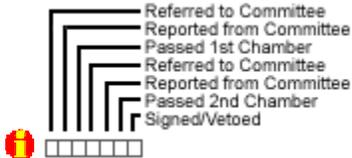




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[HB 892](#)

[Lozano, Jose\(R\)](#)

Relating to who is a minor for the purposes of the Alcoholic Beverage Code.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows an active member of the military who is 18 and older to purchase alcohol, work in a liquor store, or accept wine through the mail, if proof of age (18 and up) and current military ID is presented.

**Last Action:** 2- 1-13 H Filed

[HB 893](#)

[Geren, Charlie\(R\)](#)

Relating to consumption of alcoholic beverages in certain public entertainment facilities.

**Companions:** [SB 400](#) Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)  
2- 5-13 S Filed

**Remarks:** MJV-Allows people to walk around with open drinks in a stadium in Tarrant County (bracket).

**Last Action:** 2- 1-13 H Filed

[HB 899](#)

[Perry, Charles\(R\)](#)

Relating to certain rights of victims, guardians of victims, and close relatives of deceased victims in the criminal justice system.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Amends the victims rights in the case of a capital felony to not be contacted by a victim outreach specialist if the contact is initiated by the defendant or the defendants attorney or if the specialis is retained by the defendant or the defendants attorney. Also gives the victim the option to designate a victims service provider to receive the above mentioned communication. The state attorney would notify the defendant or defendants attorney of this request.

**Last Action:** 2- 1-13 H Filed

[HB 901](#)

[Kolkhorst, Lois\(R\)](#)

Relating to the punishment for a capital felony committed by an individual younger than 18 years

of age.

**Companions:** [SB 187](#) Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)  
1-29-13 S Introduced and referred  
to committee on Senate Criminal  
Justice

**Remarks:** WLJ - If an individual was 18 years old or younger when committing a capital felony, where the state does not seek the death penalty, they are to be imprisoned for life (currently it is life without parole).

**Last Action:** 2- 1-13 H Filed

[HB 905](#) [Howard, Donna\(D\)](#) Relating to certain activities by, employment of, and contracts of former members of the legislature; creating offenses.

**Remarks:** MJV-Prohibits a former legislator from lobbying for two years after leaving the legislature. Exempts unpaid lobby work on behalf of a nonprofit, low-income groups, or groups of individuals with disabilities.

-Prohibits: representing a client before a state agency; being involved in a contract with an agency; or being employed or appointed to an agency that was within the jurisdiction of a committee on which the legislator served for two years after leaving the legislature. A violation is a class A misdemeanor.

**Last Action:** 2- 1-13 H Filed

[HB 911](#) [Moody, Joe\(D\)](#) Relating to the punishment for the offense of theft of an alcoholic beverage.

**Remarks:** MJV-Makes theft of an alcoholic beverage a Class B misdemeanor if its value is less than \$50.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 H Filed

[HB 912](#) [Gooden, Lance\(R\)](#) Relating to images captured by unmanned vehicles and aircraft.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Makes it a class C misdemeanor to use an unmanned vehicle/aircraft to capture images unless; following a valid search/search warrant; in pursuit of a suspect; fire suppression or a rescue attempt; border enforcement; and public property and people on that property.

**Last Action:** 2- 1-13 H Filed

[HB 919](#) [Fletcher, Allen\(R\)](#) Relating to excepting certain vehicle location information from required disclosure under the public information law.

**Remarks:** MJV-Stipulates that law enforcement agency information on the location of a law enforcement vehicle is exempt from disclosure under the public information act if the release would endanger officers, the public or another person.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 H Filed

[HB 920](#)

[Gonzalez, Naomi\(D\)](#)

Relating to the qualifications for counselors for battering intervention and prevention programs in certain counties.

**Remarks:** MJV-Requires a person who provides direct battering intervention counseling services to a batterer in a county with a population of more than 50,000 must be licensed.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 H Filed

[HB 924](#)

[Moody, Joe\(D\)](#)

Relating to the punishment for a capital felony committed by an individual younger than 18 years of age.

**Remarks:** MJV-Allows a person guilty of a capital felony to be sentenced to life if they were younger than 18 when they committed the offense (currently only when the juvenile courts transfer the case to the adult courts).

