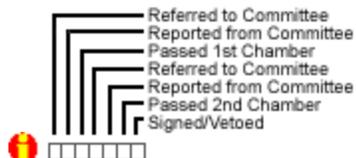




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[HB 982](#) [Carter](#)

Relating to creating an offense for failure to install and maintain an ignition interlock device for persons convicted of certain intoxication offenses.

General Remarks: CEB- Creates a Class A misdemeanor for a person convicted of a second DWI offense within 5 years who fails to comply with a court order to install an ignition interlock device on their vehicle.

Last Action: 1-28-11 H Filed

[HB 983](#) [Menendez](#)

Relating to health insurance coverage for eligible survivors of certain public servants killed in the line of duty.

Companions: [SB 423](#) Lucio (Identical)
2- 2-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

General Remarks: MJV-Expands a provision allowing the surviving spouse of an individual who is killed in the line of duty to continue to purchase insurance coverage from the public entity that employed them to allow "continued" coverage even if the individual was covered under another policy.

Last Action: 1-28-11 H Filed

[HB 990](#) [Rodriguez](#)

Relating to certain homestead preservation reinvestment zones.

General Remarks: CEB-Changes the amount a county must pay into the tax increment fund for a homestead preservation reinvestment zone from the amount "equal to" what the city pays to the "same percentage" of what the city pays.

Allows commissioners court to appoint representatives to the board of directors of a homestead preservation reinvestment zone.

Last Action: 1-28-11 H Filed

[HB 994](#) [Castro](#)

Relating to proceedings that may be referred to and the powers of a criminal law magistrate in Bexar County.

General Remarks: CEB-Allows a criminal law magistrate in Bexar County to hear

cases in which a plea of guilty or no contest is entered by a defendant charged with: a felony; a misdemeanor when charged with both a misdemeanor and a felony; or a Class C misdemeanor.

Last Action: 1-28-11 H Filed

[HB 995](#)

[Gutierrez](#)

Relating to provision by the secretary of state of notice to a candidate of the form of the candidate's name that will appear on the general election ballot.

General Remarks: CEB-Requires the secretary of state to provide a form for which the candidate's name will be certified for placement on the ballot and provide the candidate information on how errors in the form of the candidate's name may be corrected.

Last Action: 1-28-11 H Filed

[HB 1004](#)

[Hopson](#)

Relating to the hotel occupancy tax rate in certain municipalities.

Companions: [SB 349](#) Eltife (Identical)
2- 2-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

General Remarks: CEB-Caps the hotel occupancy tax rate at nine percent in a city larger than 95,000 located within a county larger than 200,000 that borders Lake Palestine.

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HB 1005](#)

[Hopson](#)

Relating to the procedures for registering to vote and accepting a voter at a polling place.

General Remarks: KCT - Requires the secretary of state to establish methods to obtain a photograph of each registered voter for use on their voter registration certificate. Requires a voter to show their registration certificate containing their photo, and identification card issued by the state, or an affidavit stating they reside in the precinct and intend to vote only once. Allows a voter who is accepted for provisional voting because they do not meet identification requirements to present proof of identification by the 6th business day after the election.

Repeals the list of acceptable proof of identification for voting. Makes other conforming repeals.

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HB 1008](#)

[Lewis](#)

Relating to the State of Texas entering into the Interstate Medicaid Reform Compact.

General Remarks: KCT - Allows the state to enter into a interstate medicaid reform compact.

- Article I - Requires the responsibility of each participating state to formulate plans for replacing the federal Medicaid program with a new direct grant to states program
- Article II - Each state will set enrollment and benefit levels
- Article III - The compact will become operative upon its entrance by any 2 states, then operative to any state when that state joins

- Article IV - A participating state may withdraw by repealing the enactment of this compact. The compact will dissolve if all but one state leaves the compact

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HB 1009](#)

[Callegari](#)

Relating to procedures for obtaining informed consent before certain postmortem examinations or autopsies.

General Remarks: KCT - Repeals current provision for consent to autopsy, which does not require informed consent. Prohibits a physician from performing an autopsy unless he obtains written informed consent from an authorized person on a autopsy consent form. Authorized persons in order of priority. - spouse - guardian - adult child - parent - adult siblings.

