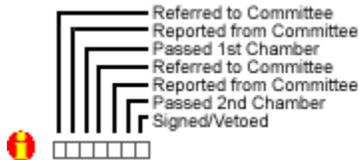




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[HB 16](#)

[Riddle](#)

Relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification.

Remarks: *MJV-Requires the county voter registrar to include a notice of ID requirements on each voter registratin certificate issued and on the registrar's website if there is one. Requires a posting outside each polling location a list of acceptable ID.*

-Allows commissioners court to authorize the issuance of Voter ID cards.

-Allows a provisional ballot to be cast and counted if the person brings acceptable ID to the early voting ballot board within 5 days. Prohibits DPS from charging a fee for an ID card obtained solely for voting purposes.

Last Action: *2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Select Committee on Voter ID and Fraud*

[HB 17](#)

[Riddle](#)

Relating to the creation of the offense of criminal trespass by an illegal alien and to certain procedures for arresting illegal aliens for committing that criminal offense.

Remarks: *MJV-Creates a Class B misdemeanor for a noncitizen to be anywhere in Texas. Allows a peace officer to arrest a person if the officer has a reasonable suspicion that the person is not here legally and verifies that fact through ICE.*

Last Action: *2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence*

[HB 18](#)

[Riddle](#)

Relating to the enforcement by certain governmental entities of laws governing immigration.

Remarks: *MJV-Prohibits a local government from adopting a policy under which it will not enforce immigration law. A local government that does adopt such a policy (or a policy refusing to enforce drug laws) must immediately forfeit all state funding.*

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 19](#)

[Riddle](#) Relating to the penalty for operation of a motor vehicle without a license.

Remarks: MJV- Creates a misdemeanor offense for driving without a license that is punishable by a fine of up to \$200. Increases the penalty to a Class B misdemeanor if the person committed another offense that resulted in property damage, injury or death and requires the vehicle to be impounded. The owner must provide a license and proof of insurance to reclaim the vehicle.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

[HB 20](#)

[Riddle](#) Relating to the punishment prescribed for burglary of a vehicle and to grants of community supervision to persons who commit that offense.

Companions: [SB 305](#) Huffman (Identical)
2- 2-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

Remarks: MJV - Increases the penalty for burglary of a vehicle from a Class A misdemeanor to a state jail felony. Makes conforming repeals.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

[HB 23](#)

[Riddle](#) Relating to a local option election in a county to set a limit on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes of less than 110 percent but not less than 103 percent of appraised value.

Remarks: MJV-Permits commissioners court to call an election to adjust the appraisal cap below the current 10% to a minimum of 3%.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 26](#)

[Guillen](#) Relating to a freeze on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a taxing unit on the residence homestead of an eligible person who is a member of a reserve component of the United States armed forces.

Remarks: MJV-Entitles a reservists to a freeze on their homestead taxes (if the county has adopted the freeze provision) if they are called to active duty at least 150 miles from home for at least 6 months. If the owner subsequently qualifies a new home as a homestead the proportionate freeze level transfers to the new home.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 27](#)

[Guillen](#) Relating to the payment of fines and costs by indigent defendants in misdemeanor cases.

Remarks: MJV-Requires a judge in setting fines and costs in a misdemeanor case to allow an indigent defendant to pay in installments.

		Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence
HB 28 ■	Guillen	Relating to reimbursement for health care services provided at certain times to persons enrolled in the Medicaid managed care program. Remarks: HB28- KCT- Adds physician's office to a list of entities which are guaranteed reimbursement for providing health care services outside of regular business hours providing care to persons enrolled in the Medicaid managed care program.
		Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
HB 30 ■	Guillen	Relating to the disconnection of retail electric service on certain days of the week. Remarks: As introduced, applies only to residential customers; would not affect P3 members.
		Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 32 ■	Creighton	Relating to the prohibition of required health insurance coverage. Remarks: HB32 - KCT - Establishing that the state or federal government may not require a individual to have health care coverage.
		Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Select Committee on State Sovereignty
HB 35 ■	Menendez	Relating to extending a local behavioral health intervention pilot project. Companions: SB 206 Van de Putte (Identical) 1-31-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
		Remarks: MJV-Extends a local behavioral health intervention pilot project for children in Bexar County until 2012.
		Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
HB 36 ■	Menendez	Relating to the punishment for and certain civil consequences of committing the offense of prostitution. Remarks: MJV-Increases the penalty for prostitution from a Class A misdemeanor to a State Jail felony if the actor has been convicted three or more times and to a third degree felony if the prostitute was younger than 17 at the time of the offense.
		Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence
HB 37 ■	Menendez	Relating to the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle; providing for penalties. Remarks: MJV-Prohibits communicating on a mobile device while in a vehicle

unless it is in park or the person uses a hands-free device. Imposes a fine of \$25 - \$100, or \$125 - \$200 if it occurs in a school zone. Repeals the requirement to post mobile device warnings at school zones.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 38](#)

[Menendez](#)

Relating to the punishment for the offense of graffiti.

Remarks: MJV-Makes graffiti a Class A misdemeanor (currently Class B). Makes graffiti a state jail felony if it occurs on school property, place of worship, cemetery, public monument, governmental building or community center. Sets a minimum term of confinement of 72 hours. Shifts an offense to the next higher category for repeat offenders.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

[HB 40](#)

[Menendez](#)

Relating to collective bargaining by law enforcement officers and firefighters.

Remarks: MJV-Permits police officers and fire fighters statewide to collectively bargain. Adds county jailer, peace officers and detention officers to the definition of police officers. Repeals or strikes opt-in authority and petition authority for collective bargaining. Dependent on the passage of federal legislation.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Urban Affairs

[HB 41](#)

[Menendez](#)

Relating to the penalty for certain conduct constituting an offense for false report to peace officer or law enforcement employee.

Remarks: MJV-Increases the penalty for making a false report to the police to a state jail felony (currently Class B misdemeanor) if it includes allegations that an officer committed a felony offense.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

[HB 51](#)

[Lucio III](#)

Relating to energy efficiency standards for certain buildings and to high-performance design, construction, and renovation standards for certain government buildings and facilities.

Remarks: MJV-Requires new state agency buildings and major renovations to be built to high-performance design and construction standards developed by an advisory committee. Does the same for higher education buildings. Repeals a duplicate provision regarding a required cost/benefit analysis of combined heating and power for critical government facilities that are newly constructed or extensively renovated.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 54](#)

[Martinez](#)

Relating to the transportation of certain mental health patients.

Remarks: MJV-Allows a judge in Hidalgo County to authorize transportation to a mental health facility of an arrested person (in order of priority) by a relative or other responsible person; the administrator of the mental health facility; a representative of the local mental health authority (reimbursed by county); a special officer for mental health assignment; the sheriff, constable or other on-duty peace officer. Requires Hidalgo County Commissioners court to establish a list of qualified transportation service providers for the persons allowed to transport the person to use.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

[HB 56](#)

[Martinez](#)

Relating to increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district from \$15,000 to \$45,000.

Remarks: MJV-Increases the school district property tax exemption on residence homesteads from \$15,000 to \$45,000.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 57](#)

[Martinez](#)

Relating to the restoration of the medically needy program under the state Medicaid program.

Remarks: WLJ- Provides that the medically needy program must serve recipients, including adult recipients, at the same level of services in 2003.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 58](#)

[Martinez](#)

Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.

Companions: [SB 33](#) Zaffirini (Identical)
1-31-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
[SB 610](#) Rodriguez (Identical)
2-11-11 S Filed

Remarks: KCT- Provides continuous eligibility for a child under the medical assistance program until the child ages out at 19 or upon the first anniversary of the child's enrollment.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

[HB 63](#)

[Martinez](#)

Relating to the authority of certain school districts to lay in county rights-of-way fiber optic cable or other means of transmitting information.

Remarks: KCT- Allows school districts 60miles from the border to use county right of way, in coordination and corporation with the county and any utilities, to lay fiber optic cable or other means of transmitting information.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 65](#)



[Martinez](#)

Relating to the inclusion of the total cost of residential retail electricity in advertisements and contracts.

Remarks: KCT- Requiring retail electric providers to provide the total cost of residential retail service in advertisements and contracts.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 66](#)



[Martinez](#)

Relating to the disclosure by a member of the legislature or the lieutenant governor of certain information concerning a resident of this state to a governmental body.

Remarks: MJV – Establishes that the confidentiality of a private communication between a citizen and a legislator remains intact if the legislator shares the information with another governmental entity.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 69](#)



[Martinez](#)

Relating to the application of a vital statistics record fee to general records management.