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 H Filed

[HB 925](#)

[Moody, Joe\(D\)](#)

Relating to enhancing the penalty prescribed for certain acts of official oppression.

**Remarks:** MJV-Enhances the offense for official oppression from a class A misdemeanor to a third degree felony for a public servant to send incorrect information in reports to the Texas Education Agency sent through the Public Education Information Management system.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 H Filed

[HB 926](#)

[Moody, Joe\(D\)](#)

Relating to the penalty for the offense of leaving the scene of an accident that involves personal injury or death.

**Remarks:** MJV-Increases a third degree felony to a second degree felony for leaving the scene of an accident that resulted in death or serious bodily injury. Changes the penalty for doing the same in an accident that causes injury from specified jail or prison time plus a fine to a felony of the third degree.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 H Filed

[HB 927](#)

[Miller, Rick\(R\)](#)

Relating to voter registration.

**Remarks:** MJV-Creates a state jail felony for a non US citizen who submits or attempts to submit a voter registration application.

-Requires a deputy voter registrar to be a resident and a registered voter for the six months prior to appointment (currently must meet qualifications to vote).

-Terminates the appointment of a volunteer deputy registrar for submitting an incomplete or late registration application or for apparent evidence of forgery on a registration application.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 H Filed

[HB 928](#)

[Krause, Matt\(R\)](#)

Relating to the enforcement of certain federal laws regulating firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition within the State of Texas.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits any governmental or political agency from cooperating with the federal government to regulate, prohibit or restrict firearms, ammunition or firearm accessories.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 H Filed

[HB 933](#)

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

Relating to automatic expunction of a juvenile's record after completion of a deferred prosecution program.

**Remarks:** JBD - Would require juvenile probation department to notify the prosecutor when a juvenile successfully completes deferred adjudication. Prosecutor must file motion for expunction. Creates an offense for a public official to "disseminate" or "use" information obtained as a public official that he/she knows has been expunged. Arguably encompasses any communication mentioning the expunged offense.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 H Filed

[HB 934](#)

[Lewis, Tryon\(R\)](#)

Relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax for the maintenance, operation, and promotion of and improved access to a coliseum in the county.

**Companions:** [SB 412](#) Seliger, Kel(R) (Identical)  
2- 6-13 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows Ector County to impose a hotel tax up to 2% of the price of the room to maintain and finance a coliseum for their minor league hockey team.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 H Filed

- [HB 935](#)      [Zerwas, John\(R\)](#)      Relating to the powers and duties of the Willow Point Municipal Utility District of Fort Bend and Waller Counties.
- Companions:**    [SB 351](#)      Hegar, Glenn(R)      (Identical)  
2- 4-13 S Filed
- Remarks:**      MJV-Creates the Willow Point MUD in Fort Bend and Waller counties to facilitate road projects. With voter approval, the district may issue bonds secured by property taxes.
- Last Action:**    2- 4-13 H Filed
- [HB 937](#)      [Farias, Joe\(D\)](#)      Relating to establishing a restorative justice pilot program for juvenile offenders in certain counties.
- Remarks:**      WLJ - Allows a restorative justice pilot program to be established in ?Dallas? to be funded by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.
- Last Action:**    2- 4-13 H Filed
- [HB 943](#)      [Riddle, Debbie\(R\)](#)      Relating to the waiver of penalties and interest on a delinquent ad valorem tax on property owned by an individual diagnosed with certain forms of dementia.
- Remarks:**      MJV-Requires a taxing unit to waive penalties and interest on a delinquent tax if the taxpayer, guardian, attorney, or personal representative of the taxpayer provides evidence that the taxpayer was diagnosed with dementia prior to delinquency and the tax was paid before the second anniversary of the delinquency date.
- Last Action:**    2- 4-13 H Filed
- [HB 948](#)      [King, Susan\(R\)](#)      Relating to the operation and administration of the supplemental nutrition assistance program.
- Remarks:**      MJV-Creates a pilot program under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) to encourage purchasing healthier food and discourage unhealthy foods. The pilot may only be implemented in a city or county if authorized by the governing body.
- Last Action:**    2- 4-13 H Filed
- [HB 952](#)      [Gonzales, Larry\(R\)](#)      Relating to assignment of certain death benefits payable by the Employees Retirement System of Texas.
- Remarks:**      MJV-Allows an ERS member or retiree to assign part or all of their death benefit to a funeral establishment for services.
- Last Action:**    2- 5-13 H Filed