The commissioner of state health services in coordination with the Texas medical board will create the standard written consent form.

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HB 1014](#)

[Legler](#)

Relating to appointment of a municipal judge to serve as a visiting justice of the peace in certain proceedings involving misdemeanor traffic offenses.

General Remarks: CEB-Allows a Justice of the Peace, with approval from the County Judge, to appoint a municipal court judge from a city within the county to act as a visiting justice. The salary of the visiting justice is to be paid from the budget of the justice of the peace for whom the visiting judge is sitting.

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HB 1015](#)

[Harper-Brown](#)

Relating to the consolidation of the regional poison control centers into the Texas Poison Control Center.

Companions: [SB 435](#) Nelson (Identical)
2- 2-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

General Remarks: CEB-Consolidates poison control centers from regional entities into the Texas Poison Control Center by abolishing regional centers at: UTMB; Dallas County Hospital District/North Texas; UT Health Science Center at San Antonio; University Medical Center of El Paso; El Paso County Hospital District; Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at Amarillo; and Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple. Removes an option for the Commission on State Emergency Communications to designate a satellite poison control center in Harris County.

Allows a coordinating committee to designate one or more medical facilities in the state to be affiliated with the center.

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HB 1020](#)

[Miller, Sid](#)

Relating to minimum liability insurance coverage amounts for persons convicted of offenses related to the operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

General Remarks: CEB-Requires a person convicted of DWI to maintain additional auto liability insurance over the minimum coverage required. The

amount of additional coverage required increases by \$25,000 for each conviction.

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HB 1029](#)

[Carter](#)

Relating to the conditions of release on bond for certain defendants charged with the offense of burglary.

General Remarks: CEB-Requires that a person convicted more than two times for burglary wear an electronic monitoring device as a condition of release on bond.

Supervision will be provided by an agency designated by the magistrate.

Requires the defendant to pay for the cost of monitoring as a condition of bond, unless the defendant is indigent or is otherwise unable to pay all or part of the costs.

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HB 1030](#)

[Miller, Doug](#)

Relating to the powers and duties of certain emergency services districts.

Companions: [SB 359](#) Wentworth (Identical)
2- 2-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

General Remarks: MJV-Requires 5% of the TERP funds to be used for the clean fleet program and allows 2% to be used for the alternative fuel facilities program. The alternative fuel facilities program provides grant funding for facilities in nonattainment counties that provide fuel other than gasoline or diesel (biodiesel, electric, CNG, natural gas, hydrogen, propane, etc.).

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HB 1033](#)

[Craddick](#)

Relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a county hotel occupancy tax.

General Remarks: CEB-Allows the collection of a hotel occupancy tax, if approved by commissioners court, in counties that have a population of less than 8,000 that borders the Pecos River and borders another county with a population of more than 120,000.

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HB 1035](#)

[Legler](#)

Relating to the proof of identity required of an applicant for a driver's license.

General Remarks: KCT - Requires that the DPS deny the issue of a driver license unless acceptable proof of identify is verified. An offender identification card or similar form of identification issued to an inmate by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice is stricken as acceptable id. Defines acceptable proof of identity as: If a US Citizen:

- a birth certificate issued by:
 - an agency of the United States;
 - a state or territory of the United States, or the District of Columbia;
- a Certificate of United States Citizenship;

- a Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States;
- an unexpired United States passport;
- a Certificate of United States Naturalization;
- an unexpired United States Military Identification Card; or
- a United States Citizen Identification Card.

Or If not a US citizen

- a Permanent Resident Card;
- an unexpired passport issued by another country with "Processed for I-551" stamp;
- a Permanent Resident Re-entry Permit;
- an Arrival-Departure Form I-94 that bears the holder's photograph with "Temporary I-551" stamp;
- a Travel Document issued to Permanent Residents;
- a Travel Document issued to Refugees; or
- a Form I-94 with "Asylee," "Parolee or Parole," "Refugee," "Asylum," "HP-Humanitarian Parolee," or "PIP-Public Interest Parolee"

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HB 1036](#) [Legler](#) Relating to eligibility to file a sworn complaint with the Texas Ethics Commission.

