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- ☒ ☐ **HB 20** **Capriglione, Giovanni(R)** Relating to the allocation of certain constitutional transfers of money to the economic stabilization fund, the Texas legacy fund, and the state highway fund.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Provides for the legacy fund, an investment fund for the ESF, allocates equal portion of funds to the ESF, legacy fund and the state highway fund for any funds over the amount the comptroller determines is a sufficient balance of 7%.
- Last Action:** 1-24-19 H Filed
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- ☒ ☐ **HB 1041** **Walle, Amando(D)** Relating to the places a public employer may provide for employees to express breast milk.
- Companions:** **HB 443** Walle, Amando(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
- Remarks:** JBD - Law requiring public employers to provide place for breast milk expressing permitted single user bathrooms. Bill says no bathrooms.
- Last Action:** 1-24-19 H Filed
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- ☒ ☐ **HB 1042** **Toth, Steve(R)** Relating to requiring law enforcement agencies to establish a campus active shooter response plan.
- Remarks:** JBD - Requires every law enforcement agency to have plan for coordinating with other agencies in active shooter situation. Annual drills mandatory. LEAs are currently defined in statute to be agencies that employ peace officers who make motor vehicle stops in routine performance of duties.
- Last Action:** 1-24-19 H Filed
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- ☒ ☐ **HB 1043** **Blanco, Cesar(D)** Relating to sources of funding for the Texas emissions reduction plan.
- Companions:** **SB 531** Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical)
1-30-19 S Filed
- Remarks:** WLJ extends TERP fees until the last day of the fiscal biennium which TCEQ publishes in the register that the state is in attainment.
- Last Action:** 1-24-19 H Filed

-   **HB 1044** **Zwiener, Erin (F)(D)** Relating to permits for certain injection wells that transect a portion of the Edwards Aquifer.
- Companions:** **SB 483** Campbell, Donna(R) (Identical)
1-28-19 S Filed
- Remarks:** WLJ - Provides for the injection of fresh water into a well that transects the Edwards Aquifer.
- Last Action:** 1-24-19 H Filed
-   **HB 1045** **Neave, Victoria(D)** Relating to a women veterans suicide tracking system and required reporting of women veteran suicides by certain persons.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the Veterans Commission to create a womens veteran suicide tracking system. Data will include information from a medical examiner or JP, a health facility, and a mental health facility.
- Last Action:** 1-24-19 H Filed
-   **HB 1046** **Martinez, Armando(D)** Relating to amending the portion of the revenue derived form the tax imposed on the sale, use, or rental of a motor vehicle to the state highway fund.
- Remarks:** VRS - Increases the amount credited to the State Highway fund from the sale, use or rental of motor vehicles that exceeds the first \$5 billion coming into the Treasury per FY from 35% to 75%.
- Last Action:** 1-24-19 H Filed
-   **HB 1047** **Guillen, Ryan(D)** Relating to authority of certain officers of certain counties to disburse or direct payment of county funds for salaries or expenses.
- Companions:** **SB 354** Lucio, Eddie(D) (Identical)
1-15-19 S Filed
- Remarks:** JBD - Applies officer salary procedures currently applicable in counties of 190,000 or more to all counties. The practical effect is that small county commissioners courts will not have to meet to approve payroll.
- Last Action:** 1-24-19 H Filed
-   **HB 1048** **Guillen, Ryan(D)** Relating to the use of a county early voting polling place by a political subdivision.
- Remarks:** WLJ - For an early voting polling place to qualify it must also serve as a regular polling place. Excepts temporary branch polling place.
- Last Action:** 1-24-19 H Filed
-   **HB 1049** **Neave, Victoria(D)** Relating to the prohibition of employment discrimination based on an individual's status as a survivor of family violence or sexual assault.
- Remarks:** MGv - Prohibits discrimination by an employer due to an

employee's status as a survivor of family violence or sexual assault.

Last Action: 1-24-19 H Filed

  HB 1050 Lucio III, Eddie(D) Relating to the procedure by which information required to be included in a notice of appraised value may be provided to a property owner by the chief appraiser of an appraisal district.

Remarks: MGVS - Permits chief appraiser to provide appraised value information by directing a property owner to the CAD's website

Last Action: 1-24-19 H Filed

  HB 1052 Larson, Lyle(R) Relating to the authority of the Texas Water Development Board to use the state participation account of the water development fund to provide financial assistance for the development of certain facilities.

Remarks: MGVS - Authorizes TX Water Development Board to use state participation account for the development of a desalination or aquifer storage and recovery facility

Last Action: 1-24-19 H Filed

  HB 1055 Wray, John(R) Relating to the elevation of high-speed rail tracks in certain counties.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires high speed rail tracks, in counties of 100k or more or a county adjacent, to be elevated 40 feet or more off the ground.

Last Action: 1-24-19 H Filed

  HB 1056 Bohac, Dwayne(R) Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of leased motor vehicles that are not held primarily for the production of income by the lessee.

Remarks: MGVS - Provides exemption of a leased motor vehicle if the vehicle is leased to the state or a political subdivision

Last Action: 1-24-19 H Filed

  HB 1057 Wray, John(R) Relating to the applicability to certain counties of a requirement to develop a juvenile justice alternative education program.

Remarks: JBD - Repeals special provision that carved out Ellis County Juvenile Board from requirement to have a JJAEP program. So Ellis County Juv Bd will have to comply.

Last Action: 1-24-19 H Filed

  HB 1058 Bohac, Dwayne(R) Relating to the election of members of the boards of directors of certain tax increment reinvestment zones.

Companions: HB 4046 Bohac, Dwayne(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Applies to a city with a population of at least 2m (Houston) - Refile from last session. Houston has 27 Tax Reinvestment Zones. The bill would require an election in each zone every two years. Houston would have to translate the ballots into three additional languages. If no other governmental entity was holding an election the sole cost would rest on the city. The last General Election cost sharing with other governmental agencies was \$1 million plus any advertising and translation costs.

Last Action: 1-24-19 H Filed

  HB 1059 Lucio III, Eddie(D) Relating to a biennial report on stormwater infrastructure in this state.

Remarks: MGJ - Requires TCEQ to issue biennial report on green stormwater infrastructure

Last Action: 1-24-19 H Filed

  HB 1061 Minjarez, Ina(D) Relating to mandatory arbitration as a condition of employment.

Remarks: JBD - Prohibits mandatory arbitration provisions in employment agreements unless discussed with employee and employee signs acknowledgment.

