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HB 2 Burrows, Dustin(R) Relating to ad valorem taxation.

Companions: SB 2 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical) 2-11-19 S Meeting set for 3:30 P.M. or Adj., 2E.20, Senate Property Tax

Remarks: MGV - PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION Rollback Tax Rate • Reduces rollback tax rate to 2.5% for all larger taxing entities. A small taxing unit is considered a taxing unit — other than a school— that collects less than 15 million dollars of property taxes and sales and use taxes collected in the current tax year. Renames Tax Rate Terms • Renames “effective” rate to “no-new-revenue” rate Tax Roll • Rewinds Assessor -collector timeline to submit tax roll to the governing body from August 1 to July 15. Declared Disasters • Permissive that in a declared disaster area the taxing unit may use the small taxing unit tax provisions until the taxable value returns to the level prior to the year when the disaster was declared or five years has elapsed. Taxing Unit Responsibilities • Taxing unit must adopt a tax rate before the later of September 30 or the 60th day after receiving the certified appraisal roll — UNLESS the rate will exceed the rollback rate in which case the rate MUST be set by August 15.

• Taxing unit may not adopt have a public hearing until the 14th day after the rollback rate and no-new-revenue rate has been calculated and placed on the real time tax database and other provisions related to the real- time tax database have been met.

• Mandates that all counties maintain an internet website and requires certain tax hearing notices and tax information be posted.

APPRAISAL REFORMS Appraisal Review Board (ARB) Training • Requires eight hour minimum training for ARB members and a four hour minimum training course for continuing education ARB Survey • Charges TxCPA with administering an ARB survey for property owners who file to correct the appraisal roll or to protest Appraisal District Office of Tax Notices and Public Database • Establishes an office of tax notices in each CAD, responsible for delivering notices and creating a public database • Requires each CAD to maintain a real-time tax database (Travis County CAD style database) and to send a notice to each property owner that they can find their estimated taxes on that website. • New section 26.17 Tax Code specifies laundry list of information that must be on the CADs real-time tax database.

Appraisal Review Board (ARB) Size • For counties with 1m+ population, allows CAD Board to increase size of ARB. Charges the local administrative district judge with selecting an adequate number of qualified individuals Special Appraisal Review Board Panels in Districts Located in a County of 1m or More • Requires specialized ARB panels to conduct protest hearings for property that has an appraised value of $50m+ and falls into the following classifications: commercial, industrial, utilities, and apartments • Permits a property owner to request a protest to be heard by a special panel Notices of Appraised Value • Requires CAD to send notices of appraised value for all properties to be sent by April 15 or as soon as practicable. Training of Arbitrators • Mandates training of arbitrators with curricula approved by the Comptroller

STATE ADMINISTRATION Property Tax Administration Advisory Board • Creates an advisory board, housed in the Comptroller's office, to counsel on the property tax system. Effective Tax Rate Worksheets • Effective tax rate worksheets to be prescribed by the Comptroller • Revisions must be approved by committee of taxpayers and taxing units (each equally represented)

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1232 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the establishment and duties of the human trafficking prevention coordinating council.

Companions: SB 72 Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)

2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - creates the Statewide Human Trafficking Coordinating Council whose members include all state agencies that receive an appropriation to address human trafficking. Directs the Council to develop a strategic plan and ensure cross-agency coordination in the effort to combat human trafficking.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1234 Bell, Cecil(R) Relating to the filing of a bond by a private high-speed rail operator with the Texas Department of Transportation.

Companions:

HB 2104	Bell, Cecil(R)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 978	Schwertner, Charles(R)	(Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Requires a high speed rail service to hold a bond in an amount to restore land to original condition if the rail service ceases operations.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1235 Bell, Cecil(R) Relating to the issuance by a state agency of a permit required for the construction of a high-speed rail project by a private entity.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires for a state permit to be issued to a private entity to construct high speed rail, the entity must meet all requirements including approval from another governmental entity.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1237 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to the days and hours during which the polls are open for early voting by personal appearance.

Remarks: WLJ - (1) the authority ordering an election may order early voting by personal appearance at the main early voting polling place to be conducted during an early voting period extended from the fourth day before election day for any number of consecutive days up to and including the day before election day; and (2) an authority that extends early voting shall order personal appearance voting at the main early voting polling place to be conducted for at least 12 hours on any weekday or Saturday and for at least five

hours on any Sunday of the extended early voting period.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1238 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to the secretary of state posting on the secretary of state's Internet website a database containing information about each holder of and candidate for all elected offices in the state.

Companions:

HB 2411	Israel, Celia(D)	(Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the SOS to post on the SOS website a database that contains info on each holder of and candidate for any office in the state.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1240 Davis, Yvonne(D) Relating to the punishment for the criminal offense of theft.

Remarks: JBD - Changes enhancement language for prior convictions.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1241 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to the content of a polling place location notice.

Remarks: WLJ - would require a notice of a polling place location to include the building name, if any, and street address of the polling place.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1242 Ashby, Trent(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)
SB 478	Creighton, Brandon(R) 1-28-19 S Filed	(Identical)

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

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1245 Ashby, Trent(R)

Relating to notice of a property owner's rights relating to the examination or survey of property by an entity with eminent domain authority.

Companions:

SB 627	Schwertner, Charles(R)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 552	Schwertner, Charles(R) 1-31-19 S Filed	(Identical)

Remarks: MGV - Adds additional language to the statement provided to a property owner when surveying a property for potential eminent domain authority purposes, including the entity has the right to sue to enter the property, the owner has the right to seek to negotiate the terms of the survey and the entity is responsible for any actual damages while surveying. Any written survey permission form provided to a landowner must contain those rights.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1246 Ashby, Trent(R)

Relating to the acquisition of certain real property in conjunction with the acquisition of real property for a public use through eminent domain procedures.

Companions:

SB 553	Schwertner, Charles(R) 1-31-19 S Filed	(Identical)

Remarks: JBD - If a condemnor seeks to obtain additional property through negotiation only (and without exercising eminent domain), the condemnor must separately identify the property to be acquired through ED if necessary and the property that will not be acquired through ED, and make separate offers for those properties.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1247 Ashby, Trent(R)

Relating to liability for the additional tax imposed on land appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as agricultural land if the use of the land changes as a result of a condemnation.

Companions:

SB 1979	Schwertner, Charles(R)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 555	Schwertner, Charles(R) 1-31-19 S Filed	(Identical)

Remarks: JBD - If ag property changes to non-ag use as a result of condemnation, back taxes are owed by condemnor and not the property owner.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1253 Leman, Ben(R) Relating to establishing actual progress for the purposes of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity.

Companions:

HB 2076	Schubert, Leighton(R)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 628	Schwertner, Charles(R)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 554	Schwertner, Charles(R) 1-31-19 S Filed	(Identical)

Remarks: JBD - Property acquired by eminent domain is subject to repurchase if the government cannot show "actual progress" on the public use of the land within 10 years of acquisition. The bill would make showings of "actual progress" more difficult. Instead of showing compliance with at least 2 of 7 factors, government would have to show compliance with at least 3 of 5 factors. The 2 repealed factors are arguably the easiest to meet.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1254 Murphy, Jim(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:

SB 474	Hancock, Kelly(R) 1-25-19 S Filed	(Identical)

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

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1256 Phelan, Dade(R) Relating to access by certain persons to a first responder's immunization history during a disaster.

Remarks: MGV - Authorizes a first responder; during prep or response t disaster and w/ first responder's consent, the first responder's employer or person acting as supervisor, access to immunization history during disaster.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1257 Rosenthal, Jon (F)(D) Relating to the repeal of the prohibition against certain municipal or county

regulation of the rental or leasing of housing accommodations.

Remarks: WLJ - repeals the prohibition that municipalities and counties can adopt ordinances that prohibit source-of-income discrimination.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1260 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to jointly held elections for political subdivisions.

Remarks: WLJ - requires joint elections whenever elections ordered by the authorities of two or more political subdivisions are to be held on the same day in all or part of the same county.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1261 Bell, Keith (F)(R) Relating to a presumption that applies to certain conduct involving certain controlled substances that endangers a child.