General Remarks: KCT - To file a sworn complaint with the Texas ethics commission you must own real property in the state.

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HB 1037](#) [Otto](#) Relating to the creation of an alternative fuel program to be funded by the Texas emissions reduction plan fund.

Companions: [SB 385](#) Williams (Identical)
2- 2-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources

General Remarks: MJV-Requires 5% of the TERP funds to be used for the clean fleet program and allows 2% to be used for the alternative fuel facilities program. The alternative fuel facilities program provides grant funding for facilities in nonattainment counties that provide fuel other than gasoline or diesel (biodiesel, electric, CNG, natural gas, hydrogen, propane, etc.).

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HB 1038](#) [Reynolds](#) Relating to prohibited deceptive or disenfranchising practices regarding an election.

Companions: [SB 212](#) Ellis (Identical)
1-31-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

General Remarks: MJV-Creates a state jail felony for unlawfully restricting a voter's right to vote. Prohibits deceiving or misleading a voter with the intent to prevent them from voting. Requires the AG to investigate complaints and the Secretary of State to provide a report to the legislature on violations.

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HB 1041](#)[Workman](#)

Relating to the waiver of sovereign immunity for certain claims arising under written contracts with state agencies.

General Remarks: KCT - As filed does not apply to counties. Applies to breach of contract where the controversy is in excess of \$250,000. A state agency waives sovereign immunity for the purpose of adjudicating a claim for breach of contract.

- The total amount of money awarded in an adjudication is limited to;
- the balance due by the state;
- the amount owed for change orders or additional work;
- interest; and
- Limited damages.

There is no waiver of immunity in a federal suit. Attorneys fees may not be recovered. A suit of this nature may be brought in a district court in the county in which the claim occurred, or Travis County.

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HB 1044](#)[Solomons](#)

Relating to categories of information presumed to be public under the public information law.

Companions: [SB 375](#) Wentworth (Identical)
1-19-11 S Filed

General Remarks: CEB-Clarifies that information made confidential under the public information act is exempt from disclosure.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 H Filed

[HB 1045](#)[Fletcher](#)

Relating to proficiency certificates issued by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

General Remarks: KCT - Requires the Commission on Law Enforcement Standards to reissue proficiency certificates if the original certificates contains incorrect information. A proficiency certificate must include the sate the license holder became eligible for the certificate.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 H Filed

[HB 1046](#)[Fletcher](#)

Relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information.

General Remarks: MJV-Adds current and former employees of the attorney general who had law enforcement duties to the list of officials whose personal information is exempt from the open records act.

-Specifies that personnel information of a deputy sheriff in a county of 300,000 or more may not be made public except in response to a public information request.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 H Filed

[HB 1056](#)[Villarreal](#)

Relating to the ad valorem taxation of property used to provide low-income or moderate-income housing and clarifying legislative intent.

General Remarks: MJV-Expands the Community Housing Development Organizations tax exemption for providing low income housing to include other organizations that do not meet the current standard.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 H Filed

[HB 1058](#)

[Fruillo](#)

Relating to the authority of a municipality or county to contract with another entity to collect certain assessments levied by the municipality or county.

Companions: [SB 422](#) Duncan (Identical)
2- 2-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

General Remarks: CEB-Allows a county or city to contract with another taxing unit or appraisal district to collect assessments levied by a public improvement district.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 H Filed

[HB 1062](#)

[Madden](#)

Relating to the exercise of the power of eminent domain by certain local governmental entities.

General Remarks: MJV-Changes the statutes allowing a school district, city, or county to exercise the right of eminent domain for a public purpose to allow it to be taken only for public use.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 H Filed

[HB 1064](#)

[Pitts](#)

Relating to exempting certain customers from certain demand charges by transmission and distribution utilities.

