

Supreme Court temporarily freezes implementation of Texas immigration law

The Supreme Court on Monday temporarily froze enforcement of Texas' controversial immigration law that allows state law enforcement to arrest and detain people they suspect of entering the country illegally.

Justice Samuel Alito issued the administrative hold, which will block the law from taking effect until March 13. That temporary pause will give the court additional time to review the case but does not necessarily signal which way the court is leaning. (Alito oversees the federal circuit that handled the case.)

The Biden administration and several immigration groups filed an emergency application with the Supreme Court hours earlier asking the justices to block enforcement of the law.

Without intervention, the law would have gone into effect on the morning of March 10. The Justice Department said that would "profoundly" alter the status quo "that has existed between the United States and the States in the context of immigration for almost 150 years."

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