Remarks: KCT- Allows the County Clerk or Registrar to use the vital statistics record preservation fee for general records management.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

[HB 72](#)



[Martinez](#)

Relating to exempting certain military personnel from motor vehicle registration fees.

Remarks: KCT- Exempting active duty military personnel who are preparing to be deployed in a hostile fire zone from fees for vehicle registration or renewal of vehicle registration, including the renewal fee for a vehicle issued specialty or personalized license plates.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Defense and Veteran's Affairs

[HB 81](#)



[Flynn](#)

Relating to the use of public funds to print certain public documents in a language other than English and other bilingual requirements.

Remarks: KCT- Repeals existing bilingual ballot requirement from the election code and prohibits any state agency from using public money to print a public document in any language other than English unless required by federal law.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 82](#)



[Flynn](#)

Relating to the criminal offenses applicable to gambling and gambling devices.

Remarks: MJV-Rewrites gambling device law and states that the value of merchandise that can be redeemed for coupons won on an amusement device may not exceed \$50. Replaces the current exclusion for bona fide amusement games with an affirmative defense to prosecution.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

[HB 84](#)

[Flynn](#)

Relating to the creation of the Hunt County Municipal Utility District No. 1; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

Companions: [HB 315](#) Flynn (Identical)
11-18-10 H Filed
[SB 236](#) Deuell (Identical)
1-31-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

Remarks: MJV-Creates the Hunt County MUD. Requires a confirmation election which may only be held with the support of each city located in the MUD area.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

[HB 91](#)

[Cook](#)

Relating to the extent of extraterritorial jurisdiction for certain municipalities.

Remarks: KCT- Increases the size of the ETJ of a city with a population of 25,000 to 49,999 from 2 to 3 miles and makes an amendment to resolve ETJ boundary disputes created by the increase.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management

[HB 92](#)

[Cook](#)

Relating to the regulation of slaughterers by certain counties.

Remarks: KCT - Expands the brackets for counties that can regulate slaughter houses to counties that are adjacent to counties that are adjacent to counties with a population of a million or more.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Agriculture and Livestock

[HB 93](#)

[Cook](#)

Relating to the creation of an offense for certain uses of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle; providing penalties.

Remarks: MJV - Prohibits the use of a wireless communication device for texting while operating a vehicle. Creates a misdemeanor offense with a fine of up to \$200 for repeat offenders and increases the penalty to a felony if it is the cause of serious bodily injury.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 95](#)

[Fletcher](#)

Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

Companions: [HB 313](#) Pickett (Identical)
11-17-10 H Filed
[HB 781](#) King, Phil (Identical)
1-20-11 H Filed
[SB 516](#) Patrick, Dan (Identical)

2- 3-11 S Filed

Remarks: KCT- Allows existing homestead exemption to pass from a deceased disabled veteran to the spouse so long as the spouse has not remarried.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 96](#)

[Fletcher](#) Relating to the exclusion of certain witnesses during a criminal proceeding.

Remarks: MJV-Allows a prosecutor to appoint a lead investigator as a courtroom representative who cannot be excluded if the defense raises an objection to witnesses being present during discussion of certain evidence.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

[HB 97](#)

[Paxton](#) Relating to creation of the Health Freedom Act.

Remarks: KCT- Creates the Health Freedom Act which ensures each individual in this state has the right to choose or decline to choose health insurance coverage without threat of penalty or penalty or sanction from any government. The attorney general shall take all necessary action to preserve the rights granted by this act.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Select Committee on State Sovereignty

[HB 99](#)

[Martinez Fischer](#) Relating to the punishment for certain intoxication related offenses; creating the offense of aggravated driving while intoxicated.

Remarks: KCT- Creating the offense of aggravated driving while intoxicated - operating a motor vehicle with a BAC of 0.16, or operating a commercial motor vehicle with a BAC of 0.02. Punishable by a class A misdemeanor with a minimum term of confinement of 30 days, or a felony dependent on a previous conviction of an alcohol related offense.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

[HB 100](#)

[Martinez Fischer](#) Relating to a central database containing information about certain offenders who have committed offenses involving family or dating violence.

Remarks: MJV-Requires DPS to maintain a computerized database on people who have been convicted three or more times for a family violence offense. Makes the information publicly available and requires DPS to protect social security numbers and victim identities.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

[HB 103](#)

[Martinez Fischer](#) Relating to the creation of an offense for certain prohibited uses of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

Remarks: KCT- Prohibits the use of a text messaging while operating a

passenger bus with a minor passenger unless the bus is stopped or the operator is a peace officer or an emergency responder and the device is used in connection with official duties. Creates an offense punishable by a fine of not less than \$2 or more than \$400 if offense takes place in school crossing zone.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 105](#)

[Brown, Fred](#)

Relating to the creation of an offense for certain uses of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle; providing a penalty.

Remarks: MJV-Creates a misdemeanor (punishable by a fine of \$200) for reading, writing or sending a text message while operating a moving vehicle.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 109](#)

[Brown, Fred](#)

Relating to the temporary lowering of prima facie speed limits at a vehicular accident reconstruction site.

Remarks: MJV-Allows commissioners court to give a designated official the discretion to temporarily lower speed limits for a county road or highway outside of a city for an investigation that involves vehicular accident reconstruction without approval from TxDOT. This does not apply to a road or highway in the state highway system.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 113](#)

[Harless](#)

Relating to the enforcement of state and federal laws governing immigration by certain governmental entities; providing a civil penalty.

Companions: [SB 124](#) Patrick, Dan (Identical)
1-31-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation and Homeland Security

Remarks: MJV-Prohibits local governments from enacting any policy that would not fully enforce state or federal law, including laws on drugs and immigration. Cuts off any state grant funds to a local government that adopts such a policy and imposes a fine of \$10,000 for each day of violation. Permits the AG to sue to recover the penalty with the prevailing party getting costs and attorneys fees. Allows any citizen to file suit over failure to meet the standard.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 117](#)

[McClendon](#)

Relating to disease control outreach programs to reduce the risk of certain communicable diseases.

Remarks: MJV-Allows a local health authority in a county with a population of 300,000 or more to establish a disease control program than includes hypodermic needle exchange. Creates an exception to the offense of possession of drug paraphernalia for a person working for such a program.

<p>HB 123</p> <p>■</p>	<p>Veasey</p>	<p>Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health</p> <p>Relating to an adult diabetes education program in certain county hospital systems and hospital districts.</p>
<p>Remarks:</p>		<p>MJV- Allows the Department of State Health Services to assist hospital districts and county hospital systems in counties with populations of more than 100,000 that choose to create an adult diabetes education program.</p>
<p>HB 125</p> <p>■</p>	<p>Legler</p>	<p>Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health</p> <p>Relating to the inclusion of a draft impact analysis in the notice of rules proposed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.</p>
<p>Remarks:</p>		<p>KCT- Requiring the TCEQ to include a draft impact analysis in the fiscal note for each proposed rule.</p>
<p>HB 131</p> <p>■</p>	<p>Alvarado</p>	<p>Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation</p> <p>Relating to requiring contractors in certain state construction contracts to provide health benefits to employees.</p>
<p>Remarks:</p>		<p>MJV-Requires a contractor who enters into a contract with the state facilities commission worth more than \$1 million to provide health benefits coverage to its employees. The same applies to subcontractors.</p>
<p>HB 138</p> <p>■</p>	<p>Callegari</p>	<p>Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs</p> <p>Relating to the acquisition of and compensation for real property, including blighted property, for public purposes through condemnation or certain other means.</p>
<p>Remarks:</p>		<p>MJV- Requires the state or a political subdivision to pay moving expenses and rental supplements, make relocation payments, provide financial assistance to acquire replacement housing and compensate for expenses an individual or business that is displaced due to taking property by eminent domain (currently optional).</p> <p>- Repeals a provision making TIF condemnation authority prevail over other law.</p> <p>- Adds additional steps in the procedures for cities to follow in using eminent domain to clear up slums and blighted areas. Makes conforming repeals.</p>
<p>HB 140</p> <p>■</p>	<p>Laubenberg</p>	<p>Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management</p> <p>Relating to requiring state contractors and grant recipients to participate in the federal electronic verification of work authorization program, or E-verify; adding a civil penalty.</p>
<p>Remarks:</p>		<p>MJV-Requires state agencies to include in thier contracts and grants a requirement that the contractor or recipient use the E-</p>

verify program to ensure all workers are legal citizens.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 141](#)

[Laubenberg](#) Relating to the regulation of slaughterers by certain counties.