Remarks: MGV - Expands presumption that applies to manufacturing, possessing, or introducing into the body of a person to include any controlled substance listed in Penalty Group 1 in the presence of a child as endangering a child.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1262 Bell, Keith (F)(R) Relating to the extended registration of certain vehicles not subject to inspection.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows for an extended registration up to 5 years for a trailer, semitrailer or pole trailer. Requires regular annual fees be paid upfront.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1263 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to an order by a drainage district to maintain certain infrastructure.

Remarks: WLJ - Permits a drainage district to order a property owner to clear or maintain a canal, drain, ditch or levee on the owners property. If the owner does not comply, the district may enter the property to clear/maintain it.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1265 Bailes, Ernest(R) Relating to the transfer of a limitation established by a county, municipality, or junior college district on the amount of ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homestead of an elderly or disabled person.

Remarks:

would provide that, if an individual who receives a property tax freeze on county, municipal, or junior college district tax increases subsequently qualifies a different homestead for a residence homestead exemption in a different county, municipality, or junior college district that has established a property tax freeze, that the property tax freeze continues on the subsequently qualified property.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1266 Darby, Drew(R) Relating to a competitive bidding requirement exemption for certain county sole-source purchases of road construction or maintenance materials.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows for a county to make a purchase of $100k or less for road construction materials for one supplier without going through a competitive process. Stipulates a purchase may not be divided to avoid bidding requirements .

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1267 Wray, John(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: SB 530 Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical)
1-30-19 S 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: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1268 Lucio III, Eddie(D) Relating to dangerous wild animals.

Companions: SB 641 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)
2- 5-19 S Filed

Remarks: JBD - Replaces current statutes regarding regulation of wild animals and dangerous dogs. Dangerous wild animals permitted under some circumstances, including registration with Health & Human Services Commission. No more registration with counties or cities. For all counties, sheriff (and not county animal control officer) to receive lists of permitted wild animals held by a person in the county.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1269 Holland, Justin(R) Relating to the prohibition of student instruction while a school campus is a polling place.

Remarks: WLJ - a school campus that is designated as a polling place may not provide student instruction on a day the campus serves as a polling place; and a school district may designate a day that a school campus serves as a polling place as a staff development day.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1271 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to the award of good conduct time to certain inmates.

Remarks: aph - awards good time behavior credits for participation in a treatment program.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1273 Zedler, Bill(R) Relating to denial of payment for preauthorized health care services.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits denial of service from a health plan if they provided prior authorization unless the physician misrepresented the service.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1274 Zedler, Bill(R) Relating to increasing the criminal penalties for the unwarranted commitment of a person to a mental health facility.

Remarks: WLJ - Substantial increase in penalties for the unwarranted commitment of a person to a mental health facility.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HB 1278 White, James(R) Relating to services provided by freestanding emergency medical care facilities.

Remarks: WLJ - Amends the definition of freestanding emergency facility to include providing outpatient acute care services.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 H Filed

HB 1279 Allen, Alma(D) Relating to jury instructions regarding parole eligibility.

Remarks: JBD - Removes part of jury instruction about time off for good behavior.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 H Filed

HB 1284 Lambert, Stan(R) Relating to egg grading.

Remarks: VRS - Prohibits a political subdivision or state agency from prohibiting hotels, restaurants, and other egg retailers from purchasing, reselling or using "ungraded" eggs. Stipulates that "ungraded" eggs may be sold directly to a consumer or at wholesale if they are marked ungraded. Prohibits charging license fees to licensees more often than once a month or annually if the licensee must remit less than $360 per year.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 H Filed

HB 1285 Smithee, John(R) Relating to exemptions to reporting and list requirements for certain attorneys ad litem, guardians ad litem, mediators, and guardians.

Companions: SB 41 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical) 2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: JBD - The annual report submitted by clerks regarding ad litem appointments would not have to include unpaid appointments.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 H Filed

HB 1286 Smithee, John(R) Relating to establishing a guardianship abuse, fraud, and exploitation deterrence program.

Companions: SB 31 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical) 2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - Requires OCA to establish a guardianship abuse deterrence program to provide additional resources and assistance to courts that have jurisdiction over guardianship proceedings.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 H Filed

HB 1287 Israel, Celia(D) Relating to the prima facie speed limit on certain streets and highways.

Remarks: WLJ - Decreases the default speed limit in an urban district from 30mph to 25 mph, repeals the requirement that a city post on the government website the number of warning citations in the previous two years.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 H Filed

HB 1289 Israel, Celia(D)

Relating to requiring the operator of a vehicle to stop and yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian.

Remarks: WLJ - Expands from just yield - to stop and yield for a car entering a crosswalk with a pedestrian crossing.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 H Filed

HB 1292 Price, Four(R)

Relating to statewide initiatives to improve maternal and newborn health for women with opioid use disorder.

Companions: SB 436 Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)
1-23-19 S Filed

Remarks: MGV - Establishes under Dept State Health Services statewide initiatives to improve maternal, newborn health for women with opioid use disorder.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 H Filed

HB 1294 Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to requiring certain persons to receive emergency management training.

Remarks: MGV - Expands current requirement of elected law enforcement, county judge, or appointed public officer to an officer, employee, or volunteer of the state or a political subdivision who is a supervisor and whose position includes emergency management responsibilities to receive emergency management training

Last Action: 2- 1-19 H Filed

HB 1296 Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to the creation of a disaster case management system by the General Land Office.

Remarks: MGV - Creates an electronic disaster case management system by the General Land Office.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 H Filed

HB 1299 Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to requiring the comptroller of public accounts to establish and maintain a political subdivision disaster expenditure database.

Remarks: MGV - Requires Comptroller to establish a political subdivision disaster expenditure database and maintain it on the Internet, including total amount budgeted, spent, received for disaster preparedness

Last Action: 2- 1-19 H Filed

HB 1302 Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Research Institute.

Remarks: Wlj - creates a consortium to provide and oversee grants to higher education facilities for mental health and substance abuse research.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 H Filed

HB 1307 Hinojosa, Gina(D) Relating to the creation of a disaster case management system by the Texas Division of Emergency Management.

Remarks: MGV - Creates disaster case management system by TX Div of Emergency Management, subject to the availability of funds

Last Action: 2- 1-19 H Filed

HB 1309 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to the issuance of a standard permit for certain concrete plants.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires for new construction or modification to an existing concrete facility they follow the same procedures as oil and gas facilities - getting a regulatory analysis, air quality monitoring data, and limits emissions.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 H Filed

HB 1313 King, Phil(R) Relating to the authority of the chief appraiser of an appraisal district to increase the appraised value of property in the tax year following the year.

Remarks: aph - changes the evidence threshold on changing appraised value of a property lowered the previous year through a court challenge from 'substantial' to 'clear and convincing'. Would make is harder to increase these values.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1314 King, Phil(R) Relating to the release on bail of, and the reimbursement to a county for certain costs of confining, a person charged with an administrative violation of parole or mandatory supervision.

Remarks: JBD - Mandatory personal bond for technical parole violators held in jail 30 days or more if the parolee does not have violent record. Requires reimbursement to counties for holding technical violators beginning on day 11.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1316 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the disclosure in a criminal case of certain criminal history record information.

Remarks: JBD - Permits release of NCIC/TCIC reports on defendant and witnesses to a defendant or defendant's attorney. Must be told about statute prohibiting unauthorized use.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1317 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the compensation of certain court-appointed attorneys.

Remarks: JBD - Permits a court and an appointed attorney to enter into a contract for compensation not otherwise established by law. If the court does not pay, sovereign immunity is waived and attorney may sue state (if district court), county (if county court) or municipality (if municipal court).

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1318 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the provision of mental health services to persons younger than 18 years of age.

Companions: SB 218 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical) 2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

Remarks: WLJ - For a person under the age of 18, allows an adult who has had actual care, custody and control of the person for the 6 months prior to request inpatient mental health services. Expands to allow a peace officer to take a person under the age of 18 into custody for their own protection

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1320 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the operation of, participation in, and effects of successful completion of a mental health court program.

Remarks: JBD - Requires a county of more than 200,000 to create a mental health court program if the county receives state or federal funding for that purpose. Does not say funding has to be sufficient to cover 100% of costs. Counties that don't create programs as required are not eligible to receive probation funds from the state. Also permits creation of a regional mental health court program by 2 or more counties.

Creates new grounds for expunction - completion of mental health court program. No fee may be assessed.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1322 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to the facilitation of voting by persons confined in certain jails.

