org) not-for-profit alliance of national organizations and local partners across the United States, serving as a national voice and inspiring all people to save and heal lives through organ, eye and tissue donation.*