Remarks: MJV-Expands a population bracket to allow Collin County to regulate slaughter houses.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Agriculture and Livestock

[HB 147](#)

[Raymond](#) Relating to certain personal information contained in a decree of dissolution of a marriage or an order in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

Companions: [HB 541](#) Dutton (Identical)
1- 7-11 H Filed

Remarks: CEB-Removes personal information about any party in the final decree for divorce, modification or a suit affecting the parent-child relationship and makes that information confidential. Requires any personal information be listed in a separate document that can only be shared with a party to the suit or their attorney, law enforcement, courts or others approved by a court.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 149](#)

[Raymond](#) Relating to the appointment of a parenting coordinator or parenting facilitator in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.

Remarks: MJV-Adds minimum qualifications (advanced degree, training, etc.) for a person appointed as a volunteer parenting coordinator.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 152](#)

[Raymond](#) Relating to the fees collected by prosecutors for collection and processing of certain checks or similar sight orders.

Remarks: MJV-Approximately doubles the allowable hot check fee amounts and increases the highest allowable fee of \$75 to up to \$1000 depending on the value of the check.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

[HB 153](#)

[Raymond](#) Relating to electioneering near certain privately owned polling places.

Remarks: MJV - Creates an exception to the prohibition against electioneering within 100 feet of the outside door of a polling place if a private business is used as a polling place, and the owner of the business notifies the authority holding the election that electioneering will be allowed.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

[HB 157](#)

[Raymond](#)

Relating to the filing of an application for a place on the general primary election ballot.

Remarks: MJV-Requires an application for a place on the primary ballot for state senator or representative to be filed with the state chair, county chair or the secretary of the county executive committee for an election to be filled by the voters of a single county.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

[HB 160](#)

[Raymond](#)

Relating to civil actions against persons who file complaints with governmental agencies or quasi-governmental entities.

Remarks: MJV-Allows an affected governmental entity to file for an expedited hearing to determine a bad faith lawsuit. If the court determines that the lawsuit was filed to harrass or slander the governmental entity it can award damages and fees and costs.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 164](#)

[Raymond](#)

Relating to a physical and mental examination of a child subject to the juvenile justice system.

Remarks: MJV-Authorizes a juvenile court to require a child referred to the court or who is found to have engaged in delinquent conduct to be examined for mental illness or chemical dependency at any stage of proceedings, including when the child is initially detained in a facility operated by the TYC, a pre-adjudication secure detention facility, or a post-adjudication secure correctional facility.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Corrections

[HB 165](#)

[Raymond](#)

Relating to a cost-of-living increase in compensation for district court judges.

Remarks: MJV-Allows commissioners court to pay each district judge an annual cost-of-living increase of up to 10% of their salary.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 167](#)

[Raymond](#)

Relating to the transportation of certain mental health patients.

Remarks: MJV-Prioritizes who may transport a mental health patient admitted for emergency detention to a mental health facility. Makes a special officer for mental health assignment the first priority and moves a relative or other responsible person to nearly the end of the list. Removes a restriction that says the sheriff or constable may be used only if no person is available in the prior categories.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

[HB 168](#)

[Raymond](#)

Relating to the requirements of a bail bond.

Remarks: MJV-Requires a bail bond to have an expiration date. Stipulates

that a bond expires on the earlier of the end of judicial proceedings or the expiration date.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

[HB 169](#)

[Raymond](#)

Relating to placement of public school students in Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps programs as an alternative in certain circumstances to placement in disciplinary or juvenile justice alternative education programs.

Remarks: MJV-Requires a student who would otherwise go to a DAEP or JJAEP to instead go to JROTC if their school offers it and the student meets the eligibility requirements.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 170](#)

[Raymond](#)

Relating to bullying as a ground for removing a public school student from class and placing the student in a disciplinary alternative education program.

Remarks: MJV-Requires a student to be placed in DAEP for engaging in bullying on school property or at a school-related event.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 171](#)

[Raymond](#)

Relating to the exercise of urban renewal powers by certain counties.

Remarks: MJV-Expands a bracket to allow Webb County to exercise urban renewal powers in the unincorporated areas. Expands the underlying statute to allow all counties in the bracket to do so inside a city if approved by the city.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Border and Intergovernmental Affairs

[HB 174](#)

[Jackson, Jim](#)

Relating to the cancellation of the voter registration and to the eligibility to vote of persons who are deceased or not citizens of the United States.

Remarks: MJV-Requires the local registrar of deaths and probate court clerk to file a monthly report to the secretary of state. Requires court clerks to provide notice of people who are excused from jury service for non-citizenship to the Secretary of State. Requires the SoS to provide notice to county voting registrars of deaths and disqualifications from jury duty for non-citizenship in the county.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Select Committee on Voter ID and Fraud

[HB 175](#)

[Jackson, Jim](#)

Relating to the on-premises consumption of certain alcoholic beverages; providing a penalty.

Remarks: HB175 - Creates and on-premises consumption only permit. An application for the permits is \$1000 and must be filed with the county judge and is subject to a hearing.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and

Administrative Procedures

[HB 178](#)

[Jackson, Jim](#)

Relating to requiring governmental entities to participate in the federal electronic verification of work authorization program or E-verify.

Remarks: MJV-Requires all levels of government to register and participate in the E-verify program to verify immigration information on all new employees. Makes an employee who is responsible for verifying the information subject to immediate termination for failure to comply.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 179](#)

[Alonzo](#)

Relating to the registration of voters at a polling place and related procedures.

Remarks: MJV-Allows a person who is eligible to vote to register on election day and vote in their precinct.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

[HB 183](#)

[Solomons](#)

Relating to the duty of a law enforcement agency to verify the immigration status of an arrested person.

Remarks: MJV-Requires law enforcement agencies to check an arrested person's immigration status within 48 hours of arrest and provide notice to ICE of any persons who are not legal citizens.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 185](#)

[Smith, Todd](#)

Relating to the notice provided of early voting polling places.

Remarks: MJV-Requires the notice of a general or special election to state the location of the main early voting place (currently each early voting place).

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

[HB 186](#)

[Perry](#)

Relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification; creating a penalty.

Remarks: MJV-Voter ID bill. Requires Election judges to post signs at each polling place detailing the allowable forms of ID. Allows a voter without sufficient ID to cast a provisional ballot if they show proper ID within 6 days after the election. Prohibits DPS from charging a fee for an ID used strictly for voting. Adds using a fake ID for election purposes to the statute providing penalties for using a fake ID to obtain alcohol. Makes conforming repeals.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Select Committee on Voter ID and Fraud

[HB 188](#)

[Sheffield](#)

Relating to limitations on the use of eminent domain authority.

Remarks: MJV-Adds to the list of prohibited taking of private property a

property that is not needed for public use.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management

[HB 189](#)

[Smith, Todd](#) Relating to the punishment for certain intoxication offenses.

Companions: [SB 395](#) Patrick, Dan (Identical)
2- 2-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

Remarks: MJV-Prohibits a judge from granting deferred adjudication for specific DWI type offenses if the defendant held a commercial driver's license at the time. Requires DWI (including flying, boating and operating amusement rides while intoxicated) defendants who are granted deferred adjudication to install and ignition interlock device in their vehicle.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

[HB 190](#)

[Walle](#) Relating to the adoption of noise regulations by certain counties; providing a criminal penalty.

Remarks: MJV-Allows Harris County to regulate noise and sound levels in the unincorporated areas.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

[HB 191](#)

[Walle](#) Relating to the regulation of automobile wrecking and salvage yards in certain counties.

Remarks: MV-Increases the distance required between an auto wrecking and salvage yard and a school, church, or residence from 300-600 feet (bracketed to Harris County).

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 192](#)

[Walle](#) Relating to the rates charged by water and sewer utilities.

Remarks: MJV-Allows a water and sewer utility to file an application with TCEQ to increase its rates only one time in a 36-month period. The increase may not exceed 20% over the original rate.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

[HB 195](#)

[Walle](#) Relating to disciplinary action taken against public school students on the basis of serious and persistent misbehavior.

Remarks: MJV-Changes an "or" to an "and", allowing a student to be expelled from a DAEP for engaging in "serious and persistent misbehavior".

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

[HB 200](#)

[Parker](#) Relating to the notification of the release of certain inmates given to

certain courts and law enforcement agencies.

Remarks: MJV-Allows prisoner release notices (parole or supervision) from the state to local law enforcement to be sent by email or other electronic means.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Corrections

[HB 250](#)

[Hilderbran](#)

Relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification.

Remarks: MJV-Voter ID bill. Makes a voter registrar post notices of acceptable ID, limits the types of acceptable identifying documents. Requires voting ID notices to be displayed at all polling locations. Requires an elections officer to provide written materials about the ID requirement to any person voting by provisional ballot during the next election.