General Remarks: KCT - Requires the PUC to create rules that require a transmission and distribution utility to:

- Waive the application of demand ratchet provision for nonresidential secondary customers that are equal to or lower than a load factor set by the PUC.
- Implement procedures to annually verify the load factors for nonresidential secondary customers.
- Specify how customers are billed:
 - kilowatts
 - kilowatt hours
 - kilovolt amperes
- Modify the utility's tariff in the next base rate case to implement the waiver.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 H Filed

[HB 1066](#)

[Workman](#)

Relating to requiring the use of display timers with certain traffic-control signals.

General Remarks: KCT - Requires a local authority to install a easily readable illuminated timer which counts down the seconds until a traffic light changes at each intersection where a photographic traffic signal enforcement system is used.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1070](#)

[Scott](#)

Relating to the taking of a defendant's bail bond by county jailers.

General Remarks: MJV- Allows a licensed jailer to take a bail bond and discharge any related powers and duties related to taking bond.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1071](#) [Davis, Sarah](#) Relating to the extension of deed restrictions in certain residential real estate subdivisions.

General Remarks: KCT- Allows the extension of deed restrictions by majority vote of a subdivision located wholly or partly in a municipality with a population of more than 2 million, located in a county with a population of 3.3 million or more. An extension of restrictions is binding on all lots and all unplatted land in the subdivision.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1072](#) [Solomons](#) Relating to the State Bar of Texas membership dues for an attorney employed by this state's government.

General Remarks: MJV-Exempts a full-time attorney who is employed by a board, commission, department, agency, officer or other entity of state government from payment of the state bar membership fee. Requires a pro rata membership fee to be charged if the attorney does not work an entire year. Current law exempts attorneys that work for the state, county or city.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1073](#) [Madden](#) Relating to discharging or releasing inmates of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice from regional release facilities.

General Remarks: MJV-Strikes a provision allowing TDCJ to release an inmate at a regional release facility that is not the closest to the facility in which the sentence was served if that sort of release is not in the best interests of the public or the inmate.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1074](#) [Vo](#) Relating to the hours during which the polls are open for early voting by personal appearance.

General Remarks: KCT - Requires in a county of 500,000 or more, voting in a primary or general election for state or county officers or a special election be conducted at the mail early voting location until at least 7pm on each weekday of the first week of early voting and from 7am to 7pm on each weekday of the remainder early voting.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1075](#) [Anderson, Rodney](#) Relating to the consolidation of certain alert systems into a single statewide alert system and to the addition of other factors that will prompt an alert under the consolidated system.

General Remarks: CEB-Expands issuance of AMBER alerts to include missing persons who are: -A child younger than 14 regardless of whether the child left willingly;

-A child taken without permission of the parent by another person who is more than 3 years older than the child and who is not a relative; and

-A person incapacitated by an intellectual and developmental disability.

Among other procedural provisions, requires a local law enforcement agency that locates a person who is subject of an alert to notify DPS as soon as possible.

Makes conforming repeals.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1078](#)

[King, Phil](#)

Relating to the appointment of a guardian ad litem and attorney ad litem for a minor in an application for a court order authorizing the minor to consent to an abortion.

General Remarks: CEB-Prohibits a judge who hears an application for a court order authorizing a minor to consent to an abortion from appointing the same person to serve as both the minor's attorney and the minor's guardian ad litem.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1079](#)

[King, Phil](#)

Relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value for ad valorem tax purposes of commercial or industrial real property.

Companions: [SB 474](#) Patrick, Dan (Identical)
2- 1-11 S Filed

General Remarks: KCT - Appraisal cap of 10% of the previous year's value plus any new improvements on industrial and commercial real property.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1081](#)

[Gallego](#)

Relating to reports and complaints filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.

General Remarks: KCT - Requires the Texas ethics commission to provide web base e-filing for campaign and lobby reports. Requires 24- hour real time support for filing reports. Requires the creation of a complaint system.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1083](#)

[Elkins](#)

Relating to the issuance of an identification card to certain honorably retired peace officers.

General Remarks: MJV-Requires a law enforcement agency to issue an ID to an honorably retired peace officer (who has a concealed carry permit) upon request (currently at the discretion of the agency).