Last Action: 1-24-19 H Filed

  HB 1062 Wray, John(R) Relating to the eligibility of the surviving spouse of an individual who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead.

Remarks: MGJ - Extends current limit on school tax on homesteads of a disabled person to the surviving spouse of an individual who is disabled

Last Action: 1-24-19 H Filed

  HB 1067 Ashby, Trent(R) Relating to the omission of a deceased candidate from the ballot in certain elections.

Remarks: WLJ - Provides that if a candidate dies after the second day of the deadline to file an application for a place on the ballot, the authority may omit the candidate on the ballot.

Last Action: 1-24-19 H Filed

  HB 1070 Price, Four(R) Relating to the mental health first aid training program reporting requirements.

Remarks: WLJ - Amends the information that must be reported to HHSC by LMHA's on mental health first responders program to include the number of trainers who left the program, the number of active trainers.

Last Action: 1-24-19 H Filed

  HB 1073 Meyer, Morgan(R) Relating to the statute of limitations for certain offenses committed against children.

Remarks: JBD - Lengthens statute of limitations for trafficking of persons and sexual performance by child.

Last Action: 1-25-19 H Filed

  HB 1076 White, James(R) Relating to the eligibility of certain criminal defendants for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information.

Remarks: JBD - Expands eligibility for order of nondisclosure to certain defendants that successfully complete probation, including payment of all fines, costs and restitution.

Last Action: 1-25-19 H Filed

  HB 1077 White, James(R) Relating to public school finance, supporting public education funding through an increase in the state sales and use tax rate, and requiring a reduction in school district maintenance and operation ad valorem taxes.

Remarks: aph - increases the basic school allotment from \$4,765 to \$5,140 and provides for a compression of the school M&O rate and increases the sales tax to 7.25% to pay for the compression.

Last Action: 1-25-19 H Filed

  HB 1078 Oliverson, Tom(R) Relating to waiving certain driver's license and handgun license fees for applicants who hold a certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Remarks: JBD - Waives driver license and handgun license fees for persons certified in CPR.

Last Action: 1-25-19 H Filed

  HB 1081 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to the correction of an ad valorem tax appraisal roll and related appraisal records.

Remarks: aph - creates a process for the ARB to adjust the value of a taxpayer's tangible personal property because of error and omission for the current tax year or proceeding two years. Would remove such property from the calculation of penalty and interest due.

Last Action: 1-25-19 H Filed

  HB 1083 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for certain beer or ale sold on July 4.

Remarks: aph - exempts the sale of beer on July 4th from sales tax.

Last Action: 1-25-19 H Filed

  HB 1085 Stucky, Lynn(R) Relating to the applicability of certain handgun laws to certain associate judges.

Remarks: JBD - Treats associate judges in courts hearing criminal cases the same as regular judges for handgun licensing.

Last Action: 1-25-19 H Filed

-   HB 1086 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to increasing the criminal penalties for intoxication assault and intoxication manslaughter.
- Remarks:** JBD - Increases penalties for intox assault and intox manslaughter to next higher degree.
- Last Action:** 1-25-19 H Filed
-   HB 1087 Kuempel, John(R) Relating to an exception to the titling requirement for certain vehicles.
- Remarks:** aph - allows metal recyclers, salvage vehicle dealers, and automotive parts dealers to purchase vehicles at least 10 years old for parts or scrap without transferring the title as long as they report the sale and identifying information to the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System.
- Last Action:** 1-25-19 H Filed
-   HB 1088 Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to enhancing the criminal penalties for certain repeat and habitual offenders.
- Remarks:** JBD - New enhancement to bump Class A misdemeanor to state jail felony if defendant has 4 or more prior Class A or felony convictions within preceding 10 years.
- Last Action:** 1-25-19 H Filed
-   HB 1090 Bell, Cecil(R) Relating to the definition of first responder.
- Remarks:** MGv - adds emergency response operator or emergency services dispatcher and other emergency response personnel employed by an agency to the definition of first responder.
- Last Action:** 1-25-19 H Filed
-   HB 1091 Vo, Hubert(D) Relating to hiring and licensing certain veterans as peace officers.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for an honorably discharged veteran to be licensed as a police officer.
- Last Action:** 1-25-19 H Filed
-   HB 1099 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to peace officers commissioned by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Provides for the creation of veterinary law enforcement who report to the veterinary medical examiner.
- Last Action:** 1-25-19 H Filed
-   HB 1100 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to the hours for the sale or delivery of certain alcoholic beverages.
- Remarks:** aph - expands alcohol sales by two hours each day and adds hours on Sunday for sales.
- Last Action:** 1-25-19 H Filed
-   HB 1102 Bernal, Diego(D) Relating to a limitation on the total amount of ad

valorem taxes that a school district may impose on certain residence homesteads following a substantial school tax increase.

Companions: [SB 484](#) Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)
1-28-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - Companion of SB 484. creates a 'lifetime' exemption for property qualified as a homestead for at least 15 consecutive years. The lifetime exemption would be equal to the lesser of 120% of the tax due during the first tax year or the lowest amount during those years. The exemption would transfer to a surviving spouse as long as it is owned and occupied. Tax would exclude new additions or improvements.

Last Action: 1-25-19 H Filed

  [HB 1104](#) Meza, Terry (F)(D) Relating to early voting by mail by any qualified voter.

Companions: [HB 956](#) Ortega, Evelina (F)(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[HB 3118](#) Allen, Alma(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[SB 426](#) Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[HB 325](#) Ortega, Lina(D) (Identical)
11-13-18 H Filed
[SB 164](#) Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical)
11-12-18 S Filed

Remarks: Wlj - Allows any qualified voter who is eligible to vote early to vote by mail. Makes conforming repeals.

Last Action: 1-25-19 H Filed

  [HB 1105](#) Swanson, Valoree(R) Relating to the preemption and prosecution of certain offenses involving the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

Remarks: JBD - Would ensure state law regarding using mobile devices while driving preempts all local regulations.

Last Action: 1-25-19 H Filed

  [HB 1107](#) Swanson, Valoree(R) Relating to the signature required on an application for voter registration or for a ballot to be voted by mail.

Remarks: WLJ - requires an application for voter registration and a ballot to have an original signature. Removes option for an electronic signature or application by fax.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  [HB 1110](#) Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to the Medicaid eligibility of certain women after a pregnancy.

Remarks: WLJ -requires Medicaid cover a woman up to 12months after delivery of a baby

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  HB 1113 Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to state contract limitations and programs for sex trafficking prevention and victim treatment.