Prohibits DPS from charging a fee for ID cards used for voting. Makes conforming repeals.

Last Action: 2-11-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Select Committee on Voter ID and Fraud

[HB 1104](#)

[Paxton](#)

Relating to the phasing out of ad valorem taxes on the residence homesteads of elderly persons by 2021.

Remarks: MJV-Entitles a person who is 65 or older to a 20% exemption from their appraised value each year starting in 2017 and ending with an 80% exemption in 2020. Allows a surviving spouse who has not remarried and who is 55 or older to keep the exemption in the same amount. Strikes current language providing a tax exemption and eligibility for a tax freeze for over 65 homesteads.

-Entitles a school district to additional state aid to make up for the tax revenue lost to the exemption.

-Repeals a provision for a person over 65 to perform a service for a taxing unit instead of paying taxes. Makes conforming repeals.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 H Filed

[HB 1105](#)

[Harper-Brown](#)

Relating to the adoption and implementation of a policy by the Texas Transportation Commission providing for the accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, children, senior citizens, users of public

Companions: [SB 513](#) Ellis (Identical)
2- 3-11 S Filed

Remarks: MJV-Requires the Transportation Commission to develop a complete streets policy that provides guidelines for safety, accessibility and mobility of all transportation users (includes bicycles, pedestrians, disabled persons, etc.). Requires the state and local road building or maintaining entities to ensure that all projects comply with the policy if federal or state funds are used. Provides some limited exceptions if the costs would be excessively disproportionate to the present or future need or probable use of

the street or highway or if lack of population indicates an absence of future need. Requires an exception to be approved by the governing body of the local authority and publicly documented.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 H Filed

[HB 1106](#)

[Johnson](#)

Relating to providing certain information to criminal defendants before a plea is entered and at the time of the dismissal of certain proceedings against the defendant.

Remarks: *CEB-Requires the court to inform a defendant of their right to petition the court for an order of nondisclosure on criminal history before accepting a plea of guilty or no contest to an offense that qualifies for deferred adjudicated probation.*

The court must also advise whether the plea will make the defendant ineligible for nondisclosure because of the nature of the offense or the defendant's criminal history.

Clarifies that failure of the court to comply with this provision is not grounds for reversal unless the defendant can prove they were harmed by the omission.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 H Filed

[HB 1107](#)

[Zerwas](#)

Relating to the creation, administration, powers, and duties of a county assistance district.

Companions: [SB 520](#) Hegar (Identical)
2- 3-11 S Filed

Remarks: *MJV-Allows more than one county assistance district to be created in a county. Removes the prohibition that a district election may not be held within a year if it failed to pass. Allows areas to be included in the district upon petition by the majority of landowners in the area. Allows the commissioners court to appoint a governing board for the district. Makes a conforming repeal.*

Last Action: 2- 3-11 H Filed

[HB 1112](#)

[Phillips](#)

Relating to the authority and powers of regional mobility authorities.

Companions: [SB 581](#) Nichols (Identical)
2- 9-11 S Filed

Remarks: *MJV -Allows a Regional Mobility Authority to fund a parking area and improvements to a transportation reinvestment zone.*

-Allows an RMA to borrow money from or enter into a loan agreement or other arrangement with the TxDOT, the Texas Transportation Commission or any other public or private entity.

-Gives an RMA the same powers and duties regarding toll collection and enforcement powers for its turnpike projects or other toll projects operated under an agreement as the powers and duties of TxDOT, a county with toll authority or a regional tollway authority.

-Authorizes a governmental entity to agree with an authority to a transportation reinvestment zone and to collect and remit to an authority, taxes, fees or assessments collected for purposes of developing transportation projects.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 H Filed

[HB 1113](#)

[Raymond](#)

Relating to the sentencing hearing or deferred adjudication hearing and conditions of community supervision for defendants convicted of certain offenses involving controlled substances.

Remarks: *CEB-Allows a judge who hears criminal cases to conduct the sentencing hearing of a defendant convicted of possession, manufacture or delivery of a controlled substance to be held at a high school.*

Allows a judge to order as a condition of defendant's probation, community outreach/education about the dangers of drugs in lieu of community service.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 H Filed

[HB 1118](#)

[Ritter](#)

Relating to the resale of property purchased by a taxing unit at a tax sale.

Remarks: *KCT - Allows a taxing unit to sell property it bought, which was party to a judgment, for an amount equal to or greater than its market value, if:*

- the sum of the amount of the judgment plus post-judgment taxes, penalties, and interest owing against the property exceeds the market value; and*
- each taxing unit entitled to receive proceeds of the sale consents to the sale for that amount.*

Discharges and extinguishes all liens with the exception of the prorated tax for the current year.

The presiding officer of a taxing unit selling real property under must execute a deed to the property conveying to the purchaser.

The conveyance is subject to any remaining obligation to pay the prorated taxes for the current year. The deed must that tax liens are discharged and extinguished by virtue of the conveyance.

A taxing unit that does not consent to a sale under is liable to the taxing unit that purchased the property for a pro-rata share of the costs incurred by the purchasing unit in maintaining the property.

- The non-consenting unit's share of the costs is calculated from the date the unit fails to consent to the sale and is equal to the percentage of the proceeds from a sale of the property to which the non-consenting unit would be entitled multiplied by the costs incurred by the purchasing*

unit to maintain the property.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 H Filed

[HB 1124](#)

[Burnam](#)

Relating to safety requirements applicable to gas pipelines in certain counties.

Remarks: KCT - Prohibits a gathering gas pipeline from being constructed within 50 feet of an established permanent structure that is used by human beings on a regular basis, unless the owner of the structure consents in writing to the construction of the pipeline or the pipeline:

- **operates at a pressure that does not exceeds 50% of the specified yield strength;**
- **is equipped with automatic shutoff valves; and**
- **is buried at least 12" deeper than required by state and federal regulation.**

Requires that the pipeline be monitored with supervisory control and data acquisition system unless:

- **it is demonstrated to be infeasible or economically impractical; and**
- **a leak survey is conducted at least quarterly.**

The pipeline must be constructed of approved materials and be protected from corrosion per federal regulation. The Railroad Commission may offer and exemption from this requirement. An integrity assessment must be performed every 3 years.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 H Filed

[HB 1125](#)

[Burnam](#)

Relating to a study regarding the odorization of natural gas transported in gathering and transmission lines located in populated areas.

Remarks: KCT - Directs the RR Commission to conduct a study on the odorization of natural gas in gathering and transmission lines located in populated areas.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 H Filed

[HB 1126](#)

[Burnam](#)

Relating to the control of emissions from crude oil and condensate storage tanks in certain areas of this state.

Remarks: KCT - Requires an owner/operator of a crude oil and condensate storage tanks in Tarrant County to ensure that flash gasses are routed to vapor recovery system if;

- **Storage tanks or tank battery's in operation before 9.1.12 that have the potential to emit an aggregate of 10, or more tons of VOCs in any 12 month period if emissions were not controlled;**

- Storage tanks or tank battery's in operation on or after 9.1.12 that have the potential to emit an aggregate of 5, or more tons of VOCs in any 12 month period if emissions were not controlled.

A vapor recovery system must be operated and maintained to ensure that 95% minimum control of efficiency between the internal and external atmospheres of the tank or tanks.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 H Filed

[HB 1128](#)

[Menendez](#)

Relating to consent to certain medical treatments by a surrogate decision-maker on behalf of certain inmates.

Remarks: CEB-Allows a surrogate decision-maker to consent to medical treatment for an adult inmate of a county or municipal jail who is comatose, incapacitated or unable to communicate.

A surrogate decision-maker may not consent to an inmate of a county or municipal jail to receive psychotropic medication, involuntary inpatient mental health services or psychiatric services to restore competency.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 H Filed

[HB 1131](#)

[Larson](#)

Relating to the permissible uses of the state highway fund.

Companions: [SB 135](#) Wentworth (Identical)
1-31-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

Remarks: MJV-Stikes language allowing highway funds to be used for DPS funding. Makes a conforming repeal.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 H Filed

[HB 1132](#)

[Larson](#)

Relating to the time permitted for the abatement of a public nuisance.

Remarks: MJV-Reduces the time a person has to abate a nuisance from 30 days to 15 days.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 H Filed

[HB 1135](#)

[Aycock](#)

Relating to an application to run for political office.

Remarks: KCT - Prohibits a candidate from amending an application after it has been filed. Prohibits a candidate from amending a petition in lieu of a filing fee submitted with an application.