- [HB 954](#)      [Button, Angie\(R\)](#)      Relating to eligibility requirements for businesses for the receipt of certain public subsidies.
- Remarks:** MJV-Requires a business to register and participate in the E-verify program before they may receive a public subsidy. Prohibits a public entity from awarding a public subsidy to a company that does not meet the requirements.
- Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed
- [HB 955](#)      [Isaac, Jason\(R\)](#)      Relating to the penalty for the offense of reckless driving.
- Remarks:** MJV-Increases the offense of driving recklessly to a Class B misdemeanor if another driver or passenger is injured. Allows a court to suspend the driver's license for 30 days or more and require a driver's safety course.
- Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed
- [HB 956](#)      [Isaac, Jason\(R\)](#)      Relating to the prosecution of the offense of disorderly conduct involving certain unreasonable noise.
- Remarks:** MJV-Creates a nighttime noise nuisance level if the decibel level exceeds 70 (remains at 85 decibels during daytime).
- Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed
- [HB 958](#)      [Orr, Rob\(R\)](#)      Relating to the annual interest rate of the Texas County and District Retirement System.
- Remarks:** MJV-Lowers the annual rate of interest in TCDRS from 7% to 5%.
- Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed
- [HB 960](#)      [Sanford, Scott\(R\)](#)      Relating to ballot language for a proposition to approve the issuance of bonds by a county.
- Remarks:** JBD - For a bond approval election, counties are required to include a provision stating county debt in total and per capita, and amount of surplus funds held by the county on the first day of the fiscal year.
- Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed
- [HB 964](#)      [Murphy, Jim\(R\)](#)      Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 529.
- Remarks:** MJV-Creates the Harris County MUD #529. The district may hold an election to impose a property tax or issue bonds payable from property taxes, impact fees, or other district funds.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 966](#)      [Murphy, Jim\(R\)](#)      Relating to the residence address of a person for purposes of registration under the Election Code.

**Remarks:** MJV-For purposes of voter registration, a persons residence is established by (in order): the address of their homestead; driver's license address; state ID address; concealed carry license address; residence where they receive mail (unless it is a post office box).

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 973](#)      [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#)      Relating to the confidentiality of information held by a public retirement system.

**Remarks:** MJV-Removes authority for a public retirement system to determine whether a record is subject to the public information act. Makes conforming repeals.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 975](#)      [Raymond, Richard\(D\)](#)      Relating to the requirements for obtaining an emergency medical services provider license.

**Remarks:** MJV-Requires an applicant for an EMS license to have a certificate of local need and necessity issued by each comissioners court and city government where the applicant is applying to provide emergency medical services.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 978](#)      [Raymond, Richard\(D\)](#)      Relating to the transportation of certain patients to a mental health facility.

**Remarks:** MJV-Removes a relative or other responsible person from the list of people a court may authorize to transport a committed patient to a mental health facility.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 981](#)      [Harless, Patricia\(R\)](#)      Relating to the production of the index of the parties to all suits by the clerk of a district court.

**Remarks:** Requires the clerk of a district court to produce, on request, an index of the parties to all suits for inspection or copying. Requires the attorney general to adopt rules to impose a fee to allow the provision of electronic copies.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 982](#)      [Elkins, Gary\(R\)](#)      Relating to the eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits of individuals who serve on

the appraisal review board of an appraisal district.

**Companions:** [SB 432](#) Patrick, Dan(R) (Identical)  
2- 7-13 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits work as an appraisal review board member from qualifying for unemployment compensation.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 983](#) [Elkins, Gary\(R\)](#) [Relating to the eligibility of temporary election officers for unemployment compensation.](#)

**Remarks:** WLJ-Prohibits temporary election workers from qualifying for unemployment compensation.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 985](#) [Elkins, Gary\(R\)](#) [Relating to the deadlines by which provisional ballots must be processed and the state canvass must be conducted for certain elections.](#)

**Remarks:** MJV-Extends the time for the early voting ballot board to county provisional ballots from 7 days to 13 days in a general election for state and county officers. Requires the secretary of state to prescribe the procedures for a voter registrar to review a provisional voter's eligibility over a 7 day period during the 13 day period.