Remarks: JBD - Creates state treatment program for child trafficking victims. Requires matching grant program for cities to establish trafficking prevention programs. CJD to award grants to local law enforcement agencies for training on recognizing human trafficking.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  HB 1114 Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to the provision of services to certain children under the Medicaid medical transportation program.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows a child to travel with a mother following pregnancy in medical transportation if the transportation is related to the pregnancy.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  HB 1115 White, James(R)

Relating to law enforcement agency policies regarding the placement of a child taken into possession by a peace officer during a person's arrest and placement information provided to the person.

Remarks: JBD - Before releasing a child that has been arrested to an adult, law enforcement agencies are to investigate the adult through a number of databases for criminal history, family violence, and CPS involvement. If a parent of a child in DFPS custody is in jail, the DFPS and the jail must periodically inform the parent of the child's status.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  HB 1117 Swanson, Valoree(R)

Relating to the preservation of certain election records.

Remarks: WLJ - Adds to records that must be preserved by the election administrator for up to 22 months, ballot and carrier envelopes returned by a voter.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  HB 1119 White, James(R)

Relating to the public school finance system and to the salary paid to certain professional staff employed by public schools.

Remarks: MGJ - Beginning w/ 2020-2021 school year, provides basic allotment to school districts for which special allotments are made by adjusting annually to increase the allotment by whichever is greater: 1% of amount of allotment for preceding year or the results from applying the inflation rate to the allotment for preceding school year.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  HB 1120 Miller, Rick(R)

Relating to the powers of county assistance districts.

Remarks: MGJ - Authorizes county assistance districts to perform functions outside the district

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  HB 1121 Sanford, Scott(R)

Relating to the recovery of property from certain vehicles stored at a vehicle storage facility or governmental vehicle storage facility.

Companions: HB 2921 Sanford, Scott(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: VRS - Adds that individuals, associations or corporations that carry cargo or people over state highways ("motor carriers") can recover their towed property from a government vehicle storage facility if the towed vehicle was being driven because of an agreement between the owner and the "motor carrier". Also stipulates that the vehicle's owner can recover that property, but that the Commission will specify what counts as proof of ownership.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  HB 1123 Bohac, Dwayne(R)

Relating to the carrying of a handgun by certain first responders.

Remarks: JBD - Permits first responders to get handgun licenses and to carry while on duty. Employers may not prohibit carrying while on duty.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  HB 1125 Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to factors the Texas Historical Commission considers in reviewing an application for a grant or loan through the historic courthouse preservation program.

Companions: SB 496 Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)
1-28-19 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the Historic Commission to consider the county/cities local funding and taxable property value in the county/city when considering an application for a courthouse preservation grant.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  HB 1127 Stucky, Lynn(R)

Relating to the places where an active judicial officer may carry a concealed handgun if the officer is licensed to carry a handgun.

Remarks: JBD - Creates defense to crim trespass by handgun licensee if the licensee is an active judicial officer.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  HB 1129 Sanford, Scott(R)

Relating to prohibiting the use of money in the Texas economic development fund or the Texas Enterprise Fund to finance a facility or establishment at which gambling is to be conducted.

Remarks: MGJ - Prohibits money from the TX Economic Development Fund or TX Enterprise Fund from being use to finance gambling facilities.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  HB 1134 Kacal, Kyle(R)

Relating to the creation of an additional judicial district

composed of Brazos County and the duties of the district attorney for the 85th Judicial District in Brazos County.

Remarks: JBD - Creates new district court in Brazos County.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  **HB 1138** Meza, Terry (F)(D) Relating to the registration of voters at a polling place and related procedures

Remarks: WLJ- Allows same day voter registration if the voter submits a voter registration application and presents ID.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  **HB 1139** Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to the applicability of the death penalty to a capital offense committed by a person with an intellectual disability.

Companions: **SB 418** Miles, Borris(D) (Identical)
1-23-19 S Filed

Remarks: JBD - Prohibits death penalty if defendant has an intellectual disability.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  **HB 1140** King, Tracy(D) Relating to the adjustment of fees for vehicles stored at vehicle storage facilities.

Remarks: MGJ - Requires TX Commission of Licensing and Regulation to biennially adjust fees for vehicles stored at government-owned garages, parking lots according to consumer price index,

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  **HB 1144** Thierry, Shawn(D) Relating to sales and use taxes on e-cigarette vapor products to benefit the child health plan program.

Remarks: MGJ - Creates .05 cent tax rate on e-cigarettes with funds going to general revenue and appropriated only to the child health plan program

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  **HB 1145** Krause, Matt(R) Relating to the repeal of the driver responsibility program and the amount and allocation of state traffic fine funds.

Remarks: WLJ - Amends who can take traffic school to reduce a ticket cost. Repeals the drivers responsibility program. Requires DWI convictions pay \$1,000 for 3 years for a first one, \$1,500/3 years for a second and 2,000 for a BAC of .16 or more. Creates a fine for driving without insurance of \$250/3 years. County/City submits the funds to the Comptroller on a quarterly basis, allowing the county/city to retain 2.5% and any interest earned. Comptroller deposits the money to the trauma fund.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  HB 1148 Murphy, Jim(R)

Relating to the rate at which interest accrues in connection with the deferral or abatement of the collection of ad valorem taxes on certain residence homesteads.

Remarks: MGJ - Shifts from 5% to the five-year constant maturity treasury rate at which interest accrues during a deferral or abatement period.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  HB 1149 White, James(R)

Relating to the eligibility for a license to carry a handgun.

Remarks: JBD - Persons with criminal convictions would be eligible for handgun licenses.

Last Action: 1-28-19 H Filed

  HB 1152 Bernal, Diego(D)

Relating to the deceptive trade practice of charging exorbitant or excessive prices for necessities during a declared disaster.

Remarks: MGJ - Creates limited authority of district and county attorneys to investigate and prosecute deceptive acts or practices of price gouging during a declared disaster

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1157 Bell, Cecil(R)

Relating to the acquisition of property by an entity with eminent domain authority.

Remarks: JBD - Imposes ongoing obligation to provide new or updated appraisals to property owners after initial offer. Permits courts to dismiss condemnation proceedings, and award costs to property owners, if condemnor fails to meet current statutory requirements. Repeals the ability of a court to abate proceedings (rather than dismiss) if no bona fide offer was made. Permits courts to dismiss proceedings in whole or in part.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1164 Anchia, Rafael(D)

Relating to the offense involving the carrying of handguns by license holders on the premises or property of certain recreational facilities.