Last Action: 2- 7-11 H Filed

[HB 1136](#)

[Aycock](#)

Relating to requiring an election authority to provide notice to certain county chairs regarding certain election activities.

Remarks: KCT - Requires the county clerk or other election authority to deliver written notice of the time and place of any meeting called by an election authority for the purpose of discussing an upcoming

primary, runoff or general election, at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. The notice may be sent via US mail, electronic mail, or other method of written communication.

Last Action: 2- 7-11 H Filed

[HB 1145](#)

[Geren](#)

Relating to air monitors in Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Regions 3 and 4 to be funded through the Texas emissions reduction plan.

Companions: [SB 527](#) Fraser (Identical)
2- 7-11 S Filed

Remarks: MJV-Dedicates five percent of TERP funds for the clean fleet program. Requires \$3m to \$7m of the new technology research and development program fund (9% of TERP) to be dedicated to a regional nonprofit entity in North Texas to conduct regional air monitoring in the Amarillo Region and DFW in 2012 and 2013 to fund. Requires \$1m-\$3m to be dedicated to that purpose in subsequent years.

Last Action: 2- 7-11 H Filed

[HB 1147](#)

[Smith, Wayne](#)

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

Remarks: KCT - 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 survey conducted by a registered land surveyor.

Creates an exemption if the geospatial data product does not: - contain a legal description or property boundaries; or -is prepared only for evidence in a legal proceeding.

Last Action: 2- 7-11 H Filed

[HB 1153](#)

[Paxton](#)

Relating to public access to financial and tax rate information of political subdivisions.

Remarks: MJV-Requires the comptroller to create an internet portal to local government finances that allows a Texan to enter their address and obtain links to all relevant financial information for the taxing units that apply to them. Allows the comptroller to develop procedures for taxing units to electronically file information necessary to update the portal. Provides that this statute does not require posting by a political subdivision of financial reports, statements or other information.

Last Action: 2- 7-11 H Filed

[HB 1164](#)

[Keffer](#)

Relating to enforcement actions by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers against political subdivisions and certain public officials.

Remarks: KCT - Prohibits the Texas Board of professional engineers for taking enforcement action against or imposing administrative penalties on a political subdivision or a public office or employee of the state.

Last Action: 2- 7-11 H Filed

[HB 1165](#)

[Keffer](#)

Relating to the exemption of certain electric cooperatives from

certain regulations.

Companions: [SB 312](#) Seliger (Identical)
2- 2-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on
Senate Natural Resources

Remarks: KCT -Creates an exemption (from regulation as a gas utility) for electric cooperatives that operate gas storage facilities no larger than five billion cubic feet and that support the integration of renewable resources.

- No impact on P3 members.

Last Action: 2- 7-11 H Filed

[HB 1169](#)

[Morrison](#)

Relating to the issuance of certain permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles.

Companions: [SB 524](#) Hegar (Identical)
2- 7-11 S Filed

Remarks: MJV-Victoria County Navigation District statute. Allows permits to be issued by the district for oversize or overweight vehicles on specific highways and roads in the county (currently restricted to highways). Increases the \$80 fee per trip to \$100. Increases the allowable weight from 125,000 pounds to 140,000 pounds.

Last Action: 2- 8-11 H Filed

[HB 1173](#)

[Riddle](#)

Relating to the release on bond of certain persons arrested for a misdemeanor without a warrant in certain counties.

Remarks: CEB-Extends the deadline for releasing a person arrested for a misdemeanor without a warrant to be released on bond from the 24th hour to the 36th hour after their arrest if no probable cause exists in a county with a population of three million or more.

Last Action: 2- 8-11 H Filed

[HB 1174](#)

[Workman](#)

Relating to the expiration of a county burn ban.

Remarks: MJV-Allows commissioners court to designate the county judge or fire marshall as the person who can end a burn ban if conditions warrant.

Last Action: 2- 8-11 H Filed

[HB 1183](#)

[Raymond](#)

Relating to local option elections to legalize or prohibit the operation of eight-liners and the imposition of a fee on eight-liner owners.

Remarks: CEB - Requires the commissioners court to order a local option election on petition of the voters of the county, justice precinct or municipality to determine whether the operation of eight-liners shall be legalized or prohibited in the political subdivision. A political subdivision must have been in existence for at least 18 months before the local option election may be held.

-Sets requirements for a petition to approve or prohibit the operation of eight-liners.

-Creates a Class B misdemeanor offense for misrepresenting the purpose or effect of a petition.

-Requires the county clerk to keep a copy of each petition and a record of all the applications for each petition.

-Requires the voter registrar to verify the petition and establishes procedure for the verification.

-Requires the commissioners court to enter in its minutes the date a petition is presented, the names of the signers and the action taken with respect to the petition.

- Requires county election precincts to be used for a local option election to be held in an entire county or in a justice precinct.

-Requires the issued order to appear on the ballot for an election ordered by the commissioners court to be the same as the issued applied for and set out in the petition.

-Limits elections to one a year.

-Requires the county to pay the expense of holding a local option election in the county, justice precinct or municipality. Provides exceptions.

-If a county is not required to pay the expense, the clerk shall require the applicants to make a deposit before the issuance of the petition.

-Requires an election to legalize or prohibit the operation of eight-liners in a municipality located in more than one county to be conducted by the municipality instead of the counties.

-Sets requirements for recording and posting election results.

-Creates a \$350 per year fee on each eight-liner that an owner exhibits or displays; allows prorated fees. Exempts an owner who possesses the eight-liner for resale only.

-Requires the comptroller to collect the fee and deposit 30% of each fee collected to the general revenue fund. For an eight-liner located outside a municipality, the comptroller shall remit 70% of the fee to the county in which the eight-liner is located.

-Establishes a range of criminal penalties for offenses involving eight-liners.

-Creates an affirmative defense to prosecution for eight-liners used

for bona fide amusement.

-Makes conforming repeal.

Last Action: 2- 8-11 H Filed

[HB 1184](#)

[Legler](#)

Relating to a limitation on the maximum appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes of 105 percent of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year.

Remarks: MJV-Lowers appraisal cap to 5% and makes it apply to all real property.

Last Action: 2- 8-11 H Filed

[HB 1188](#)

[Aliseda](#)

Relating to state assistance for certain county health care expenditures.

Remarks: WLJ: Requires state assistance funds for indigent health care to cover 100% of the costs the county would incur after the county has hit its 8% expenditure level. Currently 90% of costs are required to be covered, or the county can discontinue providing indigent health care services.

Last Action: 2- 8-11 H Filed

[HB 1191](#)

[Castro](#)

Relating to the sheriff's department civil service commission appointments in certain counties.

Remarks: CEB-Allows appointment of a sheriff's department civil service commission in a county with a population of less than 2.8 million and if the county has a population of one million or more and more than 80% of the population resides in a single city as follows: -the sheriff shall appoint two people, and -the commissioners court, DA and employee union representing the sheriff's department employees shall each appoint one person.

Last Action: 2- 8-11 H Filed

[HB 1196](#)

[Dutton](#)

Relating to foreclosure of a property owners' association's assessment lien.

Remarks: CEB-Requires a homeowner's association to pay for an appraisal before filing suit to foreclose an assessment lien on a property. Stipulates that the final sale price at foreclosure be at least 80% of the fair market value shown in the appraisal before an association can conclude a foreclosure. Creates a prioritized schedule of payments after foreclosure.

Last Action: 2- 8-11 H Filed

[HB 1199](#)

[Gallego](#)

Relating to the penalty for certain intoxication assaults.

Remarks: CEB-Makes an offense of intoxication assault a second degree felony if the person caused an injury that results in the victim being in persistent vegetative state.

Last Action: 2- 8-11 H Filed

[HB 1201](#)

[Kolkhorst](#)

Relating to repeal of authority for the establishment and operation

of the Trans-Texas Corridor.

Companions: [SB 565](#) Hegar (Identical)
2- 8-11 S Filed

Remarks: MJV-Strikes all references to the trans-Texas Corridor. Makes conforming repeals.

Last Action: 2- 8-11 H Filed

[HB 1204](#)

[Turner,](#)
[Sylvester](#)

Relating to the removal of certain restrictions on the ability to switch retail electric providers.

Remarks: KCT - In an area that has implemented customer choice, on request of a retail electric provider, a transmission and distribution utility must remove a hold or any other restriction that is based on an amount due to another retail electric provider which is preventing the customer from receiving electric service.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Filed

[HB 1205](#)

[Turner,](#)
[Sylvester](#)

Relating to the establishment of certain time credits through which a defendant's period of community supervision is reduced.