-Makes conforming adjustments to other dates for conducting the canvass of votes.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 986](#) [Elkins, Gary\(R\)](#) [Relating to the language in which a ballot to be voted by mail is printed.](#)

**Remarks:** MJV-Requires an application for a ballot to be voted by mail to have a spot to indicate the language of the ballot if the ballots are required to be printed in two or more languages other than English. If no indication is made an English ballot is to be provided.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 987](#) [Marquez, Marisa\(D\)](#) [Relating to certain motor vehicle records excepted from disclosure under the Public Information Act.](#)

**Companions:** [SB 458](#) Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical)  
2- 8-13 S Filed

**Remarks:** MJV-Adds motor vehicle title or registration information to the motor vehicle records information a governmental body may redact without obtaining an attorney general opinion.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 989](#)      [Thompson, Senfronia\(D\)](#)      Relating to the fine or penalty for violation of a municipal rule, ordinance, or police regulation and municipal court jurisdiction to enforce certain violations.

**Remarks:** MJV-Increases the maximum fine or penalty for violation of a city rule or ordinance from \$500 to \$1000. In the case of a violation involving fire safety, zoning, pulic health and sanitation the maximum penalty is increased from \$2000 to \$4000.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 990](#)      [Thompson, Senfronia\(D\)](#)      Relating to the establishment of a sentencing policy, accountability, and review council to develop means to assess the effect of sentencing practices and policies on state correctional resources and improve the efficiency of the st

**Remarks:** MJV-Creates the Texas Sentencing Policy, Accountability and Review Council. The committee of 12 includes a county jail administrator and a representative of law enforcement.

-The council is to study sentencing practices, offense levels, sentencing disparities, community supervision, parole. The council will also determine means by which to balance state and county criminal justice responsibilities with resources. The committee will produce a report with recommendaton prior to the legislative session.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 995](#)      [Munoz, Sergio\(D\)](#)      Relating to the powers and duties of the Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement District No. 19.

**Remarks:** MJV-Creates the Hidalgo County Water Control and Improvement District #19. Allows the district to issue bonds payable from property taxes, impact fees, or other revenue to pay for road projects if the issuance is approved by voters.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 996](#)      [Giddings, Helen\(D\)](#)      Relating to permitting electronic delivery of certain documents in a criminal case.

**Companions:** [SB 354](#)      [West, Royce\(D\)](#)      (Identical)  
2- 4-13 S Filed

**Remarks:** MJV-Allows a court clerk in criminal cases to make electronic delivery of documents to the various parties.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 998](#)      [Clardy, Travis\(R\)](#)      Relating to the appropriation of money from the general revenue fund to the Texas Water Development Board to provide a grant to the Angelina and Neches River Authority.

**Remarks:** MJV-Appropriates \$13 million to the Texas Water Development Board to provide a grant to the Angelina and Neches River Authority to construct the Lake Columbia reservoir project.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 H Filed

[HB 1001](#)      [Johnson, Eric\(D\)](#)      Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid in certain counties under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows Dallas County to apply to the federal government for a waiver to expand Medicaid.

**Last Action:** 2- 6-13 H Filed

[HB 1003](#)      [Gonzales, Larry\(R\)](#)      Relating to the prepayment of taxes on heavy equipment that is subject to a lease or rental.

**Remarks:** MJV-Exempts heavy equipment leased or rented by the state or a political subdivision from payment of the unit property tax.

**Last Action:** 2- 6-13 H Filed

[HB 1008](#)      [Bonnen, Dennis\(R\)](#)      Relating to the calculation of ad valorem taxes on the residence homestead of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran or the surviving spouse of the veteran.

**Remarks:** MJV-Makes a 100% tax exemption for the residence homestead of a 100% disabled veteran or their surviving spouse apply to the entire year in which the homeowner qualifies for the exemption (current law pro-rates the exemption).

**Last Action:** 2- 6-13 H Filed

[HB 1023](#)      [Burkett, Cindy\(R\)](#)      Relating to the creation of a task force to investigate and make recommendations regarding mental health workforce shortages.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a task force to study why Texas has a shortage of mental health workers and provide recommendations to alleviate the situation.