Companions: SB 925 Garcia, Sylvia(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Allows people held in jail before being convicted to vote through absentee ballots

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1323 Murr, Andrew(R) Relating to bail proceedings and related duties of a magistrate in a criminal case.

Companions: SB 628 Whitmire, John(D) (Identical)
2- 4-19 S Filed

Remarks: JBD - Pretrial reform bill. Permits denial of bail in any case if judge or magistrate determines that bail and conditional release are insufficient to protect community and secure defendant's appearance in court. Prohibits bond schedules. JPs required to have training regarding appropriately setting bail.

Mandates use of pretrial risk assessment to be completed by personal bond office or other trained person. Sheriff cannot be forced to complete the assessment. OCA to make an automated risk assessment tool available at no cost.

A defendant denied bail must be given review hearing not later than 10 days after the denial.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1327 Flynn, Dan(R) Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Veterans Commission.

Companions: SB 601 Hall, Bob(R) (Identical)
2- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Veterans Commission sunset bill. Watch for amendments.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1330 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to the factors to be considered in determining the amount of an administrative

penalty assessed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Remarks: WLJ - Under the Water Code, when considering a penalty amount, requires TCEQ to consider if the prohibited act creates a public nuisance.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1332 Israel, Celia(D) Relating to the repeal of the authority of political subdivisions to adopt or enforce juvenile curfews.

Remarks: JBD - Rescinds the authority of municipalities and counties to adopt and enforce juvenile curfews.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1333 Krause, Matt(R) Relating to the administration of the ad valorem tax system.

Remarks: WLJ - requires the chief appraiser to send by email, rather than mail, to the property owner each notice related to a change in value of the property; or the grant, denial, cancellation, or other change in the status of an exemption or exemption application applicable to the property; prohibits an officer or employee of a taxing entity from serving on an appraisal district board or being employed by the district; establishes a list of individuals who will provide free assistance to an owner of residential property for real estate or appraisal services; requires the chief appraiser to send to the property owner a specific notice informing the property owner of the eligibility of the property for a homestead exemption; and requires a chief appraiser to deliver a clear and understandable written notice to a property owner if an exemption or partial exemption approved for the preceding year was cancelled or reduced for the current year.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1335 Price, Four(R) Relating to the establishment of school-based behavioral health centers by school districts and a grant program administered by the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission for the operation of those centers.

Remarks: WLJ - Establishes a school based behavioral health center to provide mental health services to students and families. Requires HHSC to administer grants to school districts.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1336 Pacheco, Leo (F)(D) Relating to the minimum wage.

Remarks: JBD - Sets $10 minimum wage

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1337 Pacheco, Leo (F)(D) Relating to the sale of wine and beer on Sundays.

Companions: HB 327 Canales, Terry(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: aph - another CUC staff priority allowing beer and wine sales on Sundays.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1339 Pacheco, Leo (F)(D) Relating to repealing the authority for the payment of a subminimum wage to certain persons with disabilities.

Remarks: JBD - Repeals the authority of MHMR to pay less than minimum wage to disabled persons.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1340 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.

Remarks: VRS - Requires a birth certificate be produced for stillborn remains. Repeals the gestational age for a stillborn. Requires the facility where charged with the disposition of the remains to create a fetal death certificate.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1341 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to the authority of a district clerk to post official and legal notices by electronic display.

Companions: HB 624 Leach, Jeff(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 414 Taylor, Van(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ-Allows the district clerk to post notices on electronic display or website in the same manner as a county clerk.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1343 Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to persons who may be prosecuted for the criminal offense of improper contact with a victim.

Remarks: JBD - Changes make it easier to prosecute an inmate for improper contact with a victim.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1344 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to the Texas emissions reduction plan fund, including the establishment and use of the non-road diesel subaccount.

Remarks: WLJ - Diverts the TERP Surcharge into a separate non-road diesel subaccount for a grant program for non-road diesel and extends the fee expiration to the last day of the biennium that TCEQ posts in the register that Texas reached attainment.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1345 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to sources of funding for the Texas emissions reduction plan.

Companions:	HB 1043	Blanco, Cesar(D) 1-24-19 H Filed	(Identical)
	SB 531	Birdwell, Brian(R) 1-30-19 S Filed	(Identical)

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: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1346 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to the eligibility requirements for the diesel emissions reduction incentive program.

Remarks: WLJ - For the Diesel emissions reduction program, allows TCEQ to set the minimum percentage of vehicle miles or hours in a nonattainment area.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1352 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to requirements for vendors providing certain services involving computers to governmental entities.

Remarks: JBD - All government contracts for professional or technical IT services billed hourly must mandate vendor to use software that captures computer activity - keystrokes, mouse movement, etc - and real-time costs. Records to be kept by vendor for 7 years.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1354 Cortez, Philip(D) Relating to the prima facie speed limit in certain urban districts.

Remarks: WLJ - In San Antonio reduces the default speed limit on urban streets to 25 miles an hour, and 15 miles/hour in an alley.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1357 Wu, Gene(D) Relating to the prosecution of and punishment for the criminal offense of failure to report certain sexual offenses committed against a child.

Remarks: JBD - Expands offense of failure to report offense against a child.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1358 White, James(R) Relating to grants for community supervision and corrections departments for supervision officer caseload management.

Remarks: JBD - Permits Gov's Crim Justice Division to award grants to probation departments to review caseload management policies.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1359 Wu, Gene(D) Relating to an attorney's entrance into a building that houses a court by presentation of the attorney's state bar membership card.

Remarks: JBD - Would permit attorneys to enter courthouses without going through security by showing state Bar cards. Trumps any local rules to the contrary.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1360 Wu, Gene(D) Relating to prevention of communicable diseases in certain long-term care facilities.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires long-term care facilities to monitor for antibiotic resistant infections and report to the public health department any cases within 72 hours. Requires HHSC to establish a regional advisory committee comprised of physicians, director of nursing and public health officials.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1361 Wu, Gene(D)

Relating to an immunization rate tracking system for employees and residents of certain long-term care facilities.

Companions: HB 1423 Guerra, Bobby(D) (Identical)
2- 6-19 H Filed

Remarks: VRS - Requires long term care facilities to maintain an immunization tracking system for their employees and residents. The facilities must provide the immunization rate data upon request.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1364 Wu, Gene(D)

Relating to the age of a child at which a juvenile court may exercise jurisdiction over the child and to the minimum age of criminal responsibility.

Remarks: JBD - Raises minimum age for juvenile court jurisdiction from 10 to 12, and raises maximum age for jurisdiction from 18 to 19.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HB 1366 Rosenthal, Jon (F)(D)

Relating to the method of returning a ballot to be voted by mail.

Remarks: WLJ - allowing for voters to turn in their completed mail in ballots at a polling location during early vote and/or Election Day

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1367 Harris, Cody (F)(R)

Relating to the disposition of real property intended for high-speed rail projects.

Companions: SB 659 Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical)
2- 5-19 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - For high-speed rail property purchased using eminent domain provides the original property owner has the right to repurchase for the price paid by the entity if the project is cancelled, or not used for the project which it was acquired for.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1368 Harris, Cody (F)(R)

Relating to option contracts to acquire real property for high-speed rail projects.

Remarks: WLJ - Upon a bankruptcy petition, by a company planning a high speed rail project, a property option contract is voided.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1369 Harris, Cody (F)(R)

Relating to the purchase of necessary real property for the construction of a high-speed rail project.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits construction on a high speed rail project prior to purchase of all real property for the property.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1370 Harris, Cody (F)(R)

Relating to the creation of a joint interim committee on high-speed rail development.

Companions: HB 3440 Cook, Byron(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a committee to be made up of House and Senate members that would evaluate the feasibility of creating a statewide HSR initiative through a public private partnership and work with TxDOT to develop a comprehensive statewide strategy for the development of HSR in Texas. Must provide a report to the legislature on the feasibility and strategy.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1371 Guillen, Ryan(D)

Relating to additional funding to school districts for classroom teacher salaries.