Remarks: JBD - Prohibits licensed carry at a number of entertainment venues - arenas, stadiums, golf courses, theaters, etc.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1165 Anchia, Rafael(D)

Relating to the notice given by a property owner prohibiting a handgun license holder from carrying a handgun on the property.

Remarks: JBD - Adds new permissible form of sign to warn that open carry of handguns is prohibited.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1166 Anchia, Rafael(D)

Relating to wrongful exclusion of handgun license

holders from certain property owned by or leased to a governmental entity and to certain offenses relating to the carrying of handguns on that property.

Remarks: JBD - Currently handgun licensees may carry on property owned or leased by governmental entities. Bill narrows to property owned and occupied, or leased and occupied, by governmental entities. So property owned by government but used by private entity will not have to permit licensed carry.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1167 Anchia, Rafael(D)

Relating to the prosecution of certain offenses involving the carrying of weapons at amusement parks or locations associated with schools or other educational institutions.

Remarks: JBD - Expands the places where weapons are not permitted. Covers schools and amusement parks.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1168 Anchia, Rafael(D)

Relating to the offense of possessing a weapon in a secured area of an airport.

Companions: SB 123 West, Royce(D) (Identical)
11-12-18 S Filed

Remarks: JBD - Expands definition of the secured area of an airport to include aircraft parking area.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1169 Anchia, Rafael(D)

Relating to the creation of certain criminal offenses concerning firearm sales at gun shows.

Companions: HB 195 Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical)
11-12-18 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - Creates offense for selling gun at gun show without conducting federal background check. Exception if buyer is peace officer or holds a license to carry.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1171 Anchia, Rafael(D)

Relating to certain criminal offenses concerning the unlawful transfer or purchase of certain weapons.

Companions: SB 388 West, Royce(D) (Identical)
1-18-19 S Filed

Remarks: BD - Criminalizes the purchase of a firearm when purchaser intends to deliver the firearm to a person whom the purchaser knows intends to use the firearm in a crime.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1172 Anchia, Rafael(D)

Relating to the prosecution of certain conduct involving prohibited weapons.

Remarks: JBD - Criminalizes manufacture or possession of component of firearm made by 3D printer.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1174 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to the authority of a county assistance district to provide a grant or loan.

Remarks: JBD - Authorizes a county assistance district to make grant or loan to a political subdivision to perform any function the district is authorized to perform.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1178 Bailes, Ernest(R) Relating to notice of inspections of certain deer facilities by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows Parks and Wildlife to inspect at any time a deer farm, provided they give 3 days notice.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1179 Beckley, Michelle (F)(D) Relating to a Medicaid buy-in program for Medicaid recipients with increased household income from employment.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a buy in program for Medicaid for persons on Medicaid and whose household income increased and made them ineligible. Commissioner creates eligibility rules.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1184 Israel, Celia(D) Relating to the deadline for submitting an application for a ballot to be voted by mail.

Remarks: WLJ - Changes the time an application for a mail in ballot must be received by the clerk to 5pm, currently by close of regular business or 12 noon whichever is later. Clarifies that an application is timely if deposited in a post office prior to the last inspection for mail removal.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1185 Cyrier, John(R) Relating to adjudication of claims arising from certain written contracts with state agencies.

Remarks: JBD - Covers state agencies only. The current waiver of immunity for breach "of an express provision" of a contract is amended to drop that limitation. So state can be sued for breach of contract even if breach not related to express provision. State also subject to delay damages and attorney fees even if not provided in the contract.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1187 Pacheco, Leo (F)(D) Relating to prescribing low-THC cannabis to certain patients for compassionate use.

Remarks: MGJ - Allows prescribing of low-THC cannabis to epilepsy patients. Currently applies to patients with intractable epilepsy.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1188 Hefner, Cole(R)

Relating to the appraisal of land for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land following a transfer between family members.

Remarks: MGV - Allows qualified open-space land to maintain status following transfer between family members for appraisal purposes.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1189 Johnson, Jarvis(D)

Relating to the discharge by certain defendants of fines and costs through community service.

Remarks: JBD - JP and municipal courts cannot require payment of fines and court costs by any defendant in DFPS care or in extended foster care. If not discharged under an existing statute regarding children and indigent persons, the defendant may be required to perform community service in lieu of payment.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1190 Hernandez, Ana(D)

Relating to unprofessional conduct by mental health providers who attempt to change the sexual orientation of a child.

Companions: HB 517 Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)
12-12-18 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits gay conversion therapy.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1192 Thompson, Ed(R)

Relating to the amount deducted from certain distributions of local tax revenue as the state's share.

Remarks: MGV - Reenacts local sales and use tax fees imposed in lieu of local sales and use taxes. Reduces from 2% to 1% the amount deducted by the state from local sales and use tax fees.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1194 Dutton, Harold(D)

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of certain property used to build low-income housing.

Remarks: MGV - Exempts from school district taxation low-income housing near a school or within a municipal management district.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1198 Shine, Hugh(R)

Relating to employee-owned companies.

Remarks: JBD - Permits the state and local governments to give preference in purchasing to employee-owned Texas companies if other considerations are equal.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  HB 1200 Beckley, Michelle (F)(D)

Relating to the registration of voters at a polling place

during early voting by personal appearance and related procedures.

Companions: SB 167 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
 SB 165 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical)
 11-12-18 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ -Allows an eligible voter to register to vote at an early voting polling place. Makes election judges voter registrars for this purpose.

Last Action: 1-30-19 H Filed

  HB 1201 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of real property owned by a charitable organization for the purpose of renting the property at below-market rates to low-income or moderate-income individuals or families.

Remarks: MGJ - Exempts property owned by a charitable organization for purposes of renting at below-market rates to low-, moderate-income people

Last Action: 1-30-19 H Filed

  HB 1202 Collier, Nicole(D) Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of theft of service.

Remarks: JBD - Removes rent-to-own from theft of service.

Last Action: 1-30-19 H Filed

  HB 1204 Anchia, Rafael(D) Relating to nonpartisan primary elections.

Remarks: WLJ - Changes the political party that establishes various election decisions from the party whose nominee for governor received more than 10 percent of the votes to the presidential election. Requires candidates in the general election for state, county and US office be chosen by primary election, voters may vote regardless to political party alignment. Prohibits political party from nominating candidates for the general election.