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1084](#)

[Lewis](#)

Relating to creation of the offense of registering to vote by persons who are not citizens of the United States.

General Remarks: KCT - Creates a state jail felony for registering/ attempting to register to vote by an undocumented person.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1088](#)

[Howard, Charlie](#)

Relating to appraisal review board members.

General Remarks: KCT - Strikes the Harris County and Ft. Bend County bracket to allow the local administrative district judge, of the county in which the appraisal district is established, to appoint the appraisal review board

- Requires that members of an appraisal review board be both residents of the district, having lived there for 2 years and a US citizen.
- Members of an appraisal review board are appointed by the local administrative district judge of the county in which the appraisal district is established.
- Consolidated appraisal review boards are appointed jointly by the local administrative district judges in the counties in which the appraisal districts are parties to an interlocal contract.
- Strikes language allowing for a majority vote of the board to remove board member.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1089](#) [Martinez Fischer](#) Relating to the authority of a county or municipality to require the
- - - - - removal of graffiti by a property owner.

General Remarks: MJV-Changes a requirement that a city or county order or ordinance regarding graffiti removal to allow it to include a provision that a property owner cannot be made to remove graffiti unless they have turned down an offer for the city or county to remove the graffiti for free (currently the provision is required).

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1090](#) [Gonzalez,](#) Relating to the calculation of interest on certain ad valorem tax
- - - - - [Naomi](#) refunds.

General Remarks: MJV-Strikes the requirement that a property tax refund (due to a district court appeal) be assessed an interest rate of 8%.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1091](#) [Davis, John](#) Relating to the authority of certain hospital districts to contract for
- - - - - the performance of administrative functions and services.

General Remarks: KCT - A hospital district may contract with a federally qualified health center or look-alike, that is devoted to providing services to socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, to perform administrative functions and services.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1094](#) [Farias](#) Relating to the availability on the Internet of reports of political
- - - - - expenditures and contributions filed in connection with certain county and municipal offices.

General Remarks: KCT - Requires a county clerk to make a political expenditure report filed in connection with a county office or the office of county commissioner available to the public on the county's website by the 2nd business day after the report is filed. **Also applies to a clerk of a city of 500,000 or more for reports filed in connection with the officer of the mayor or member of the**

governing body. Repeals a provision requiring the internet posting requirement for these same reports to counties of 800,000 or more and cities of 500,000 or more - Effective January 1, 2012.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1100](#)

[Farias](#)

Relating to the correction of voter registration records following a change of address submitted to the United States Postal Service.

General Remarks:

KCT - Requires a voter registrar to make corrections in the registration records after receipt of any U.S. Postal service information indication an address change.

Requires the registrar to request any information relating to changes of address submitted by persons in the county from the U.S. Postal Service that may be provided under federal law.

Requires the secretary of state to prescribe procedures to provide for the registrar to transfer the registration of a voter from one county to another.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HB 1103](#)

[Lucio III](#)

Relating to payment of a fee as a required condition of community supervision for certain criminal offenses involving animal cruelty.

General Remarks: CEB-Requires the court to order a person who is placed on probation for cruelty of an animal to pay \$100 to the animal shelter nearest where the offense occurred. Requires that the shelter be a recipient of government funds and serve the county in which the court is located.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[HJR 80](#)

[Larson](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to limit the time that a person may serve in legislative office or in certain elective executive offices.

General Remarks: CEB-A constitutional amendment creating 12 year term limits for state representatives and state senators. Legislative service before the legislature convenes in 2013 is not counted toward disqualification under this section.

Last Action: 1-31-11 H Filed

[HJR 82](#)

[King, Phil](#)

Amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of commercial or industrial real property for ad valorem tax purposes to 110 percent or more of the appraised value of the property.

Companions: [SJR 20](#) Patrick, Dan (Identical)
2- 1-11 S Filed

General Remarks: MJV-Constitutional Amendment to limit the appraisal increase for commercial or industrial real property to 110% more than the previous tax year.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 H Filed

[SB 432](#)

[Jackson, Mike](#)

Relating to the penalty for failure to make a timely installment

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payment of ad valorem taxes on property in a disaster area.