Companions: SB 3 Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)
2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

Remarks: aph - companion for SB 3, provides a $5,000 raise for all school teachers for 2019-2020 and exempts the amount of that raise from a districts wealth per student calculations.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1372 White, James(R)

Relating to the administrative, civil, and criminal consequences imposed on persons arrested for, charged with, or convicted of certain criminal offenses, including certain conditions of suspension or renewal of a dri

Remarks: JBD - Repeals the ability to block driver license renewal for failure to pay fines and court costs. Limits the ability to block driver license renewal for failure to appear - court with jurisdiction of the offense must hold a hearing specifically to consider blocking DL after the initial FTA, and the person must FTA for that subsequent hearing. Limits fees that DPS can assess to remove a DL block.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1374 Hernandez, Ana(D) Relating to grants for the development and operation of pretrial intervention programs for defendants who are the primary caretaker of a child.

Remarks: JBD - Permits Community Justice Assistance Division to award grants to counties, cities and probation departments for pretrial intervention programs for defendants who are primary caregivers to children under 18.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1375 Meza, Terry (F)(D) Relating to the regulation of certain firearm transfers.

Remarks: JBD - Requires private sale of firearm to be documented with DPS.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1376 Meza, Terry (F)(D) Relating to the regulation of certain firearm transfers.

Remarks: JBD - Private firearms sale must be documented with DPS. Person who is not a dealer may not sell more than 5 firearms each year.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1377 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to the creation of a commission to review certain laws of this state that restrict the rights or activities of persons convicted of a felony offense and to make certain recommendations regarding those laws.

Remarks: JBD - Creates new commission to study laws that restrict rights of convicts.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1378 Frullo, John(R) Relating to the authority of the Lubbock County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, to employ and commission peace officers.

Companions: SB 319 Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)
2- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

Remarks: JBD - Permits Lubbock Co Hospital District to employ peace officers.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1380 Murr, Andrew(R) Relating to the jurisdiction of certain courts and fees collected by a justice court.

Remarks: JBD - Extends max jurisdiction of JP court in civil matters from $10k to $20k. Increases JP pre-judgment services fee from $25 to $50.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1381 Wray, John(R) Relating to enhancing the criminal penalty for aggravated assault committed in or on school property or on a passenger transportation vehicle of a primary or secondary school.

Remarks: JBD - Bumps agg assault on school property to 1st degree felony.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1383 Lozano, Jose(R) Relating to exemption of certain firefighters and police officers from jury service.

Companions: HB 354 Herrero, Abel(D) (Identical)
11-14-18 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Provides for an exemption from jury service for full time city/county firefighters and police officers.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1389 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to the placement on community supervision, including deferred adjudication community supervision, of a defendant who is the primary caretaker of a child.

Remarks: JBD - Creates new straight and deferred adjudication probation for defendant who is primary caregiver to child under 18. Confinement in jail cannot be a condition of probation.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1390 Bohac, Dwayne(R) Relating to the review of municipal solid waste facility permit applications for conformity with regional solid waste management plans.

Remarks: WLJ - Provides for a regional plan for approval of a new solid waste facility proposal.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1391 Bohac, Dwayne(R)

Relating to inspections of solid waste facilities conducted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires inspection of a solid waste facility to be inspected every two years. If multiple violations are found in five year period - inspections are made quarterly. Three complaints in 30 days are to be inspected quarterly for 18 months.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1395 Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to a "Texas Way" to reforming and addressing issues related to the Medicaid program, including the creation of an alternative program designed to ensure health benefit plan coverage.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows for a block grant for Medicaid for Texas.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1398 Smith, Reggie (F)(R)

Relating to the appointment of bailiffs by the district courts and county courts at law in Grayson County.

Remarks: WLJ - Provides the Grayson County judge sets the salary for the 397th district court bailiff.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1399 Smith, Reggie (F)(R)

Relating to the creation and storage of DNA records for a person arrested for a felony offense.

Companions: HB 3513 Faircloth, Wayne(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: MGV - Expands DNA testing to all persons arrested for any felony offense. Requires DPS to apply for federal grants to create, store DNA records.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1404 Dean, Jay(R)

Relating to the regulation of game rooms in certain counties.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows game room regulation in Upshur County

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1406 Dean, Jay(R)

Relating to confirmation of a voter's residence by a voter registrar.

Remarks: WLJ - If the registrar receives notice of registration not being returned due to residence from the post office, a challenge based on residence and if the SOS determines a voter is on the registration one the list - the registrar shall deliver a written confirmation to the voter requesting evidence of the current residence.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1409 Ashby, Trent(R)

Relating to the qualification of land for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as timber land or restricted-use timber land.

Companions: SB 701 Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical)
2- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for HB 1409, prevents a chief appraiser from considering portions of a tract of land with a restricted-use timber designation from an increased valuation if that land is used for other purposes as long as the whole tract qualifies for timber production.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 H Filed

HB 1414 Craddick, Tom(R)

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by a charitable organization that provides a meeting place and support services for organizations that provide assistance to alcoholics or their families.

Remarks: aph - adds an exemption for entities providing meeting places and support services to alcoholics and their families.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1415 Lucio III, Eddie(D)

Relating to continuing education training on civil process for constables.

Companions: HB 3113 Lucio III, Eddie(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: MGV - Requires additional 20 hours continuing education training on civil process for constables. Allows TX Commission on Law Enforcement to waive requirements.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1418 Phelan, Dade(R)

Relating to disease prevention and preparedness information for emergency medical services personnel on certification or recertification.

Remarks: MGV - Requires the Health and Human Services Commission to adopt a system to provide immunization information to an applicant for certification or recertification as EMS personnel

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1419 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to qualifications and registration of certain voters convicted of a felony.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows a felon to vote after being released from incarceration.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1420 Dominguez, Alex (F)(D) Relating to the composition of the Public Health Funding and Policy Committee.

Remarks: VRS - adds a representative from the Office of Border Health as a member to the Public Health Funding and Policy Committee. Currently, representatives from municipality or county health authorities serve on the committee.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1421 Israel, Celia(D) Relating to cybersecurity of voter registration lists and other election-related documents, systems, and technology.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the SOS to adopt rules to establish best practices for storing election data electronically. Requires SOS to offer training on an annual basis to county staff, upon request of the county.

Requires a voter registrar or clerk to request training on cyber security on an annual basis if state funds are available. If a registrar or clerk become aware of a breach they must immediately notify SOS. If state funds are provided all devices with access to election data must comply to the highest extent possible.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1422 Paddie, Chris(R) Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Historical Commission.

Companions: SB 605 Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)
2- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks:

MGV - Extends Texas Historical Commission from September 1, 2019 to September 1, 2031. Repeals the Texas Courthouse Preservation Program Advisory Committee.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1423 Guerra, Bobby(D) Relating to an immunization rate tracking system for employees and residents of certain long-term care facilities.

Companions: HB 1361 Wu, Gene(D) (Identical)
2- 4-19 H Filed

Remarks: VRS - Requires long term care facilities to maintain an immunization tracking system for their employees and residents. The facilities must provide the immunization rate data upon request.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1424 Guerra, Bobby(D) Relating to a local agreement with the Department of State Health Services to improve laboratory capabilities in border counties.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires DSHS enter into an agreement with a University in Cameron or Hidalgo to increase health laboratory services along the border.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1425 Guerra, Bobby(D) Relating to the duration of laboratory support for testing of vector-borne infectious diseases in border counties.

Remarks: VRS - Requires that DSHS provide year-round support for arboviral testing (cerebral fluid testing) for vector-borne infectious diseases in counties on the border with Mexico.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1427 Guerra, Bobby(D) Relating to voter registration application forms in high schools.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires SOS to provide adequate voter registration applications to each high school each fall and spring.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1429 Guerra, Bobby(D) Relating to patient medical records regarding maternal death.

Remarks:

WLJ - Requires within 30 days of a request from DSHS a medical facility provide records on patients who died while pregnant or within one year of being pregnant. Requires DSHS provide a report to the legislature.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1431 Guerra, Bobby(D) Relating to an investigation unit within the Health and Human Services Commission for certain unlicensed child-care facilities.

Remarks: MGV - Establishes an investigation unit for unlicensed child-care facilities in HHSC to initiate appropriate enforcement actions against those facilities

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1432 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the billing for certain health care services provided to a sexual assault survivor.

Remarks: WLJ - Currently law enforcement is required to pay for forensic medical examination and evidence kit. This would require they pay only the portion costs the victims private health insurance doesn't cover.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1433 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to the authority of a municipal utility district to restrict sex offenders from child safety zones in the district.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows a MUD to prohibit sex offenders get within 100 feet of a child safety zone. Creates a Class C Misdemeanor. Exempts those sex offenders that lived in the area prior to the prohibition.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1435 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to the inspection of a municipal solid waste management facility or site by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality before a permit application is issued, amended, extended, or renewed.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires TCEQ visit a proposed solid waste facility prior to approval to confirm application information.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1436 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to the approval of permits for solid waste facilities.