Remarks: CEB-Entitles certain defendants convicted of a state jail or 3rd degree felony who are granted probation to earn time credit if they earn a high school diploma, GED or associates degree; or if they complete alcohol or substance abuse counseling, a vocational training program, parenting class, anger management or life skills course.

To qualify defendants must have paid required fees/fines and satisfied victim restitution. Defendants convicted of intoxication offenses, family violence or other violent crimes are not eligible.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Filed

[HB 1209](#)

[Taylor, Larry](#)

Relating to a probate fee exemption for estates of certain law enforcement officers, firefighters, and others killed in the line of duty.

Companions: [SB 543](#) Hegar (Identical)
2- 7-11 S Filed

Remarks: CEB-Creates probate fee exemptions for the estates of law enforcement officers, firefighters and related officers and employees who are killed in the line of duty.

Fees exempted include fees associated with filing the will and any service rendered by the court for administration of the decedent's estate. Makes conforming repeal.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Filed

[HB 1214](#)

[McClendon](#)

Relating to certain fees imposed in connection with the operation of overweight and oversize vehicles.

Remarks: MJV-Requires TxDOT to biennially evaluate the impact on the highway system of overweight vehicles to determine whether fees and exemptions need to be reviewed and improved. Changes the

highway maintenance fee from just weight to a combination of weight and distance travelled. Allows TxDOT to establish the fee by rule.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Filed

[HB 1219](#)

[Miles](#)

Relating to the right of an employee to time off from work if the employee or the employee's child is a victim of family violence or a violent felony offense.

Remarks: MJV-Entitles an employee who is a victim of a violent offense or whose child is a victim to time off for medical care, victim services meetings, counseling, legal consultation, or other related purposes. The employee is entitled to not more than 30 work days of leave per year. The employee must first use any existing vacation, personal, sick leave, or compensatory leave time.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Filed

[HB 1220](#)

[Miles](#)

Relating to the restoration of certain inmates' good conduct time that is forfeited during a term of imprisonment.

Remarks: KCT - The TDCJ may restore forfeited good conduct time for certain inmates.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Filed

[HB 1224](#)

[Reynolds](#)

Relating to expulsion of a public school student who commits certain criminal acts involving a computer, computer network, or computer system owned by or operated on behalf of a school district.

Companions: [SB 217](#) Huffman (Identical)
1-31-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Remarks: MJV-Allows a student to be expelled for a breach of computer security involving accessing a computer system owned by a school district.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Filed

[HB 1226](#)

[Dutton](#)

Relating to the eligibility of certain persons who have received deferred adjudication to vote.

Remarks: KCT - Allows a person on differed adjudication the right to vote.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Filed

[HB 1234](#)

[Miller, Doug](#)

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

Remarks: CEB-Adjusts the population bracket to allow Gillespie County to continue to collect a hotel occupancy tax. Creates a new provision for Kendall County to collect a hotel occupancy tax.

Last Action: 2-10-11 H Filed

[HB 1239](#)

[Zedler](#)

Relating to a prohibition against the construction or operation by a local governmental entity of a day labor center used to facilitate the employment of aliens not lawfully present in the United States.

Remarks: MJV-Prohibits local government entities from using public money to

fund or run a day labor center that knowingly provides jobs for non legal residents.

Last Action: 2-10-11 H Filed

[HB 1241](#)

[Zedler](#)

Relating to surety bond requirements for reserve deputy constables.

Remarks: *MJV-Allows a constable with multiple reserve deputies to execute a blanket bond for them. Allows a county to self-insure a constable and reserve deputy constables instead of individual or blanket bonds.*

Last Action: 2-10-11 H Filed

[HB 1252](#)

[Smith, Todd](#)

Relating to the powers and duties of criminal law magistrates in Tarrant County.

Companions: [SB 483](#) Harris (Identical)
2- 1-11 S Filed

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.*

Last Action: 2-10-11 H Filed

[HB 1254](#)

[Pickett](#)

Relating to consideration of the consolidation of school district peace officers and security personnel in certain counties.

Remarks: *MJV-Requires school districts in El Paso County to study and make recommendations for consolidation of peace officers and security personnel county-wide.*

Last Action: 2-10-11 H Filed

[HB 1258](#)

[Kolkhorst](#)

Relating to the eligibility of federally qualified health centers for certain grants.

Remarks: *WLJ: Requires MHMR services be provided for an entity to receive a FQHC grant.*

Last Action: 2-10-11 H Filed

[HB 1260](#)

[Thompson](#)

Relating to family violence and protective orders.

Remarks: *CEB-Allows a court to enforce a protective order rendered by another court relating to family violence. Provides the judge options for dealing with an absent respondent. Adds a requirement for printing a statement of the criminal penalties for violating a protective order on the order. Expands the definition of abuse to include dating violence if the conduct is directed against a child. Makes conforming repeals.*

Last Action: 2-10-11 H Filed

[HB 1267](#)

[Smithee](#)

Relating to the authority of certain counties and intergovernmental pools to require reimbursement for punitive damage coverage.

	Remarks:	<i>KCT - A self insuring county may require reimbursement for the provision of punitive damage coverage for a person whom the county provides coverage.</i>
	Last Action:	2-10-11 H Filed
HB 1269	Murphy	<i>Relating to the eligibility requirements of deputy voter registrars.</i>
	Remarks:	<i>KCT - Prohibits the appointment of a deputy voter registrar that is not a registered voter.</i>
	Last Action:	2-10-11 H Filed
HB 1270	Murphy	<i>Relating to residency requirements for deputy voter registrars.</i>
	Remarks:	<i>KCT - To be eligible for appointment as a deputy registrar a person must have resided continuously in this state for the six months immediately preceding the date of appointment.</i>
	Last Action:	2-10-11 H Filed
HB 1272	Miller, Doug	<i>Relating to requiring employers to participate in the federal electronic verification of work authorization program, or E-Verify.</i>
	Remarks:	<i>KCT - Requires an employer, including a county, to register and participate in the Federal E- verify program to verify information of all new employees.</i>
	Last Action:	2-10-11 H Filed
HJR 16 ■	Riddle	<i>Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a local option election in a county to set a limit on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes.</i>
	Remarks:	<i>MJV-Permits the state to allow a commissioners court to call an election to lower the percentage limitation on the maximum appraised value below 110 percent (down to a floor of 103 percent).</i>
	Last Action:	2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HJR 17 ■	Guillen	<i>Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision to establish a freeze on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by the political subdivision on the residence homestead of certain people.</i>
	Remarks:	<i>MJV-Allows the governing body of a political subdivision (on its own or by petition of 5% of the registered voters) to implement a tax freeze on the residence homestead of a member of the military reserves who is called up for active duty.</i>
	Last Action:	2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
HJR 21 ■	Martinez	<i>Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$45,000.</i>

Remarks: MJV-Increases the school district property tax exemption on a residence homestead from \$15,000 to \$45,000. Makes a corresponding correction to language regarding the school district freeze limitation for over sixty five disabled persons.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HJR 23](#)

[Fletcher](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

Companions: [HJR 40](#) Pickett (Identical)
11-17-10 H Filed
[HJR 72](#) King, Phil (Identical)
1-20-11 H Filed
[SJR 21](#) Patrick, Dan (Identical)
2- 3-11 S Filed

Remarks: MJV-Allows a surviving spouse of a 100% disabled veteran who qualified for a total property tax exemption to continue to receive the benefit if they do not remarry.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HJR 83](#)

[Paxton](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to phase out ad valorem taxes on the residence homesteads of elderly persons by 2021.

Remarks: MJV-Entitles over 65 residence homestead owners to a total exemption (phased in over five years starting in 2017) from property taxes. Provides school districts with state funding to the extent such a reduction would harm debt repayment. Makes a conforming repeal.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 H Filed

[HJR 84](#)

[Larson](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to limit the purposes for which revenues from motor vehicle registration fees, taxes on motor fuels and lubricants, and certain revenues received from the federal government may be used.

Companions: [SJR 8](#) Wentworth (Identical)
2- 2-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

Remarks: MJV-Constitutional Amendment to remove "policing" from the allowable uses of the transportation fund (fund 6).

Last Action: 2- 3-11 H Filed

[HJR 86](#)

[Murphy](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment denying bail to certain persons who are unlawfully present in the United States and are taken into custody for committing a felony.

Remarks: CEB-A constitutional amendment to deny bail to a person taken into custody for committing a felony who is not a citizen of the US and is in the country illegally.