Companions: [HB 803](#) Bonnen (Identical)
1-21-11 H Filed

General Remarks: MJV-Reduces the delinquent penalty interest rate for failing to make a timely installment on property taxes in a disaster area from 12% to 6%.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

[SB 435](#)[Nelson](#)

Relating to the consolidation of the regional poison control centers into the Texas Poison Control Center.

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Companions: [HB 1015](#) Harper-Brown (Identical)
1-31-11 H Filed

General Remarks: CEB-Consolidates poison control centers from regional entities into the Texas Poison Control Center by abolishing regional centers at: UTMB; Dallas County Hospital District/North Texas; UT Health Science Center at San Antonio; University Medical Center of El Paso; El Paso County Hospital District; Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at Amarillo; and Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple. Removes an option for the Commission on State Emergency Communications to designate a satellite poison control center in Harris County.

Allows a coordinating committee to designate one or more medical facilities in the state to be affiliated with the center.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

[SB 436](#)[Nelson](#)

Relating to the authority of a county to inspect day-care centers and group day-care homes.

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General Remarks: CEB-Allows a county with a population of 700,000 or more to contract with a city for the county to conduct inspections of a day-care center or group day-care home located in the city.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

[SB 442](#)[Wentworth](#)

Relating to notice by a governmental entity regarding certain geospatial data products.

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General Remarks: CEB-Requires a county to identify any geospatial data product(notice, service or map)that represents property boundaries as 'informational only' if the product was developed without a suvey conducted by a registered land surveyor.

Last Action: 1-28-11 S Filed

[SB 445](#)[Eltife](#)

Relating to the creation, purpose, implementation, and funding of the County Park Beautification and Improvement Program.

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General Remarks: MJV - Blocker Bill (traditional blocker that prevents considering other legislation without 2/3 approval).

Last Action: 2- 1-11 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Committee on Administration

[SB 449](#) [Watson](#) Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

General Remarks:

KCT - Allows open-space land that is devoted to water stewardship (conservation of water resources) to be appraised based on its productive capacity.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

[SB 462](#) [West](#) Relating to the right to an expunction of records and files relating to a person's arrest.

General Remarks:

MJV-Entitles a person to expunction of their records related to an arrest if they were not prosecuted or have successfully completed deferred adjudication. Makes a conforming repeal.

Last Action: 1-31-11 S Filed

[SB 469](#) [Nelson](#) Relating to the collection of unpaid tolls by a regional tollway authority.

General Remarks:

MJV-Reduces the maximum fee for collecting unpaid tolls for a regional tollway authority from \$100 to \$25. Prohibits collecting more than one fee for separate toll violations that occurred within a 30 day period. Makes the maximum fee for failing to pay tolls after notice is provided \$250, including the administrative fee. Makes a conforming repeal.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 S Filed

[SB 470](#) [Carona](#) Relating to an exception to disclosure under the public information law concerning officers and employees of a hospital district.

General Remarks:

KCT - repeals an exception that protects information that could compromise the safety of an officer or employee of a hospital district.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 S Filed

[SB 474](#) [Patrick, Dan](#) Relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value for ad valorem tax purposes of commercial or industrial real property.

Companions: [HB 1079](#) King, Phil (Identical)
 2- 2-11 H Filed

General Remarks: KCT - Appraisal cap of 10% of the previous year's value plus any new improvements on industrial and commercial real property.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 S Filed

[SB 476](#) [Patrick, Dan](#) Relating to the classification of automotive repair shops as primarily engaged in retail trade for purposes of the franchise tax.

Companions: [HB 429](#) Fletcher (Identical)
 12-14-10 H Filed

General Remarks: KCT - defines automotive repair shops primarily engaged in retail

trade for purposes of the franchise tax.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 S Filed

[SB 477](#) [Patrick, Dan](#) Relating to the allocation to a school district of the expenses of a
- - - - - joint election.

General Remarks: KCT - Requires that in a joint election agreement an ISD is responsible only for the portion of election expenses which corresponds to the number of registered voters in the school district.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 S Filed

[SB 483](#) [Harris](#) Relating to the powers and duties of criminal law magistrates in
- - - - - Tarrant County.