Last Action: 1-30-19 H Filed

  HB 1205 Anchia, Rafael(D) Relating to the creation of a fund to assist local governments with the acquisition of voting system equipment.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a GR fund from the ESF to fund, via grants, election equipment for counties/cities. Grants would fund up to 50% of the cost.

Last Action: 1-30-19 H Filed

  HB 1206 Cole, Sheryl (F)(D) Relating to the prosecution of and penalties for possession of marihuana.

Remarks: JBD - Reduces all offense levels one degree.

Last Action: 1-30-19 H Filed

-   **HB 1208** Rodriguez, Eddie(D) Relating to the storage of firearms surrendered by a person subject to a magistrate's order for emergency protection or protective order as a result of family violence, sexual assault or abuse, stalking, or trafficking of p
- Remarks:** JBD - Every commissioners court to designate a secure location to store firearms surrendered under the bill. Permits, but does not require, that a person that is the subject of a protective order or an order for emergency protection to surrender a firearm to be secured by the county until the expiration of the order. If a request for return of firearm not made within 60 days of order expiration, the firearm may be destroyed, sold at auction, or donated to county law enforcement.
- Last Action:** 1-30-19 H Filed
-   **HB 1210** Beckley, Michelle (F)(D) Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid in certain counties.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires HHSC to apply for an 1115 waiver to expand Medicaid in a county upon request of the commissioners court.
- Last Action:** 1-30-19 H Filed
-   **HB 1212** Israel, Celia(D) Relating to the modification or reprogramming of the exhaust emission system of a diesel-powered motor vehicle to emit soot, smoke, or other particulate matter.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits modifying a vehicle to emit soot, smoke or other particulate matter.
- Last Action:** 1-30-19 H Filed
-   **HB 1213** Hefner, Cole(R) Relating to the repeal of the additional ad valorem taxes imposed as a result of certain changes in the use of open-space land appraised as agricultural land.
- Companions:** **HB 794** King, Phil(R) (Identical)
1-11-19 H Filed
- Remarks:** aph - repeals the lien applied for 'back' taxes due when land previously subject to an exemption has a change of use.
- Last Action:** 1-30-19 H Filed
-   **HB 1214** Cyrier, John(R) Relating to the allocation to and use by the Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Historical Commission of certain proceeds from the imposition of state sales and use taxes on sporting goods.
- Companions:** **SB 526** Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)
1-30-19 S Filed
- Remarks:** WLJ - Changes the historic site account into a dedicated account.
- Last Action:** 1-30-19 H Filed

  HB 1216 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to orders of nondisclosure for certain victims of trafficking of persons or compelling prostitution.

Remarks: JBD - Changes qualifications and procedures related to orders of nondisclosure because defendant was victim of trafficking or abuse.

Last Action: 1-30-19 H Filed

  HB 1217 Ortega, Lina(D) Relating to the inquiry of immigration status of a person under a lawful detention by certain persons under the direction or control of a local governmental entity or campus police department.

Companions: SB 166 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical)
11-12-18 S Filed

Remarks: MGV - Currently, local entities may not prohibit or materially limit inquiries into immigration status of persons lawfully detained or arrested. Bill would limit prohibition to persons arrested. So local entities could prohibit immigration inquiries for detained persons.

Last Action: 1-30-19 H Filed

  HB 1220 Clardy, Travis(R) Relating to the use of paper ballots in countywide polling places.

Remarks: WLJ - Permits a countywide polling place to provide paper ballots to each voter who requests one.

Last Action: 1-30-19 H Filed

  HB 1222 Wray, John(R) Relating to the annual salaries of the chief justice or the presiding judge of an appellate court.

Remarks: JBD - Increases pay of chief justice of appellate court by \$2500, and chief justice of supreme court by \$7500.

Last Action: 1-30-19 H Filed

  HB 1223 VanDeaver, Gary(R) Relating to the creation of a criminal offense relating to interference with child custody and to the prosecution and enforcement of child custody offenses.

Remarks: JBD - Expands offense of interference with child custody. Sets forth to whom peace officer is to release the child if found.

Last Action: 1-30-19 H Filed

  HB 1224 White, James(R) Relating to notice to the Department of Family and Protective Services that a foster child has been arrested.

Remarks: JBD - Law enforcement to notify DFPS of arrest of any person younger than 18 to determine if person is foster child. DFPS to provide services "to ensure the foster child's interests are represented during the criminal justice process."

Last Action: 1-30-19 H Filed

-   **HB 1228** Shaheen, Matt(R) Relating to political subdivision regulations, including zoning rules, concerning the cultivation, production, dispensing, or possession of low-THC cannabis.
- Remarks:** MGV - Allows political subdivisions to enact reasonable zoning rules limiting land use for low-THC dispensing organizations and cultivation of low-THC cannabis. Permits rules regulating time, place, manner of dispensing organizations.
- Last Action:** 1-30-19 H Filed
-   **HB 1229** Shaheen, Matt(R) Relating to the posting of required notice by a political subdivision on Internet websites.
- Companions:** **HB 1541** Shaheen, Matt(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
- Remarks:** JBD - Permits internet posting - including on social media site controlled by governmental entity - in lieu of any required publication in newspaper.
- Last Action:** 1-30-19 H Filed
-   **HB 1231** Flynn, Dan(R) Relating to the prosecution of and punishment for the offense of unlawfully carrying a handgun by a license holder.
- Companions:** **SB 535** Campbell, Donna(R) (Identical)
1-30-19 S Filed
- Remarks:** JBD - Permits licensed carry in places of religious worship. Reduces penalties for some violations of unlawful licensed carry.
- Last Action:** 1-30-19 H Filed
-   **HJR 10** Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas legacy fund and the Texas legacy distribution fund, dedicating earnings on the Texas legacy distribution fund.
- Remarks:** MGV - Joint resolution providing for the creation of the Texas Legacy Fund, a permanent endowment that would generate revenue to pay for costs of long-term obligations.
- Last Action:** 1-24-19 H Filed
-   **HJR 54** Wray, John(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the surviving spouse of a person who is disabled to receive a limitation on the school district ad valorem taxes on the spouse's residence homestead.
- Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment to extend current limit on school tax on homesteads of a disabled person to the surviving spouse of an individual who is disabled
- Last Action:** 1-24-19 H Filed
-   **HJR 56** Bernal, Diego(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to limit the total amount of ad valorem

taxes that a school district may impose on the residence homestead.

Companions: [SJR 33](#) Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)
1-28-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - Constitutional Amendment authorizing HB 1102.
Creates a lifetime exemptions for homesteads.