<p>HJR 87</p>	<p>Last Action: 2- 7-11 H Filed</p> <p>Legler <i>Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes to 105 percent or more of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year.</i></p>
	<p>Remarks: <i>MJV-Lowers the appraisal cap to 5% and applies it to all real property.</i></p>
<p>HJR 89</p>	<p>Last Action: 2- 8-11 H Filed</p> <p>Coleman <i>Proposing a constitutional amendment allowing a state mandate imposed on a county to have effect only if the state provides for payment to the county of the cost of the mandate.</i></p>
	<p>Remarks: <i>MJV-Constitutional Amendment-Limited unfunded mandate protection for counties. A state mandate does not take effect unless the legislature provides funding or reimbursement. Exceptions: a mandate required by the constitution, federal law, or a court order; a mandate approved by the voters; a mandate imposed by a 2/3 record vote; or estimated by the comptroller to have a cost of less than \$1 million in a state fiscal year.</i></p>
<p>SB 1</p> <p>■</p>	<p>Last Action: 2-10-11 H Filed</p> <p>Ogden <i>Relating to appropriations for the 2012-2013 biennium.</i></p>
	<p>Remarks: <i>MJV-Senate Appropriations Bill.</i></p>
<p>SB 14</p> <p>■■■■</p>	<p>Last Action: 3- 1-11 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.036, Senate Finance</p> <p>Fraser <i>Relating to requirements to vote, including presenting proof of identification.</i></p>
	<p>Remarks: <i>MJV-Requires a voter registrar to include notice of acceptable ID in voter registration cards. Requires voting ID notices to be displayed at all polling locations and the county website. Requires training for election officers and clerks on handling IDs. Acceptable IDs are: an unexpired Texas drivers license or ID, military ID, a citizenship certificate, or a passport that has not expired.</i></p> <p><i>Requires an election officer to provide written notice to a voter who does not have proper ID of their right to cast a provisional ballot. Allows a provisional ballot to be cast and counted if the person brings acceptable ID to the early voting ballot board within 6 days.</i></p> <p><i>Increases the criminal penalty for illegally voting to a second degree felony and makes an attempt to vote illegally a state jail felony instead of a Class A misdemeanor.</i></p> <p><i>Prohibits DPS from charging a fee for an ID card obtained solely for voting purposes. Makes conforming repeals.</i></p>
<p>SB 18</p> <p>■■■</p>	<p>Last Action: 2-11-11 H Referred to House Committee on House Select Committee on Voter ID and Fraud</p> <p>Estes <i>Relating to the use of eminent domain authority.</i></p>

Companions:	HB 279	Geren	(Identical)
		11-15-10 H Filed	
	SB 180	Estes	(Identical)
		1-31-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs	

Remarks: MJV- Prohibits using eminent domain to acquire property if it is not for public use. Requires a record vote in a public meeting to initiate a condemnation. Each unit of property not owned by the same person requires a separate vote unless there is unanimous consent.

-Requires entities authorized to use eminent domain to provide a letter to the comptroller by December 31, 2012 identifying the statute that permits it to use eminent domain. Eminent domain authority expires September 1, 2013 for any entities that fail to submit a letter.

-Requires an entity seeking to use eminent domain to acquire or lease a property to disclose all appraisal reports prepared within the last 10 years on the property to the property owner via certified mail. Prohibits including a confidentiality provision.

-Requires a bona fide offer to be made in writing prior to use of eminent domain. An owner may be awarded court costs and attorney fees if no bona fide offer was made.

-Requires a judge in a condemnation case to allow each party to strike one of the three commissioners appointed to hear the case.

-Allows a former owner or owner's heirs, successors or assigns to request information on progress toward using land for a public use after 10 years. Allows a person or their heirs, successor, or assigns to repurchase the property if the public use for which the property was acquired is cancelled; no progress is made toward the public use within 10 years; or the property becomes unnecessary for use.

-Requires payment of relocation assistance, moving expenses, relocation and financial assistance.

-Repeals a public information act provision requiring entities with eminent domain authority to disclose information in the same manner as a governmental entity. Repeals a provision requiring the production of certain information (regarding a use of eminent domain) for entities that are considered critical infrastructure.

Last Action: 2- 9-11 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

[SB 23](#)

[Nelson](#) Relating to efficiencies and cost-savings in the health and human services and other related regulatory agencies, including the state medical assistance and child health plan programs.

Remarks: WLJ: Directs HHSC to: implement managed care; align hospital rates w/ fee for service rates; and optimize federal matching funds for state and local funding streams

Last Action: 2-14-11 S Subcommittee meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.036,

Senate Finance

[SB 513](#)

[Ellis](#)

Relating to the adoption and implementation of a policy by the Texas Transportation Commission providing for the accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, children, and users of public transportation.

Companions: [HB 1105](#) Harper-Brown (Identical)
2- 3-11 H Filed

Remarks: MJV-Requires the Transportation Commission to develop a complete streets policy that provides guidelines for safety, accessibility and mobility of all transportation users (includes bicycles, pedestrians, disabled persons, etc.). Requires the state and local road building or maintaining entities to ensure that all projects comply with the policy if federal or state funds are used. Provides some limited exceptions if the costs would be excessively disproportionate to the present or future need or probable use of the street or highway or if lack of population indicates an absence of future need. Requires an exception to be approved by the governing body of the local authority and publicly documented.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 S Filed

[SB 516](#)

[Patrick, Dan](#)

Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

Companions: [HB 95](#) Fletcher (Identical)
2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
[HB 313](#) Pickett (Identical)
11-17-10 H Filed
[HB 781](#) King, Phil (Identical)
1-20-11 H Filed

Remarks: MJV-Allows a surviving spouse of a 100% disabled veteran who qualified for a total property tax exemption to continue to receive the benefit if they do not remarry.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 S Filed

[SB 519](#)

[Hegar](#)

Relating to the period during which a motion for a new trial in a criminal proceeding in a justice or municipal court must be made.

Remarks: CEB-Extends the time frame in which motion for a new trial can be made on a criminal case heard in a justice or municipal court from one day to five days.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 S Filed

[SB 520](#)

[Hegar](#)

Relating to the creation, administration, powers, and duties of a county assistance district.

Companions: [HB 1107](#) Zerwas (Identical)
2- 3-11 H Filed

Remarks: MJV-Allows more than one county assistance district to be created in a county. Removes the prohibition that a district election may not be held within a year if it failed to pass. Allows areas to be

included in the district upon petition by the majority of landowners in the area. Allows the commissioners court to appoint a governing board for the district. Makes a conforming repeal.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 S Filed

[SB 523](#)

[Nichols](#)

Relating to the allocation of certain motor vehicle sales tax revenue to the state highway fund and to the uses of that revenue.

Remarks: MJV-Requires the net revenue from the motor vehicle sales tax (minus the education diversion (1/4) and the state property tax reduction) to be deposited in the state highway fund in increasing increments of 10% each year starting in 2013. Dedicates the funding to highway projects.

Last Action: 2- 7-11 S Filed

[SB 524](#)

[Hegar](#)

Relating to the issuance of certain permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles.

Companions: [HB 1169](#) Morrison (Identical)
2- 8-11 H Filed

Remarks: MJV-Victoria County Navigation District statute. Allows permits to be issued by the district for oversize or overweight vehicles on specific highways and roads in the county (currently restricted to highways). Increases the \$80 fee per trip to \$100. Increases the allowable weight from 125,000 pounds to 140,000 pounds.

Last Action: 2- 7-11 S Filed

[SB 527](#)

[Fraser](#)

Relating to air monitors in Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Regions 3 and 4 to be funded through the Texas emissions reduction plan.

Companions: [HB 1145](#) Geren (Identical)
2- 7-11 H Filed

Remarks: MJV-Dedicates five percent of TERP funds for the clean fleet program. Requires \$3m to \$7m of the new technology research and development program fund (9% of TERP) to be dedicated to a regional nonprofit entity in North Texas to conduct regional air monitoring in the Amarillo Region and DFW in 2012 and 2013 to fund. Requires \$1m-\$3m to be dedicated to that purpose in subsequent years.

Last Action: 2- 7-11 S Filed

[SB 531](#)

[Davis, Wendy](#)

Relating to the authority of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas and certain local law enforcement agencies to establish a checkpoint on a highway or street to determine persons driving while intoxicated.

Companions: [HB 439](#) Smith, Todd (Identical)
12-16-10 H Filed

Remarks: CEB - Allows the sheriff in a county of 250,000 or more to operate sobriety checkpoints. Video and audio records must be kept for two years and the sheriff must file an annual report with TxDOT.