General Remarks: MJV-Expands a specific provision regarding criminal law magistrates in Tarrant County to allow a judge to refer to the magistrate: an agreed order of expunction; an asset forfeiture; and agreed order of nondisclosure; and a motion to revoke probation.

-Repeals a general provision allowing a magistrate who is a licensed attorney to issue a warrant for a blood test in a DWI case if the defendant refuses to take a breath test.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 S Filed

[SB 493](#) [Fraser](#) Relating to the idling of motor vehicles.
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General Remarks: MJV-Prohibits TCEQ from limiting or prohibiting the idling of a motor vehicle of more than 8,500 pounds that is equipped with a 2008 or later model year heavy-duty diesel engine that is certified low emissions by the EPA.

-Adds a provision to the overweight vehicles statute stating that the maximum gross vehicle weight limit and axle weight limit of a vehicle equipped with an idle reduction system is increased by weight of that system.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 S Filed

[SB 494](#) [Fraser](#) Relating to the authority of certain local governmental entities to
- - - - - borrow money for a public hospital.

Companions: [HB 831](#) Craddick (Identical)
1-24-11 H Filed

General Remarks: MJV-Allows a local government entity that owns or operates a public hospital to obtain funds for the hospital by securing a 1 year loan based on tax revenue or a 5 year loan based on hospital revenue.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 S Filed

[SB 497](#) [Jackson, Mike](#) Relating to notice of the construction or expansion of a
- - - - - wind-powered electric generation facility located near a federally owned or operated radar installation or military installation.

General Remarks: MJV-Requires a person who intends to build or significantly expand a wind farm that is located within 25 miles of a military facility to notify TCEQ. TCEQ must provide a copy of the notice to any affected military facility; nearby counties and cities, the governor, Military Preparedness Commission, the Comptroller's office and the state energy conservation office.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 S Filed

[SB 500](#) [Jackson, Mike](#) Relating to the authority of the governing body of a local authority to impose a civil penalty for certain violations recorded by an automated traffic control system or a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.

General Remarks: Repeals a municipal court's exclusive original jurisdiction within the municipality's territorial limits and property owned by the municipality located in the municipality's ETJ in criminal cases. Repeals the Regional Trauma Account. The regional trauma account funds uncompensated care of designated trauma facilities and county and regional emergency medical services located in the area served by the trauma service area regional advisory council that serves the local authority submitting money. Repeals the fines associated with an automated traffic control system, and the deposit of revenue from traffic penalties, which fund the Regional Trauma Account

Last Action: 2- 1-11 S Filed

[SB 504](#) [Davis, Wendy](#) Relating to discounted utility rates for school districts.

General Remarks: KCT - Extends discounted utility rates granted to institutions of higher learning to school districts, and open- enrollment charter schools.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 S Filed

[SB 505](#) [Williams](#) Relating to state financing of public transportation.

Companions: [HB 578](#) Guillen (Identical)
1-10-11 H Filed

General Remarks: MJV-Makes adjustments to population brackets regarding formula funding for public transportation provided transit authorities to account for bracket creep with the new census. Also defines as eligible for funding an urban transit district with a population below 50,000 that has lost population due to a natural disaster.

Last Action: 2- 2-11 S Filed

[SJR 18](#) [Eltife](#) Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to appropriations for the preservation and perpetuation of certain items of historical value.

General Remarks: MJV - Blocker Bill (traditional blocker that prevents considering other legislation without 2/3 approval).

Last Action: 2- 1-11 S Voted favorably from committee on Senate Committee on Administration

[SJR 20](#) [Patrick, Dan](#) Amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum

appraised value of commercial or industrial real property for ad valorem tax purposes to 110 percent or more of the value of the property for the preceding tax year.

Companions: [HJR 82](#) King, Phil (Identical)
2- 2-11 H Filed

General Remarks: MJV-Constitutional Amendment to limit the appraisal increase for commercial or industrial real property to 110% more than the previous tax year.

Last Action: 2- 1-11 S Filed

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