**Last Action:** 2- 6-13 H Filed

[HB 1030](#)      [Burnam, Lon\(D\)](#)      Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to prohibit the sale of firearms on public property in certain circumstances.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a county to regulate the sale of firearms on county property.

**Last Action:** 2- 6-13 H Filed

[HB 1035](#)

[Huberty, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to the filing of reports of political contributions and expenditures and of personal financial statements by certain officeholders and candidates.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows campaign finance reports to be filed by mail, hand delivered or filed electronically.

**Last Action:** 2- 6-13 H Filed

[HB 1037](#)

[Eiland, Craig\(D\)](#)

Relating to the placement on the ballot of the opportunity to cast a straight-party vote.

**Remarks:** MJV-Requires the straight party option to be placed at the bottom of the ballot.

**Last Action:** 2- 6-13 H Filed

[HB 1038](#)

[Eiland, Craig\(D\)](#)

Relating to the creation of DNA records for the DNA database system.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands who is required to provide DNA samples to those who commit any offense punishable as a Class B misdemeanor or higher. Requires the jail to collect the DNA sample in the booking process.

**Last Action:** 2- 6-13 H Filed

[HB 1041](#)

[Flynn, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to the prepaid wireless 9-1-1 emergency services fee; clarifying the applicability of the fee.

**Remarks:** WLJ - cleans up language regarding the effective date of the prepaid wireless 911 fee (2013). Prevents any additional fees be applied to a prepaid wireless service.

**Last Action:** 2- 6-13 H Filed

[HB 1042](#)

[Flynn, Dan\(R\)](#)

Relating to the dismissal of complaints against property tax professionals.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Amends the terms to dismiss a complaint against a property tax assessor. Allows the department to dismiss a complaint, wholly or in part, if there is no credible allegation of a violation without a hearing. Terms of dismissal includes a challenge for not waiving penalties or interest; based on the appraised value; the appraisal methodology; or the denial of an exemption. Also dismissal without a hearing is allowed if the subject of the complaint is not resolved in the complainants favor by the review board, the

county, an arbitrator, or a court.

A county can't dismiss without a hearing for a matter referred by the comptroller, a registrant's failure to comply with the registration certifications, or a chief appraiser's failure to complete a training program.

**Last Action:** 2- 6-13 H Filed

[HB 1050](#)

[Callegari, Bill\(R\)](#)

Relating to construction-related contracts by governmental entities.

**Remarks:** JBD - Prohibits a county from utilizing a purchasing cooperative for construction-related goods or services in an amount more than \$50,000 without an architect certifying that blueprints are not needed, or have been completed.

Repeals certain limitations on number of design-build projects governmental entities can enter into within a fiscal year.

Changed current permissive authority to pay stipend to losing design-build firms to a mandate to pay an amount of 1/4 of 1% of the contract amount. Not paying voids the eventual contract.

**Last Action:** 2- 6-13 H Filed

[HB 1054](#)

[Lavender, George\(R\)](#)

Relating to a prohibition on converting a nontolled state highway or segment of the state highway system to a toll project.

**Remarks:** MJV-Repeals and removes authority for the state to convert a highway to a toll project.

**Last Action:** 2- 6-13 H Filed

[SB 331](#)

[Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#)

Relating to the composition of the El Paso County juvenile board.

**Remarks:** WLJ - amends how the El Paso juvenile board is composed. Instead of the county judge it can be the judge or other member of the court as appointed by the judge, or an individual appointed by the judge and approved by the majority of the court. - Sent to El Paso County 2/4/13.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

[SB 332](#)

[Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#)

Relating to commissioners court oversight of certain emergency services districts.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Gives additional oversight of Emergency Service Districts, El Paso County local bill. Sent to

El Paso 2/4/2013

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

[SB 335](#)

[Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#)

Relating to the use of a photographic traffic enforcement system at a railroad crossing.

**Remarks:** MJV-Expands the red light camera law to allow photographic enforcement of traffic control devices at highway intersections and railroad crossings.

-Repeals duplicate provisions that are in statute.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

[SB 336](#)

[Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#)

Relating to the qualifications for appointment as a medical examiner.

**Remarks:** MJV - Allows commissioners court to appoint as medical examiner a physician licensed in another state, who has applied for a license to practice medicine in Texas (current requirement is licensed in Texas).