Remarks: WLJ - For approval of a solid waste facility application, TCEQ must ensure all requirements are satisfied including authorization from local governments and requirements relating to sitting in a floodplain.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1437 Toth, Steve(R) Relating to the creation of an additional judicial district composed of Montgomery County and the duties of the district attorney for the 9th Judicial District in Montgomery County and the 410th Judicial District.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates 457th Judicial District (Montgomery County), extends DA responsibilities to newly created court.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1444 Patterson, Jared (F)(R) Relating to the calculation of the ad valorem taxes imposed on real property on the basis of the lesser of the appraised value of the property or the average appraised value of the property over a specified time period.

Remarks: aph - establishes a 5 year average as a method of setting value for properties by a chief appraiser, allowing previous exemptions to impact the value of a property rolling forward.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1445 Rosenthal, Jon (F)(D) Relating to prohibiting carrying a firearm while intoxicated.

Companions: HB 1827 Hinojosa, Gina (F)(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: MGV - Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for carrying a firearm (handgun or long gun) while intoxicated. Exempts special investigators and peace officers. Repeals Section 46.035(d), Penal Code - a license holder commits an offense, while intoxicated, carrying a handgun.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1447 Israel, Celia(D) Relating to election information provided to voters through a mobile application for wireless communication devices.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires SOS to create a phone app to access voter information, including access to the voters registration card, voting dates, sample

ballots, map of polling places, historical election results. SOS to coordinate with election clerks.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1448 Zerwas, John(R) Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium.

Companions: SB 10 Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical) 2- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

Remarks: WLJ - establishes the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium to foster collaboration among health-related institutions with the goal of improving early identification and access to mental health services, addressing psychiatry workforce issues, promoting and coordinating mental health research, and strengthening judicial training on juvenile mental health. The consortium will coordinate programs located in health-related institutions across the state such as the Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN) to assist pediatricians in meeting the behavioral health needs of children and youth and the Texas Child Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT) program to connect at-risk students with behavioral health assessments and intervention through telemedicine. SB 1 has a 100m rider to fund this.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1449 King, Phil(R) Relating to the creation of a grant program to assist law enforcement agencies with the purchase of opioid antagonists.

Companions: SB 340 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical) 2- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

Remarks: MGV - Creates an opioid antagonist grant program housed in TDCJ to provide grants to a law enforcement agency for providing opioid antagonists to peace officers, evidence technicians, and related personnel likely to come into contact with opioids or persons suffering from an apparent opioid-related drug overdose. Authorizes TDCJ to use any money available for purposes of grant.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1450 Gutierrez, Roland(D) Relating to the disclosure of certain personal information provided on a driver's license

application or in connection with a motor vehicle record

Remarks: WLJ - Repeals permission for DPS to share social security information from a drivers license or vehicle registration with the SOS for voter registration or child support purposes.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1452 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to the date on which certain persons placed on deferred adjudication community supervision are eligible to file a petition for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information.

Remarks: WLJ - Decreases the time period after completing deferred adjudication a person may petition on probation can apply for nondisclosure of criminal history.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1454 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the disposition of an item bearing a counterfeit trademark seized in connection with a criminal offense.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires items seized if they are found to be counterfeit or protected and returned to the owner of the protected mark if requested or destroyed, upon final conviction of the offense.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1456 Dominguez, Alex (F)(D) Relating to the appointment of counsel to represent an indigent person in certain criminal proceedings.

Remarks: MGV - Allows for the appointment of counsel to represent an indigent person for providing counsel relating to person's appearance before a magistrate.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1457 Dominguez, Alex (F)(D) Relating to the eligibility of certain attorneys to be employed by a public defender's office.

Remarks: MGV - Makes eligible an attorney engaged in private practice of criminal law to be employed by a public defender's office on a part-time basis for providing counsel relating to an indigent person's appearance before a magistrate.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1458 Anderson, Doc(R)

Relating to the repeal of the driver responsibility program and the amount and allocation of state traffic fine funds.

Companions: HB 1487 Wilson, Terry(R) (Identical)
2- 7-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Repeals the Drivers Responsibility Program. Increases fines for traffic violations by $20, decreases the amount the city/county may retain from 5% to 4%. Creates an additional tiered fine for DWI offenses and driving without insurance, with 50% allocated to trauma fund, 50% to state GR, allows county to retain 4%.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1459 Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D) Relating to the appointment of early voting boards, including the signature verification committee.

Remarks: WLJ - Adds to the early voting board to include an alternate presiding judge who also serves on the signature verification committee. Also on the signature committee serves a vice chair appointed from the political party whose governor nominee took second in the most recent gubernatorial election.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1460 Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D) Relating to an election officer providing and receiving an application for annual mail ballots at a polling place.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows an election officer to provide and receive a mail in ballot at the polling place, as long as the voter was eligible to receive a mail in ballot.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1461 Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D) Relating to days and hours for voting during the early voting period.

Companions: HB 2835 Blanco, Cesar(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - in a county with a population of 100,000 or more, early voting by personal appearance in a primary election or the general election for state and county officers shall be conducted at the main early voting polling place for at least 12 hours on each weekday of the early voting period. This bill would apply it to counties of 50k or more.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1462 Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D) Relating to the deadline for returning a ballot voted by mail.

Remarks: WLJ - Extends the deadline for returning a mail in ballot by 5 days. Repeals the deadline for returning a marked ballot.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1463 Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D) Relating to the conduct of primary elections.

Remarks: WLJ - For a county to participate in countywide polling place program, repeals the requirement that the county chair of each party agrees. Mandates joint primaries. Repeals the requirement for early voting election voting officers similar to a joint election.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1464 Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D) Relating to voter registration.

Remarks: WLJ - Stipulates as confidential on elections forms; email address and telephone numbers. Requires an early voting ballot include a voter application form and provide form to register.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HB 1465 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to a study on expanding recovery housing in this state.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires HHSC to conduct a study on recovery housing in the state and provide a report on policy changes and implementation of best practices by 12/1/2020 to the legislature.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

HJR 60 Bailes, Ernest(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the transfer of a limitation established by a county, city or town, or junior college district.

Remarks: MGV - constitutional amendment authorizing an individual who receives a property tax freeze on county, municipal, or junior college district tax increases subsequently qualifies a different homestead for a residence homestead exemption in a different county, municipality, or junior college district that has established a property tax freeze, that the property tax freeze continues on the subsequently qualified property.

Last Action: 1-31-19 H Filed

HJR 62 Murr, Andrew(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to an accused person if necessary to ensure the person's appearance in court and the safety of the community and the victim of the alleged offense.

Companions: SJR 37 Whitmire, John(D) (Identical)
2- 4-19 S Filed

Remarks: JBD - This is the HJR for the pretrial reform bills filed by Murr and Whitmire. Permits denial of bail for any offense if a judge or magistrate determines that any bail would be insufficient to protect community and secure defendant's appearance in court.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 H Filed

HJR 65 Patterson, Jared (F)(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the assessment of ad valorem taxes on real property on the basis of the lesser of the appraised value.

Remarks: aph - constitutional amendment authorizing HB 1444 allowing past exemptions to roll forward for up to five years for the purposes of determining value.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 H Filed

SB 2 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to ad valorem taxation.

Companions: HB 2 Burrows, Dustin(R) (Identical)
1-31-19 H Filed

Remarks: MGV - CS - Repeals a court's ability to give preference to an appraisal district employee's testimony as to property value. Re: protest determination, precludes ARB from determining appraised value of property to be greater than appraised value as shown in appraisal records. Extends dates for business personal property deadlines for notices of appraised value to uniform deadline date of April 15 with option of additional 30 day to file.

PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION Rollback Tax Rate • Reduces rollback tax rate to 2.5% for all larger taxing entities with automatic election to increase. A small taxing unit is considered a taxing unit — other than a school— that collects less than 15 million dollars of property taxes and sales and use taxes collected in the current tax year. Renames Tax Rate Terms • Renames “effective” rate to “no-new-revenue” rate Tax Roll • Rewinds Assessor -collector timeline to

submit tax roll to the governing body from August 1 to July 15. Declared Disasters • Permissive that in a declared disaster area the taxing unit may use the small taxing unit tax provisions until the taxable value returns to the level prior to the year when the disaster was declared or five years has elapsed. Taxing Unit Responsibilities • Taxing unit must adopt a tax rate before the later of September 30 or the 60th day after receiving the certified appraisal roll — UNLESS the rate will exceed the rollback rate in which case the rate MUST be set by August 15.

• Taxing unit may not adopt have a public hearing until the 14th day after the rollback rate and no-new-revenue rate has been calculated and placed on the real time tax database and other provisions related to the real- time tax database have been met.

• Mandates that all counties maintain an internet website and requires certain tax hearing notices and tax information be posted.

APPRAISAL REFORMS Appraisal Review Board (ARB) Training • Requires eight hour minimum training for ARB members and a four hour minimum training course for continuing education ARB Survey • Charges TxCPA with administering an ARB survey for property owners who file to correct the appraisal roll or to protest Appraisal District Office of Tax Notices and Public Database • Establishes an office of tax notices in each CAD, responsible for delivering notices and creating a public database • Requires each CAD to maintain a real-time tax database (Travis County CAD style database) and to send a notice to each property owner that they can find their estimated taxes on that website. • New section 26.17 Tax Code specifies laundry list of information that must be on the CADs real-time tax database.

Appraisal Review Board (ARB) Size • For counties with 1m+ population, al lows CAD Board to increase size of ARB. Charges the local administrative district judge with selecting an adequate number of qualified individuals Special Appraisal Review Board Panels in Districts Located in a County of 1m or More • Requires specialized ARB panels to conduct protest hearings for property that has an appraised value of $50m+ and falls into the following classifications: commercial, industrial, utilities, and apartments • Permits a property owner to request a protest to be heard by a special panel Notices of Appraised Value • Requires CAD to send notices of appraised value for all properties to be sent by April 15 or as soon as practicable. Training of Arbitrators • Mandates training of

arbitrators with curricula approved by the Comptroller

STATE ADMINISTRATION Property Tax Administration Advisory Board • Creates an advisory board, housed in the Comptroller's office, to counsel on the property tax system. Effective Tax Rate Worksheets • Effective tax rate worksheets to be prescribed by the Comptroller • Revisions must be approved by committee of taxpayers and taxing units (each equally represented)

Last Action: 2-11-19 S Meeting set for 3:30 P.M. or Adj., 2E.20, Senate Property Tax

SB 10 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to the creation of the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium.

Companions: HB 1448 Zerwas, John(R) (Identical)
2- 6-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - establishes the Texas Mental Health Care Consortium to foster collaboration among health-related institutions with the goal of improving early identification and access to mental health services, addressing psychiatry workforce issues, promoting and coordinating mental health research, and strengthening judicial training on juvenile mental health. The consortium will coordinate programs located in health-related institutions across the state such as the Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN) to assist pediatricians in meeting the behavioral health needs of children and youth and the Texas Child Access Through Telemedicine (TCHATT) program to connect at-risk students with behavioral health assessments and intervention through telemedicine. SB 1 has a 100m rider to fund this.

Last Action: 2- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 14 Nichols, Robert(R) Relating to use of an electric cooperative's easements or property for broadband service.

Companions: HB 1446 Kuempel, John(R) (Identical)
2- 6-19 H Filed

Remarks: Would allow electric cooperatives to construct, operate and maintain broadband cables. Would not directly affect P3 members since it applies only to areas in electric cooperative service territories i.e. areas that are not in the deregulated area of ERCOT that P3 serves. However, some P3 members (e.g. Nueces, San

Patricio, Wise, Bell, Kaufman) do contain cooperatives. I am not aware of any county jurisdictions that have taken a position opposing this bill.

Last Action: 2- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 542 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the allocation of housing tax credits to developments within proximate geographical areas.

Remarks: WLJ - Amends the housing de-concentration factor to allow housing tax credits to allow an application that obtains prior approval from the governing body by the city or the county if located in the ETJ.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 543 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to prohibiting the allocation of low income housing tax credits to certain applicants.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits the awarding of housing tax credits to a development unless the applicant agrees to waive the right to sell any existing developments through the use of a qualified contract during the extended use period.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 545 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the evaluation of applicatioins for certain financial assistance administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Remarks: WLJ - When evaluating an application for housing credits ads in a neighborhood organization must be in good standing with the SOS or the city or county in which the development will be located.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 546 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the governance of public housing authorities.

Remarks: MGV - Permits a county to appoint at least one commissioner to a county housing authority or a regional housing authority who is a recipient of housing assistance administered through the authority's housing choice voucher program or project-based rental assistance.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 547 Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to the period for which certain property acquired by a charitable organization to provide low-income housing may be exempted from ad valorem taxation.

Companions: HB 1513 Isaac, Jason(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: MGV - Increases the maximum time a property tax exemption may apply to a charity that acquires a property for providing low-income housing from five years to 10. The charity must own the property for sole purpose of building housing on the property w/ volunteer labor to sell w/o profit to low-income individual. Exemption applies only while the charity owns the property.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 548 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to complaints filed with and certain other filings submitted to the Texas Ethics Commission.

Remarks: JBD - Allows certain amended reports to be filed to avoid late-filing penalties. Provides a defense to prosecutor or civil penalties if an opinion concerning the facts was requested by the Ethics Commission and the Commission did not timely issue an opinion. This applies to county officer financial disclosures.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 549 West, Royce(D) Relating to the operation of motor-assisted scooters.

Remarks: WLJ - Sets up regulations for the use of electric scooters, includes a 15mph statewide speed limit, outlaws blocking sidewalks, allows counties/cities to set more stringent regulations, legalizes electric scooters statewide.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 550 West, Royce(D) Relating to the eligibility of certain criminal defendants for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information.

Remarks: JBD - Adds new qualification for order of nondisclosure of a conviction that was set aside after successful completion of probation.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 551 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to inaccurate or incomplete permit applications for solid waste facilities.

Companions:

HB 2479	Bell, Cecil(R)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 551	Kolkhorst, Lois(R)	(Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: MGV - requires TCEQ to deny a permit application for a solid waste facility that TCEQ finds to be incomplete or inaccurate, if a previous version was returned as incomplete or inaccurate; prohibits TCEQ from approving a subsequent application for a solid waste facility at the site that was the subject of the denied permit application.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 552 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to notice of a property owner's rights relating to the examination or survey of property by an entity with eminent domain authority.

Companions:

SB 627	Schwertner, Charles(R)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
HB 1245	Ashby, Trent(R) 1-31-19 H Filed	(Identical)

Remarks: MGV - Adds additional language to the statement provided to a property owner when surveying a property for potential eminent domain authority purposes, including the entity has the right to sue to enter the property, the owner has the right to seek to negotiate the terms of the survey and the entity is responsible for any actual damages while surveying. Any written survey permission form provided to a landowner must contain those rights.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 553 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the acquisition of certain real property in conjunction with the acquisition of real property for a public us through eminent domain.

Companions:

HB 1246	Ashby, Trent(R) 1-31-19 H Filed	(Identical)

Remarks: JBD - If a condemnor seeks to obtain additional property through negotiation only (and without exercising eminent domain), the condemnor must separately identify the property to be acquired through ED if necessary and the property that will not be acquired through ED, and make separate offers for those properties.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 554 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to establishing actual progress for the purposes of determining the right of repurchase real property from a condemning entity.

Companions: HB 1253 Leman, Ben(R) (Identical)
1-31-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - Property acquired by eminent domain is subject to repurchase if the government cannot show "actual progress" on the public use of the land within 10 years of acquisition. The bill would make showings of "actual progress" more difficult. Instead of showing compliance with at least 2 of 7 factors, government would have to show compliance with at least 3 of 5 factors. The 2 repealed factors are arguably the easiest to meet.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 555 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to liability for the additional tax imposed on land appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as agricultural land if the use of the land changes as a result of a condemnation.

Companions: SB 1979 Schwertner, Charles(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
HB 1247 Ashby, Trent(R) (Identical)
1-31-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - If ag property changes to non-ag use as a result of condemnation, back taxes are owed by condemnor and not the property owner.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 556 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to Medicaid reimbursement for dental services provided to adults with disabilities.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires HHSC include preventative dental for disabled adults under Medicaid.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 558 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the creation of a central database containing information about defendants required to have an ignition interlock device installed on a motor vehicle.