Last Action: 1-25-19 H Filed

  [HJR 58](#) [Dutton, Harold\(D\)](#) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation by one or more political subdivisions of this state property located near a public school or within a municipal manage

Remarks: MGv - Constitutional amendment to exempt property located near a public school or within a municipal management district that is owned for building low-income housing.

Last Action: 1-29-19 H Filed

  [SB 1](#) [Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#) General Appropriations Bill.

Remarks: WLJ - Senate version of the state appropriations act.

Last Action: 2-12-19 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.036, Senate Finance

  [SB 409](#) [Hughes, Bryan\(R\)](#) Relating to the creation, purpose, implementation, and funding of the Country Park Beautification and Improvement Program.

Companions: [SB 535](#) Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: JBD - Creates a permissive program stating counties may accept bequests, donations, grants, and other money, goods and services from federal, state and privates sources for park infrastructure and beautification. But also says a county may not receive any legislative appropriation for this purpose. Participating county must designate a program coordinator.

Last Action: 1-28-19 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Committee on Administration

  [SB 443](#) [Hancock, Kelly\(R\)](#) Relating to the period for which a property owner may receive a residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for property that is rendered uninhabitable or unusable as a result of a disaster.

Companions: [SB 540](#) Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)
1-30-19 S Filed

Remarks: MGv - authorizes five year period for exemption for property rendered uninhabitable or unusable due to disaster.

Last Action: 1-24-19 S Filed

  [SB 445](#) [Fallon, Pat \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the use of a mobile phone by a person near

a polling place.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits the use of cell phone at a polling place for the purpose of photos, video, or recording. Allows the use of phone to access information.

Last Action: 1-24-19 S Filed

  SB 446 West, Royce(D) Relating to requiring a public employer to give notice to new employees of the ability of certain employees to participate in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

Companions: HB 74 Hinojosa, Gina(D) (Identical)
11-12-18 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Requires all public employers (including counties) to provide to a new employee, within 30 days of employment, written notice of the ability to participate in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program.

Last Action: 1-24-19 S Filed

  SB 448 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to certain claims against the administrator of employment benefits for the employees of a political subdivision.

Companions: HB 964 Cole, Sheryl (F)(D) (Identical)
1-22-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - A person who administers an employee benefits plan or program of a political subdivision is liable for a claim arising from those duties if otherwise liable under the law, regardless of governmental immunity.

Last Action: 1-24-19 S Filed

  SB 449 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to testimony by an appraisal district employee as to the value of real property in certain ad valorm tax appeals.

Remarks: MGv - Repeals a court's ability to give preference to an appraisal district employee's testimony as to property value

Last Action: 1-24-19 S Filed

  SB 452 Fallon, Pat (F)(R) Relating to the authority of general-law municipalities to impose term limits on the members of their governing bodies.

Remarks: JBD - Permits general-law municipalities to adopt term limits.

Last Action: 1-24-19 S Filed

  SB 453 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the reappraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of property damaged in a disaster.

Remarks: aph - mandates a disaster reappraisal for properties located in a disaster area as proclaimed by the Governor. Annual taxes would be due on the prorated amount of the reappraisal.

Last Action: 1-25-19 S Filed

  SB 457 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for firearms and hunting supplies for a limited period.

Remarks: aph - creates a sales tax holiday for the last weekend in August for hunting supplies, firearms, and ammunition.

Last Action: 1-25-19 S Filed

  SB 459 Fallon, Pat (F)(R) Relating to certain consequences arising from a violaiton detected by a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.

Remarks: JBD - Prohibits vehicle registration block based on red light camera violation.

Last Action: 1-25-19 S Filed

  SB 460 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Relating to reducing criminal penalties for possession of marihuana.

Remarks: JBD - Decriminalizes possession of 2 oz or less of marijuana. Drops penalties for other amounts.

Last Action: 1-25-19 S Filed

  SB 461 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Relating to providing certain discharged or released inmates with documentation to assist in obtaining employment.

Companions: HB 918 White, James(R) (Identical)
1-18-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - Requires TDCJ to provide released inmates with several documents meant to assist in employment, including work and job training records, certified birth certification, social security card, resume, and documentation that the inmate has completed job interview practice.

Last Action: 1-25-19 S Filed

  SB 462 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to ballot propositions authorizing certain political subdivisions to issue debt obligations.

Remarks: JBD - Requires all local debt proposition ballots to include aggregate amount of debt at beginning of that fiscal year and the ad valorem debt service tax rate at the time the election is ordered.

Last Action: 1-25-19 S Filed

  SB 464 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to requirements for a ballot proposition for a proposed municipal charter amendment.

Companions: SB 616 Campbell, Donna(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Would require that the ballot proposition for a proposed charter amendment substantially submit the question with such definiteness and certainty that voters are not misled; (2) authorize a registered voter residing in a city to file a writ of

mandamus to compel compliance with (1) and prohibit a city from accepting pro bono legal services to defend the mandamus action; (3) require a court to award a plaintiff who substantially prevails in a mandamus action under (2) reasonable attorney's fees, expenses, and court costs; and (4) allow a court to award a city that substantially prevails in a mandamus action under (2) court costs, but not reasonable attorney's fees or expenses.

Last Action: 1-25-19 S Filed

  SB 465 Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to a public database maintained by the comptroller of information about certain political subdivisions.

Remarks: MGJ - Expands current special purpose district database maintained by the Comptroller to include all political subdivisions. Requires host of information about political subdivisions including names of each member of governing body, contact information, total bond, total debt, and tax rate.

Last Action: 1-25-19 S Filed

  SB 466 Fallon, Pat (F)(R)

Relating to the eligibility of persons finally convicted of a felony to run for certain public offices.

Remarks: JBD - Convicted felons who are not pardoned would be ineligible to run for elected office.

Last Action: 1-25-19 S Filed

  SB 467 Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the procedures of the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

Remarks: JBD - New reporting obligations for Comm on Judicial Conduct, and obligation to make certain information available on its website.

Last Action: 1-25-19 S Filed

  SB 470 Kolkhorst, Lois(R)

Relating to the powers and duties of county child welfare boards.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires every county child welfare board to submit a report of the amount and source of funds received/expended in the preceding fiscal year, including the purpose of expenditures.

Last Action: 1-25-19 S Filed

  SB 471 Hughes, Bryan(R)

Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.

Remarks: JBD - Currently, attorney fees in breach of contract claims can be awarded against "an individual or corporation" which do not include counties. Bill changes that to "person" which does include counties (and other units of government). So effect of bill is to make units of government liable for attorney fees in breach of contract cases.