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

[SB 337](#)

[Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#)

Relating to coordination of services provided by Medicaid managed care organizations and certain community centers and local mental health or mental retardation authorities.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a managed care organization to coordinate care for a MHMR patient through a community mental health or community mental retardation center.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

[SB 341](#)

[Rodriguez, Jose\(D\)](#)

Relating to rest breaks for employees of certain contractors with a governmental entity.

**Companions:** [HB 731](#) [Raymond, Richard\(D\)](#) (Identical)  
1-25-13 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires contractors in employ with government entities provide their employees 15 minute rest break for every 4 hours of work. Violations can be reported and contractors can be penalized \$100/day after receiving a warning.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 343](#)

[Estes, Craig\(R\)](#)

Relating to the disposition of certain seized

weapons.

**Remarks:** MJV-Allows a magistrate to order the sale of a weapon that is not claimed after an investigation or a judge to order sale of a weapon after conviction of an offense. The proceeds (after deduction of court costs) go to the law enforcement agency holding the weapon. Only a firearms dealer may purchase a weapon sold in this manner.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

[SB 348](#)

[Schwertner, Charles\(R\)](#)

Relating to a utilization review process for managed care organizations participating in the STAR + PLUS Medicaid managed care program.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates an annual review process of Star+ Medicaid.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

[SB 351](#)

[Hegar, Glenn\(R\)](#)

Relating to the powers and duties of the Willow Point Municipal Utility District of Fort Bend and Waller Counties.

**Companions:** [HB 935](#) Zerwas, John(R) (Identical)  
2- 4-13 H Filed

**Remarks:** MJV-Creates the Willow Point MUD in Fort Bend and Waller counties to facilitate road projects. With voter approval, the district may issue bonds secured by property taxes.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 S Filed

[SB 354](#)

[West, Royce\(D\)](#)

Relating to permitting electronic delivery of certain documents in a criminal case.

**Companions:** [HB 996](#) Giddings, Helen(D) (Identical)  
2- 5-13 H Filed

**Remarks:** MJV-Allows a court clerk in criminal cases to make electronic delivery of documents to the various parties.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 S Filed

[SB 356](#)

[Carona, John\(R\)](#)

Relating to the audit of court registry funds in certain counties.

**Remarks:** MJV-Requires the county auditor to audit registry funds at the end of each fiscal year and allows registry funds to be audited by an outside firm or CPA (currently outside audit is required). Extends the time for an audit report to be delivered from 90 to 180 days.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 S Filed

[SB 358](#)      [Hinojosa, Chuy\(D\)](#)      Relating to the use of a polygraph statement as evidence that a defendant has violated a condition of release on community supervision.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits adjudication of guilt if the only evidence supporting the alleged violation of community supervision is a polygraph statement.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 S Filed

[SB 359](#)      [Hinojosa, Chuy\(D\)](#)      Relating to the selection of certain members of the board of directors of an appraisal district.

**Remarks:** MJV-Includes junior college districts on the list of entities entitled to vote for members of the board of directors of an appraisal district.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 S Filed

[SB 361](#)      [Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#)      Relating to the duties of a magistrate to inform an arrested person of consequences of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

**Companions:** [HB 823](#)      Anchia, Rafael(D)      (Identical)  
1-30-13 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a magistrate to inform a non-citizen that entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere can affect a persons immigration or residency status that could result in deportation.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 S Filed

[SB 366](#)      [Taylor, Larry\(R\)](#)      Relating to the authority of political subdivisions to offer certain deferred compensation plans to employees.

**Remarks:** JBD - Urban Counties support item. Permits counties to establish Roth 401k and deferred compensation plans (in addition to current authority for regular 401k and deferred compensation plans). Would permit the plan to allow loans to employees if permitted by federal regulations.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 S Filed

[SB 367](#)      [Whitmire, John\(D\)](#)      Relating to the disposition of abandoned or unclaimed property seized at the time of certain arrests.