Companions: HB 364 Tinderholt, Tony(R) (Identical)
11-15-18 H Filed

Remarks: MGV - Creates a central database containing information about defendants required to have an ignition interlock device. Requires magistrate or court to submit the name of the defendant and expiration date of restriction to DPS for inclusion in database maintained by DPS.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 561 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to jurisdiction of, and qualifications of judges and justices of the peace for, certain courts.

Remarks: JBD - Increases civil jurisdictional amount of JP courts from $10k to $20k. Minimum amount at issue for statutory county court jurisdiction is raised from $500 to $10k. Increases minimum age for statutory county court judges from 25 to 30.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 562 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the delivery of certain mental health information regarding a defendant transferred from a county to the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires mental health records and evaluation follow an inmate upon transfer to TDCJ. Makes optional for a court to commit a person found incompetent based on a finding of manifestly dangerous including using telepsychiatry to evaluate. Allows a commitment to a mental health facility or residential facility.

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 563 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the reporting of information about the use of federal money for flood research, planning, and mitigation projects.

Remarks: MGV - Requires a state agency that uses or disburses federal money to report information about use of federal money for flood research, planning, and mitigation projects on a quarterly basis to the Water Development Board

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SB 572 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to foods produced by a cottage food production operation and a cottage food industry study.

Remarks: VRS - Adds pickled vegetables, fermented foods, and canned goods that are acidified or low acid to the list of cottage food items (produced in the home for sale at a farmer's market, county fair, etc). If a cottage food production makes

fermented food or acidified/low acid canned food, then it must submit its recipe to the Health and Safety Department. Creates a study of Texas's cottage food production industry and asks for a comparison of our regulations/competitiveness to other states.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 S Filed

SB 573 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the definition of "affected person" for purposes of a contested case hearing held by or for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding certain environmental permit applications.

Companions: HB 654 Dutton, Harold(D) (Identical)
1- 7-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - In air, waste or water programs adds as affected people the state legislators for the affected area in deciding case hearings.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 S Filed

SB 577 Hall, Bob(R) Relating to the repeal of the driver responsibility program and the amount and allocation of state traffic fine funds.

Remarks: WLJ - Repeals Drivers Responsibility Program. Increases state traffic fines to be deposited 50/50 to GR/Trauma until 2022 when 100% goes to trauma. Voids any collections on the DRP fees regardless of date imposed on the effective date of the legislation.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 S Filed

SB 579 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain property owned by the TexAmericas Center.

Remarks: aph - adds property owned by a nonprofit corporation performing functions of a public purpose are exempt from ad valorem taxes.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 S Filed

SB 581 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the exemption of certain commercial weighing or measuring devices from registration and inspection requirements.

Remarks: aph - clarifies that scales used to weigh food for immediate consumption are not required to be certified by the Commissioner of Ag - read BBQ scales are not covered.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 S Filed

SB 583 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the appointment of a local public defender's office to represent indigent defendants in criminal cases.

Remarks: JBD - Would require courts to give priority to appointing public defender rather than private attorneys.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 S Filed

SB 584 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of sexual assault.

Remarks: JBD - Expands manner of committing sex assault to include when victim is incapable of consenting because intoxicated and caregiver that exploits victim's dependency.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 S Filed

SB 586 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the training of peace officers for family violence and sexual assault assignments.

Remarks: JBD - TCLEOSE to establish new certification and training requirements for family violence and sex assault investigation.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 S Filed

SB 587 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the collection and reporting of information relating to the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault offenses.

Remarks: JBD - DPS to collect data on sex assault offenses. Any agency in possession of information is required to report as dictated by DPS. DPS to provide annual report to legislature, including list of entities that fail to report or report incomplete information.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 S Filed

SB 588 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the collection, storage, and analysis of sexual assault evidence and evidence of other sex offenses.

Remarks: JBD - Applies handling requirements applicable to evidence of sex assault to other sex offenses. New provisions requiring release of evidence to law enforcement by health care facilities.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 S Filed

Watson, Kirk(D)

☐ SB 589 Relating to the prohibition of certain required nondisclosure and arbitration agreements.

Remarks: JBD - Prohibits mandatory arbitration and non-disclosure requirements in employment agreements with regard to allegations of sex assault or sex harassment.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 S Filed

T ☐ SB 593 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to access to a county jail prisoner's health benefits coverage information for mental health service providers.

Remarks: WLJ- Jail Commission will adopt procedures for a LMHA to collect from inmates getting MH services; health insurance information, any information to get an inmate coverage and charge the policy for the services.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 S Filed

T ☐ SB 594 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the creation of a business advisory council on disaster recovery and mitigation.

Remarks: MGV - Creates a business advisory council on disaster recovery and mitigation to provide the General Land Office Commissioner advice on disaster recovery

Last Action: 2- 1-19 S Filed

T ☐ SB 595 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to an annual audit by the state auditor regarding certain community development block grant disaster recovery program money.

Remarks: MGV - Requires state auditor to conduct annual audit regarding the distribution, expenditure of community development block grant disaster recovery program money.

Last Action: 2- 1-19 S Filed

T ☐ SB 596 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to protests before appraisal review boards.

Remarks: aph - prevents an appraisal board from charging a fee to a property owner to protest valuations and prohibits a district from using comparable property values as evidence in a challenge is the comp property is the subject of a protest as well.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 S Filed

T ☐ SB 597 Buckingham, Dawn(R)

Relating to a prohibition on the imposition by an appraisal district or the appraisal review board for an appraisal district of a fee in connection with a protest filed with the board.

Remarks: aph - same language as SB 596 but just limited to the prohibition of an appraisal district charging a fee to a property tax owner for a valuation protest

Last Action: 2- 4-19 S Filed

SB 598 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to the authority of an appraisal review board to determine the appraised value of property that is the subject of a protest to be an amount greater than the appraised value as shown in the appraisal records.

Remarks: aph - same language in SB 596 on prohibitions against the chief appraiser from using the assessed value if that value is under protest.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 S Filed

SB 599 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to the use of information concerning the value of certain comparable properties in determining the value of property in an ad valorem tax protest.

Remarks: aph - same language as SB 596 just focused on the ability of the chief appraiser to use the value of properties under protest as comp values to challenge the value of others.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 S Filed

SB 600 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to voter approval of a proposed ad valorem tax rate that exceeds the rollback tax rate, including the date for holding the election to approve the tax rate.

Remarks: aph - adjusts dates for appraisal notices and challenges along similar timeframes as contained in SB 2 and changes the notice of appraisal rolls from 'an estimate of' taxes due to an 'anticipated amount' of taxes due.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 S Filed

SB 628 Whitmire, John(D) Relating to bail proceedings and related duties of a magistrate in a criminal case.

Companions: HB 1323 Murr, Andrew(R) (Identical)
2- 4-19 H Filed

Remarks:

JBD - Pretrial reform bill. Permits denial of bail in any case if judge or magistrate determines that bail and conditional release are insufficient to protect community and secure defendant's appearance in court. Prohibits bond schedules. JPs required to have training regarding appropriately setting bail.

Mandates use of pretrial risk assessment to be completed by personal bond office or other trained person. Sheriff cannot be forced to complete the assessment. OCA to make an automated risk assessment tool available at no cost.

A defendant denied bail must be given review hearing not later than 10 days after the denial.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 S Filed

SB 633 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to an initiative to increase the capacity of local mental health authorities to provide access to mental health services in certain counties.

Remarks: WLJ - In counties of 250k or less HHSC will determine regional groups of 2 or more LMHA's and develop a plan to reduce the cost to local governments, transportation of persons to mh facilities, and reduce incarceration of persons with mh, reduce emergency room visits by persons with mh. HHSC will produce each development plan and post online by 12/2020. Allows HHSC and the LMHA's in the regional plan to develop a group if it identifies funding for implementation.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 S Filed

SB 635 Flores, Pete(R) Relating to the procedures for protests and appeals of certain ad valorem tax determinations.

Remarks: aph - allows a challenge to an appraisal review board finding to be taken to a JP court in counties of less than 120K if the amount is question is less than $5,000.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 S Filed

SB 637 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.