Last Action: 1-25-19 S Filed

 SB 473 Hancock, Kelly(R)

Relating to the effect of certain agreements with a collective bargaining organization on certain state-funded public work contracts.

Companions: HB 985 Parker, Tan(R) (Identical)
1-23-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Provides that a governmental entity awarding a public work contract funded with state money, including the issuance of debt guaranteed by the state, may not prohibit, require, discourage, or encourage a person bidding on the public work contract, including a contractor or subcontractor, from entering into or adhering to an agreement with a collective bargaining organization relating to the project; or discriminate based on the person's involvement in the agreement, including the person's status or lack of status as a party to the agreement or willingness or refusal to enter into the agreement.

Last Action: 1-25-19 S Filed

  SB 474 Hancock, Kelly(R)

Relating to the eligibility of land secured by a home equity loan to be designated for agricultural use for ad valorem tax purposes.

Companions: HB 1254 Murphy, Jim(R) (Identical)
1-31-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - allows land secured by a home equity loan to receive an agriculture exemption. Currently disallowed by statute.

Last Action: 1-25-19 S Filed

  SB 478 Creighton, Brandon(R)

Relating to authorization to enter onto property to survey for a proposed high-speed rail facility.

Companions:	HB 2168	Schubert, Leighton(R)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
	SB 973	Creighton, Brandon(R)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
	HB 1242	Ashby, Trent(R) 1-31-19 H Filed	(Identical)

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits high speed rail employees from entering private land to survey unless the department determines it is a railroad company.

Last Action: 1-28-19 S Filed

  SB 480 Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to the Preparation for Adult Living Program and other services for foster children transitioning to independent living.

Remarks: MGV - Allows foster, homeless, or unaccompanied children and youth to request certified copies of birth records without fee or parental consent

Last Action: 1-28-19 S Filed

  SB 481 Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to personal identification documents for foster children or youth, homeless children or youth, and unaccompanied youth.

Companions: [HB 987](#) White, James(R) (Identical)
1-23-19 H Filed

Remarks: VRS - Requires that registrars and county clerks issue birth certificates to foster children or homeless youth without a fee or parental consent. Allows a foster child or homeless youth to get a perso nal ID and/or drivers license by presenting their birth certificate and a letter or other certifying document that verifies their housing status and exempts them from the license fee.

Last Action: 1-28-19 S Filed

  [SB 482](#) [Fallon, Pat \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the verification of citizenship of an applicant for voter registration.

Companions: [HB 1079](#) Schofield, Mike(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[HB 3474](#) Fallon, Pat(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[SB 136](#) Taylor, Van(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Requires a person wishing to register to vote to prove citizenship with an unexpired passport, certified birth certificate, or united states citizenship papers.

Last Action: 1-28-19 S Filed

  [SB 483](#) [Campbell, Donna\(R\)](#) Relating to permits for certain injection wells that transect a portion of the Edwards Aquifer.

Companions: [HB 1044](#) Zwiener, Erin (F)(D) (Identical)
1-24-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Provides for the injection of fresh water into a well that transects the Edwards Aquifer.

Last Action: 1-28-19 S Filed

  [SB 484](#) [Menendez, Jose\(D\)](#) Relating to a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that a school district may impose on certain residence homesteads following a substantial school tax increase.

Companions: [HB 1102](#) Bernal, Diego(D) (Identical)
1-25-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - Companion of SB 484. creates a 'lifetime' exemption for property qualified as a homestead for at least 15 consecutive years for the purposes of school taxes. The lifetime exemption would be equal to the lesser of 120% of the tax due during the first tax year or the lowest amount during those years. The exemption would transfer to a surviving spouse as long as it is owned and occupied. Tax would exclude new additions or improvements.

Last Action: 1-28-19 S Filed

  [SB 485](#) [Hughes, Bryan\(R\)](#) Relating to the capture of a biometric identifier by a governmental entity.

Remarks: JBD - Currently a unit of government may not disclose a biometric identifier of an individual except in a few enumerated circumstances. The bill expands the definition of "biometric identifier" to include heartbeat, gait, or vascular pattern, and prohibits the capture of biometric identifiers by government except in limited circumstances, most of which involve investigation of crime. AG can sue violators (individuals) for injunctive relief and civil penalty not less than \$1,000 for each violation, plus attorney fees and costs. Sovereign and governmental immunity waived.

Last Action: 1-28-19 S Filed

  SB 488 Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to required training regarding childhood trauma for judges who hear cases involving certain children and requirements for a juvenile's appearance in a judicial proceeding.

Remarks: JBD - Limits use of physical or mechanical restraints on juvenile in court. Prohibits juvenile appearing in court in detention uniform - court to provide clothing if necessary. Judges hearing juvenile justice or CPS cases to receive training on childhood trauma and adverse childhood experiences.

Last Action: 1-28-19 S Filed

  SB 489 Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to personal information that may be omitted from certain property records and political reports and to other court security measures.

Remarks: JBD - Requires OCA courthouse security director to annually submit information to the legislature. The provision that county clerks redact personal information of judges from real property instruments is modified to cover all documents made available online by the clerk.

Last Action: 1-28-19 S Filed

  SB 490 Fallon, Pat (F)(R)

Relating to lobbying by former members of the legislature; creating a criminal defense.

Companions: [HB 2292](#) Neave, Victoria (F)(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: JBD - Class A misdemeanor for a former legislator to lobby before 2nd anniversary of leaving office. Exceptions for representing nonprofits and others without compensation.

Last Action: 1-28-19 S Filed

  SB 493 Alvarado, Carol (F)(D)

Relating to the allocation of housing tax credits to developments within proximate geographical areas.

Remarks: MGv - Applies to counties w/ population of 1m+. Allows the board of Dept of Housing and Community Affairs to allocate housing tax credits to more than one development if developments are located in a disaster-declared area.

Last Action: 1-28-19 S Filed

  SB 494 Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to certain procedures applicable to meetings

under the open meetings law and the disclosure of public information under the public information law in the event of an emergency, urgent public necessity, or catastrophic eve

Remarks: JBD - Shortens posting period for emergency meeting of governmental body from 2 hours to 1 hour, and gov body may deliberate and take action only on a matter directly related to responding to emergency or urgent public necessity. List of qualifying situations is expanded. New affirmative defense of meeting in members less than quorum if purpose was to respond to emergency.

Permits a governmental body to suspend compliance with Public Information Act during a catastrophe. Notice to AG and public posting is required. Max time is 7 consecutive days, but may be extended.