	Last Action: 2- 7-11 S Filed
SB 537	Davis, Wendy <i>Relating to the consequences of an arrest for or conviction of certain intoxication offenses.</i>
	Companions: HB 473 Smith, Todd (Identical) 12-28-10 H Filed
	Remarks: <i>MJV-Requires a court, if it places a person convicted of first time DWI on community supervision, to require the person to install an ignition interlock device in their car (currently only required for heavy blood alcohol levels or for certain types of DWI or subsequent offenses). Stipulates that someone whose drivers license is suspended for DWI may not get an occupational license for 45 days after the suspension if they are a repeat offender.</i>
	Last Action: 2- 7-11 S Filed
SB 538	Nichols <i>Relating to transportation reinvestment zones.</i>
	Remarks: <i>MJV-Allows a county to designate an area in the county as a Transportation Reinvestment Zone (TRZ) to promote a transportation project and to abate ad valorem or other taxes. The county may enter into agreement with an owner of a property in the TRZ to abate all or a portion of the property taxes or to grant other relief from taxes. The county may assess all or part of the costs of the transportation project against property in the TRZ. The county may adopt and apply the PID assessment provisions relating to the assessment of costs and issuance of bonds to fund the transportation project.</i> <i>-Allows the county to amend the boundaries at any time.</i> <i>-Allows TxDOT, at the option of a city or county to delegate full responsibility for a transportation project. Prohibits a reduction in state transportation funding due to a county or city having a TRZ. Allows a city or county that has sales tax to use the revenue for a transportation project in a TRZ.</i>
	Last Action: 2- 7-11 S Filed
SB 540	Van de Putte <i>Relating to a study of the fiscal impact of adjusting the amount of the ad valorem tax exemption to which disabled veterans and the surviving spouses and children of disabled veterans are entitled.</i>
	Remarks: <i>CEB-Authorizes the comptroller to study the fiscal impact of adjusting the amount of property tax exemption to which disabled veterans and the surviving spouses and children of disabled veterans and certain members of the armed forces are entitled.</i>
	Last Action: 2- 7-11 S Filed
SB 544	Seliger <i>Relating to unlawful acts against and criminal offenses involving the Medicaid program.</i>
	Companions: HB 1034 Shelton (Identical) 1-31-11 H Filed

		Remarks: CEB-Expands criminal offenses involving Medicaid to persons who cause unlawful claims.
		Last Action: 2- 7-11 S Filed
SB 548	Nichols	Relating to the Texas Department of Transportation's environmental review process.
		Remarks: MJV-Authorizes TxDOT to enter into an agreement to provide funds to a state or federal agency to expedite the agency's performance of its duties related to the environmental review process for the department's transportation projects. Requires TxDOT to establish a process to certify district environmental specialists to work on expedited environmental reviews (available to department employees, local government employees, and private contractors). Sets a 45 day deadline for state agencies (TCEQ, PWD, etc.) to respond to a TxDOT request for comments on a proposed project.
		Last Action: 2- 8-11 S Filed
SB 549	Ellis	Relating to applications for permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain new or expanded facilities in certain low-income and minority communities.
		Remarks: MJV-Requires an applicant for an industrial permit to submit to TCEQ information on whether the facility or facility expansion is located in an environmental justice community (low income or minority area). Requires the applicant to consult with the chief elected official of the city or county in which the facility is located to determine the need for a community environmental benefit agreement. An agreement may require on-site and off-site improvements, activities, and programs to mitigate the environmental impact. TCEQ must hold a public hearing on the permit, with notice published by the applicant.
		Last Action: 2- 8-11 S Filed
SB 551	Williams	Relating to liability for interest on ad valorem taxes on improvements that escaped taxation in a previous year.
		Companions: HB 234 Otto (Identical) 11- 9-10 H Filed
		Remarks: MJV-Stipulates that back taxes on an improvement to real property does not incur interest if the property itself did not escape taxation; the appraisal district had actual or constructive notice of the improvement; and the owner pays the back taxes within 120 days. An appraisal district has constructive notice of an improvement if a building permit for the improvement has been issued by a governmental entity.
		Last Action: 2- 8-11 S Filed
SB 556	Davis, Wendy	Relating to a highway maintenance fee imposed in connection with the operation of overweight vehicles or vehicle combinations.
		Remarks: MJV-Requires TxDOT to establish a new highway maintenance fee, based on miles travelled, that provides for graduated rates based on the weight of the vehicle and the amount of damage done to roads and bridges. Fees are deposited into the state highway fund.

		Repeals the existing "weight-based only" highway fee.
	Last Action:	2- 8-11 S Filed
SB 562	Wentworth	Relating to the waiver of sovereign immunity for certain claims arising under written contracts with state agencies.
	Companions:	HB 1041 Workman (Identical) 1-31-11 H Filed
	Remarks:	KCT - As filed does not apply to counties. Waives sovereign immunity in certain cases relating to breach of contract for state agencies.
	Last Action:	2- 8-11 S Filed
SB 565	Hegar	Relating to repeal of authority for the establishment and operation of the Trans-Texas Corridor.
	Companions:	HB 1201 Kolkhorst (Identical) 2- 8-11 H Filed
	Remarks:	MJV-Strikes all references to the trans-Texas Corridor. Makes conforming repeals.
	Last Action:	2- 8-11 S Filed
SB 571	Nelson	Relating to efficiencies and cost-savings in the health and human services agencies and other related regulatory agencies.
	Remarks:	CEB-Provides direction to all health and human service state agencies to identify efficiencies and reduce expenditures.
	Last Action:	2- 9-11 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
SB 581	Nichols	Relating to the authority and powers of regional mobility authorities.
	Companions:	HB 1112 Phillips (Identical) 2- 3-11 H Filed
	Remarks:	MJV -Allows a Regional Mobility Authority to fund a parking area and improvements to a transportation reinvestment zone. -Allows an RMA to borrow money from or enter into a loan agreement or other arrangement with the TxDOT, the Texas Transportation Commission or any other public or private entity. -Gives an RMA the same powers and duties regarding toll collection and enforcement powers for its turnpike projects or other toll projects operated under an agreement as the powers and duties of TxDOT, a county with toll authority or a regional tollway authority. -Authorizes a governmental entity to agree with an authority to a transportation reinvestment zone and to collect and remit to an authority, taxes, fees or assessments collected for purposes of developing transportation projects.
	Last Action:	2- 9-11 S Filed

[SB 589](#)

[Uresti](#)

Relating to appraisal review board members.

Companions: [HB 1088](#) Howard, Charlie (Identical)
2- 2-11 H Filed

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: 2-10-11 S Filed

[SB 592](#)

[Williams](#)

Relating to the powers and duties of the state auditor's office.

Companions: [HB 593](#) Pitts (Identical)
1-11-11 H Filed

Remarks: MJV-Makes all political subdivisions and other entities that received money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act subject to audit by the state just as if they were a state agency. Allows the state auditor to enter into an agreement with local entities to provide assistance in conducting the audit. Also makes a comprehensive development agreement entered into by a toll authority subject to audit by the state auditor, with reimbursement of costs by the toll authority.

-Makes conforming repeals.

Last Action: 2-10-11 S Filed

[SJR 21](#)

[Patrick, Dan](#)

Amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran in an amount equal to the homestead exemption.

Companions: [HJR 23](#) Fletcher (Identical)
2- 9-11 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HJR 40	Pickett	(Identical)
	11-17-10 H Filed	
HJR 72	King, Phil	(Identical)
	1-20-11 H Filed	

Remarks: MJV-Constitutional Amendment to allow a surviving spouse of a 100% disabled veteran who qualified for a total property tax exemption to continue to receive the benefit if they do not remarry.

Last Action: 2- 3-11 S Filed

[SJR 22](#)

[Nichols](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment dedicating certain revenue derived from the tax imposed on the sale of motor vehicles to the state highway fund.

Remarks: MJV-Constitutinal amendment requiring the net state sales tax on motor vehicle sales to be deposited to the state higway fund (currently state GR) and restricts its use to road projects. Part of the gross sales tax goes to schools (1/4) and part is allocated to the state property tax reduction.

Last Action: 2- 7-11 S Filed

[SJR 23](#)

[Wentworth](#)

Amendment increasing the rates of taxes imposed on gasoline and diesel fuel, adjusting those rates annually for inflation, and dedicating certain revenue from those taxes to the design and maintenance of public roadways.

Remarks: MJV-Increases the tax on gas and diesel fuel by an unspecified amount. Indexes the gas tax to the consumer price index. Requires the increased revenue to be dedicated to designing, consructing and maintaining public roads.

Last Action: 2-10-11 S Filed

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Total Bills:	164	0

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