Companions:

HB 1408	Cortez, Philip(D)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 53	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	

(Refiled from 85R Session)

HB 342	Cortez, Philip(D) 11-13-18 H Filed	(Identical)
HB 829	Rose, Toni(D) 1-16-19 H Filed	(Identical)

Remarks: WLJ - Provides 12 month continuous eligibility in Children's Medicaid.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 S Filed

SB 640 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to notice requirements for leased residential property, manufactured home lots, or commercial property located in a flood zone.

Companions: HB 970 Walle, Amando(D) 1-22-19 H Filed (Identical)

Remarks: aph - requires property owners to notify lessees of the fact their lease if located in a FEMA flood zone and notice the lessee may need flood insurance to cover property or belongings.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 S Filed

SB 641 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to dangerous wild animals.

Companions: HB 1268 Lucio III, Eddie(D) 1-31-19 H Filed (Identical)

Remarks: JBD - Replaces current statutes regarding regulation of wild animals and dangerous dogs. Dangerous wild animals permitted under some circumstances, including registration with Health & Human Services Commission. No more registration with counties or cities. For all counties, sheriff (and not county animal control officer) to receive lists of permitted wild animals held by a person in the county.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 S Filed

SB 643 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to a pilot program for assisting certain recipients of public benefits to gain permanent self-sufficiency.

Companions: HB 1483 Frank, James(R) 2- 7-19 H Filed (Identical)

Remarks: WLJ - Requires HHSC to create a pilot program to assist up to 500 families to acquire self-sufficiency. Would continue SNAP and TANF for

up to 0 months regardless of eligibility requirements slowly reducing the benefits.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 S Filed

SB 648 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to clarifying the law regarding local government prohibitions or restrictions on the sale or use of a container or package.

Companions: HB 514 Hinojosa, Gina(D) (Identical)
12-12-18 H Filed

Remarks: aph - Allows local governments to prohibit the use of single-use plastic bags by expressly exempting them from the state's solid waste disposal law.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 S Filed

SB 651 West, Royce(D) Relating to the charging instrument in the prosecution of the offense of resisting arrest.

Companions: HB 1219 Dutton, Harold(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
HB 521 Dutton, Harold(D) (Identical)
12-13-18 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the complaint indicate the underlying offense for which a person was arrested if they are also charged with resisting arrest.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 S Filed

SB 652 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to procedures and requirements for the issuance of certificates of obligation.

Remarks: JBD - Currently local governments may not issue COs for same purpose as proposed bond issuance rejected by voters for period of at least 3 years. Bill extends moratorium to 10 years. Adds new requirement to post intent to issue COs continuously on government's website for at least 30 days before approval of the issuance (and website is mandatory)

Last Action: 2- 5-19 S Filed

SB 655 Flores, Pete(R) Relating to a restriction on permits authorizing direct discharges of waste or pollutants into water in certain areas of the Edwards Aquifer.

Companions: HB 817 King, Tracy(D) (Identical)
1-15-19 H Filed

Remarks:

aph - prohibits TCEQ from issuing a water discharge permit or an increase to an existing permit within the boundaries of the Nueces River found within the EAA recharge zone. Prohibition does not impact storm water discharges.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 S Filed

SB 657 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

Companions: SB 376 Creighton, Brandon(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - would reduce the property tax appraisal cap on residence homesteads from ten to five percent.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 S Filed

SB 658 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to making permanent the former temporary increases in records archive fees and records management and preservation fees charged by district and county clerks.

Companions: HB 686 Clardy, Travis(R) (Identical)
1- 8-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Currently the increased amount for records archive , management and preservation fees expire this year. This bill would make permanent that increased amount.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 S Filed

SB 659 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to the disposition of real property intended for high-speed rail projects.

Companions: HB 1367 Harris, Cody (F)(R) (Identical)
2- 5-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for HB 1367; allows property acquired by eminent domain for high speed rail projects to revert back to the original owner for the same price paid for the land acquired for up to 10 years after the land is no longer used as an active project. Previous owners get first right of refusal for that repurchase.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 S Filed

SB 660 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the calculation for purposes of recapture under the public school finance system of the taxable value of property of a school district affected by a disaster.

Remarks: aph - allows a school district or TEA Commissioner to adjust a district's wealth per student values for recapture purposes if that district is included in a federal disaster area.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 S Filed

SB 663 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to the punishment for the offense of driving while license invalid.

Companions: HB 372 Allen, Alma(D) (Identical)
11-15-18 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Repeals the elevation of driving without a license to a Class B misdemeanor for a previous offense. So all offenses of driving without license will be Class C.

Last Action: 2- 5-19 S Filed

SB 665 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the authority of coastal counties to adopt certain rules for island parks, beach parks, and public beaches; creating a criminal offense.

Remarks: WLJ - Permits Coastal County Commissioners Court with a beach wholly or partly operated by the county as a park to adopt rules on camping, access, litter and waste disposal on parks and beaches Creates a Class C Misdemeanor for violating an ordinance.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 S Filed

SB 667 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to guardianships, management trusts, and certain other procedures and proceedings for persons who are incapacitated.

Remarks: MGV - Regarding rights of wards, deletes attorney ad litem from eligible entities able to investigate complaints received by the court from the ward or any person about the guardianship. For guardianship proceeding costs, allows for payment out of the county treasury if a guardianship of the estate has been created for the ward and court determines it's not in ward's best interest to pay. Requires notice for an application for creation of management trust

Last Action: 2- 6-19 S Filed

SB 670 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to Medicaid telemedicine and telehealth services.

Companions: HB 870 Price, Four(R) (Identical)
1-16-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Provides that services provided via telemedicine are covered for reimbursement through Medicaid. Repeals a provision that requires a health professional is present with the patient during treatment.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 S Filed

SB 672 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to the repeal of certain provisions governing state and local enforcement of immigration laws and other provisions related to immigration law.

Remarks: MGV - Repeals, during an investigation, a peace officer's ability to ask a victim or witness about nationality or immigration status

Last Action: 2- 6-19 S Filed

SB 679 Hall, Bob(R) Relating to display of the national motto in government buildings.

Remarks: VRS - Requires political subdivisions, including public schools, to display the National Motto "In God We Trust" as a poster or framed piece if the poster was donated to the subdivision or bought with private donations and given to the building. The poster must contain a representation of the US flag and the TX flag under the National Motto. Repeals the permissive clause for displaying the National Motto in public schools.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 S Filed

SB 680 Fallon, Pat (F)(R) Relating to the maximum service retirement annuity for members of public retirement systems.

Companions: HB 632 Fallon, Pat(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ-Prohibits a public retirement system annuity accrued by a member who becomes a member after 9/1/17, from exceeding the gross salary of a US army member active duty salary for a pay grade of O-10 or the annual rate for a level II of the Executive Schedule.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 S Filed

SB 684 Flores, Pete(R) Relating to the authority of a code enforcement officer to possess or carry an instrument used for deterring an animal bite.

Remarks: VRS - Allows a code enforcement officer to carry a club for the purpose of deterring an animal bite

during an inspection. The officer must have received training to use the club for this purpose only.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 S Filed

SB 685 Alvarado, Carol (F)(D) Relating to providing a sales and use tax refund or franchise tax credit for businesses that employ certain apprentices.

Companions: HB 966 Dutton, Harold(D) (Identical)
1-22-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - provides a credit for businesses using an apprentice program against sales & use or franchise taxes assessed of up to $2,500.

Last Action: 2- 6-19 S Filed

SJR 35 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of time a person must have been a practicing lawyer or judge to be eligible to serve as a supreme court justice.

Remarks: JBD - Increases length of time as lawyer or judge to qualify to be elected to Supreme Court (10 to 12 years) and district court (4 to 8 years).

Last Action: 1-31-19 S Filed

SJR 36 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit an appraisal district or the appraisal review board for an appraisal district from requiring a property owner.

Remarks: aph - the constitutional amendment to implement provisions of SB 596.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 S Filed

SJR 37 Whitmire, John(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to an accused person if necessary to ensure the person's appearance in court and the safety of the community and the victim of the alleged offense.

Companions: HJR 62 Murr, Andrew(R) (Identical)
2- 4-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - This is the HJR for the pretrial reform bills filed by Murr and Whitmire. Permits denial of bail for any offense if a judge or magistrate determines that any bail would be insufficient to protect community and secure defendant's appearance in court.

Last Action: 2- 4-19 S Filed

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