**Remarks:** JBD - For misdemeanors, imposes obligation on police or sheriff that seizes property from the offender to, upon the offender's release from custody, inform the offender of that the property may be sold if not claimed within 31 days.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 S Filed

[SB 368](#)

[Whitmire, John\(D\)](#)

Relating to the release by a sheriff of certain defendants to an electronic monitoring or house arrest program.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a sheriff to require an inmate to serve their sentence under house arrest or under an electronic monitoring program, or both. The defendant would be responsible for reasonable costs incurred by the county due to the program. The defendant can be required to serve their term in jail if the sheriff is unable to monitor, if terms are violated or if fees are not paid. Program must be approved by commissiners court.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 S Filed

[SB 371](#)

[Lucio, Eddie\(D\)](#)

Relating to the manner in which the tax on the even exchange of motor vehicles is applied.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Defines the value of even exchange, as less than or equal to \$80, for the purpose of the exchange of two motor vehicles.

**Last Action:** 2- 4-13 S Filed

[SB 382](#)

[Carona, John\(R\)](#)

Relating to the disbursement of county funds to a person owing delinquent property taxes.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prevents a county from disbursing any funds to a person who is delinquent on property taxes, whether or not it has been reduced to judgment or not.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Filed

[SB 385](#)

[Carona, John\(R\)](#)

Relating to authorizing assessments for water and energy improvements in districts designated by municipalities and counties.

**Companions:** [HB 1094](#) Keffer, Jim(R) (Identical)  
2- 7-13 H Filed

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Filed

[SB 387](#)

[Nichols, Robert\(R\)](#)

Relating to county participation in a program for improvement of collection of court costs, fees, and fines imposed in criminal cases.

**Remarks:** MJV-Excludes a county of 50,000 to 55,000 that contains a state hospital from the court cost collection improvement program.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Filed

[SB 388](#)

[Nichols, Robert\(R\)](#)

Relating to county participation in a program for improvement of collection of court costs, fees, and

finer imposed in criminal cases.

**Companions:** [HB 745](#) Ashby, Trenton(R) (Identical)  
1-28-13 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Excludes Angelina County from the court collection improvement program. bracket

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Filed

[SB 389](#) [West, Royce\(D\)](#) Relating to the imposition of court costs in certain criminal proceedings.

**Remarks:** JBD - makes new criminal court costs effective upon defendants convicted on or after the effective date, regardless of date of offense. Good bill.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Filed

[SB 390](#) [West, Royce\(D\)](#) Relating to the effective date of a new court cost or fee or of an amendment to the amount of a court cost or fee.

**Remarks:** JBD - Repeals a provision of government code exempting certain changes in court costs from the uniform effective date of January 1 after the law takes effect. The result is that all changes in court costs and fees are effective January 1.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Filed

[SB 391](#) [West, Royce\(D\)](#) Relating to a defendant's obligation to pay a fine or court cost after the expiration of a period of community supervision.

**Remarks:** JBD - A criminal defendant will remain liable for payment of court cost and fine after expiration of probation. Good bill.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Filed

[SB 393](#) [West, Royce\(D\)](#) Relating to the deferral of prosecution of children accused of certain Class C misdemeanors.

**Remarks:** JBD - Addresses 2012 AG opinion by permitting truancy case managers to be jointly employed by county, JP court and school district, and case manager may serve in truant officer role. Creates progressive sanctions framework for certain misdemeanors committed at school (designed to reduce number of citations issued to minors).

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Filed

[SB 394](#) [West, Royce\(D\)](#) Relating to restricting access to records of children convicted of or receiving deferred disposition for certain fine-only misdemeanors.

**Remarks:** JBD - Currently law provides records regarding juvenile who satisfies a judgment for a fine-only offense are confidential. Bill broadens to include juveniles who successfully complete deferred adjudication.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Filed

[SB 395](#)      [West, Royce\(D\)](#)      Relating to fines and court costs imposed on a child in a criminal case.

**Remarks:** JBD - Will permit any juvenile convicted in JP or adult court to elect to satisfy court costs and fines by performing community service.

**Last Action:** 2- 5-13 S Filed

[SB 412](#)      [Seliger, Kel\(R\)](#)      Relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax for the maintenance, operation, and promotion of and improved access to a coliseum in the county; authorizing a tax.

**Companions:**    [HB 934](#)      Lewis, Tryon(R)      (Identical)  
2- 4-13 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows Ector County to impose a hotel tax up to 2% of the price of the room to maintain and finance a colliseum for their minor league hockey team.

**Last Action:** 2- 6-13 S Filed

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