Last Action: 1-28-19 S Filed

  SB 495 Hughes, Bryan(R)

Relating to the establishment, operation, and funding of victim-offender mediation programs.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows for a pretrial victim offender mediation program created at discretion of a commissioners court or city council in coordination with prosecutor. Eligible persons would be those arrested for offenses against property (with no previous offenses), and participation can occur without formal charges. Prosecutor and victim must consent. Allows a fee of \$500 to be collected, alcohol and drug testing fee, and counseling fee. Additionally, a \$15 fee for court costs. All fees must be used for the program.

Last Action: 1-28-19 S Filed

  SB 511 Rodriguez, Jose(D)

Relating to the installation of unsafe motor vehicle tires; creating a criminal offense.

Remarks: JBD - Criminalizes installation of unsafe tires.

Last Action: 1-29-19 S Filed

  SB 515 Rodriguez, Jose(D)

Relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding the effects of the construction of a border wall on storm drainage and other environmental matters in this state.

Companions: HB 990 Gutierrez, Roland(D) (Identical)
1-23-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - directs TCEQ and TWDB to study the impacts on storm drainage, water discharge, and environmental contamination a boarder wall would create.

Last Action: 1-29-19 S Filed

  SB 520 Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to the storage and recovery of water in a portion of the Edwards Aquifer.

Companions: HB 481 Kuempel, John(R) (Identical)
12- 6-18 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Allows a political subdivision that artificially recharges a portion of the Edwards aquifer to withdraw the same amount of water.

Last Action: 1-29-19 S Filed

  SB 524 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Companions: HB 590 Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)
12-27-18 H Filed
HB 840 Bucy, John (F)(D) (Identical)
1-16-19 H Filed

Remarks: MGJ - Expands Medicaid eligibility to all persons who apply and for whom federal matching funds are available.

Last Action: 1-30-19 S Filed

  SB 526 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the allocation to and use by the Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Historical Commission of certain proceeds from the imposition of state sales and use taxes on sporting goods.

Companions: HB 1214 Cyrier, John(R) (Identical)
1-30-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Changes the historic site account into a dedicated account.

Last Action: 1-30-19 S Filed

  SB 527 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to voter registration application form distribution information reported through the Public Education Information Management System.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the Education Commissioner to require each ISD to report the number of students who are or will be 18 during the school year and the number of voter registration application forms distributed.

Last Action: 1-30-19 S Filed

  SB 529 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to public access to juvenile court proceedings.

Companions: HB 758 Wu, Gene(D) (Identical)
1-11-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - Increases requirements for closing juvenile proceedings to the public, including mandatory hearing and written findings.

Last Action: 1-30-19 S Filed

  SB 530 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to civil and administrative penalties assessed or imposed for violations of laws protecting drinking water, public water supplies, and bodies of water.

Companions: HB 1267 Wray, John(R) (Identical)
1-31-19 H Filed

Remarks: VRS - Increases the maximum civil and administrative penalties that can be assessed for violations of health and safety provisions (sanitation, proper facilities, etc.) for the public water system from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

Last Action: 1-30-19 S Filed

  SB 531 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to sources of funding for the Texas emissions reduction plan.

Companions: HB 1043 Blanco, Cesar(D) (Identical)
1-24-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ extends TERP fees until the last day of the fiscal biennium which TCEQ publishes in the register that the state is in attainment.

Last Action: 1-30-19 S Filed

  SB 533 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to the severance tax exemption for oil and gas produced from certain inactive wells.

Remarks: MGV - Creates severance tax exemption for oil and gas produced for inactive wells that are part of an enhanced oil recovery project or drilled but not completed.

Last Action: 1-30-19 S Filed

  SB 534 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to the notice of a hearing to adopt a proposed rule under the Texas Clean Air Act.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires TCEQ to publish notice of a hearing only on the agencies website, allows them to publish in a newspaper. Currently they have to post in at least three newspapers.

Last Action: 1-30-19 S Filed

  SB 535 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to the prosecution of and punishment for the offense of unlawfully carrying a handgun by a license holder.

Companions: HB 1231 Flynn, Dan(R) (Identical)
1-30-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - Permits licensed carry in places of religious worship. Reduces penalties for some violations of unlawful licensed carry.

Last Action: 1-30-19 S Filed

  SB 536 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to associate judges for guardianship proceedings and protective services proceedings in certain courts.

Remarks: JBD - Permits the presiding judge of an administrative judicial region to determine that one or more associate judges is needed to handle guardianship and protective services cases. Subject to approval of commissioners court, one county in region to be selected as host county to furnish courtroom and necessary staffing. Does not say what happens if county does not approve. Associate judges may

be paid from state or federal funds, or county funds subject to approval of the commissioners court.

Last Action: 1-30-19 S Filed

-   SB 538 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Relating to the issuance of a driver's license or personal identification certificate to a youth experiencing homelessness.
- Remarks:** VRS - exempts homeless youths from the drivers license/ID fee. Requires that a notarized affidavit be provided to establish homeless status. Allows a peace officer who is a official homeless liaison to provide an affidavit for the purpose of obtaining a drivers license or ID.

Last Action: 1-30-19 S Filed

-   SB 540 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the period for which a property owner may receive a residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for property that is rendered uninhabitable or unusable as a result of a disaster.

Companions: SB 443 Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)
1-24-19 S Filed

Remarks: MGv - authorizes five year period for exemption for property rendered uninhabitable or unusable due to disaster.

Last Action: 1-30-19 S Filed

-   SJR 32 Birdwell, Brian(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a dog used for county law enforcement purposes to the dog's handler on the dog's retirement.

Remarks: JBD - Permits counties to give retired law enforcement dogs to their handlers at no cost to handlers.

Last Action: 1-25-19 S Filed

-   SJR 33 Menendez, Jose(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to limit the total amount of ad valorem taxes that a school district may impose on the residence homestead.

Companions: HJR 56 Bernal, Diego(D) (Identical)
1-25-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - Constitutional Amendment. Creates a lifetime exemptions for homesteads for school district taxes.

Last Action: 1-28-19 S Filed

-   SJR 34 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Companions: HJR 40 Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)
12-27-18 H Filed
HJR 46 Bucy, John (F)(D) (Identical)
1-16-19 H Filed

Remarks: MGV - Constitutional amendment to expand Medicaid eligibility to all who apply and for whom federal matching funds are available.

Last Action: 1-30-19 S Filed

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