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HB 8 Neave, Victoria(D) Relating to the statute of limitations for certain sexual offenses and the collection, analysis, and preservation of evidence of sexual assault and other sex offenses.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires an audit of untested rape kits to determine the number, status and where the kit is in Texas. Creates timelines from when the kit is submitted, tested and sent for analysis.

Stalls the statute of limitation for sexual assault and aggravated sexual assault until the rape kit is tested. Prohibits law enforcement agencies from destroying rape kits related to an uncharged or unsolved case until the statute of limitation expires, or 50 years.

Increases the time the Texas Department of Public Safety maintains rape kits classified as “non-reports” from two years to five years.

Last Action: 3- 6-19 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.016, House Homeland Security and Public Safety

HB 15 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to the prosecution of, penalties for, and other consequences of prostitution, trafficking of persons, and related criminal offenses, the admissibility of evidence.

Remarks: JBD - Mandates participation in prostitution prevention programs for certain defendants if the county has a program. If the county does have a program, must provide participants with notice of new right to obtain an order of nondisclosure.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

HB 1046 Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to the allocation to the state highway fund of certain motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue and to the use of that revenue.

Remarks: VRS - Increases the amount credited to the State Highway fund from the sale, use or rental of motor vehicles that exceeds the first $5 billion coming into the Treasury per FY from 35% to 75%.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

HB 1535 Flynn, Dan(R) Relating to the continuation and functions of the State Securities Board.

Companions: SB 622 Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: JBD - State Securities Board sunset bill. No significant changes impacting counties.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 1540 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Funeral Service Commission.

Companions: SB 620 Hall, Bob(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: WLJ - Funeral Commission Sunset

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 1550 Paddie, Chris(R) Relating to certain governmental entities subject to the sunset review process.

Remarks: WLJ - Extends the Sunset date to: TABC; Finance Commission ; banking: office of savings and mortgage; DPS; Texas Veterans Commission; Library Commission; Historical Commission; Risk Management Board; School Land Board; Veterans Land Board; Texas Medical Board: State Board of Examiners Psychologists; Marriage and Family Therapists; Social Worker Examiners; Funeral Commission; board of Public Accountancy: Professional Geoscientists: Land surveying; real estate commission; appraiser licensing; board of plumbing; and state securities board.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 1680 Paddie, Chris(R) Relating to the sunset review process and certain governmental entities subject to that process.

Companions: SB 619 Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

Remarks: WLJ - Reduces the next Sunset review for several state agencies to 2021.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2143 Turner, John (F)(D) Relating to the eligibility of a first responder for workers' compensation benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder.

Remarks: JBD - Will permit PTSD for work comp claim of first responder to be based on exposure to multiple events (in addition to single event currently).

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2144 Turner, John (F)(D) Relating to peace officer instruction on veterans affected by trauma.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires as part of minimum requirements for police officers to get training on dealing with veterans with PTSD.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2146 Kacal, Kyle(R) Relating to the carrying or possession of a handgun by and the issuance of handgun licenses to certain governmental officials.

Companions: SB 403 Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical)
2-14-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: JBD - Expands defense to illegal carry by license holder to municipal attorneys.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2153 Burrows, Dustin(R) Relating to a single local use tax rate as an alternative to combined local use tax rates for computing the amount of local use taxes remote sellers are required to collect and to the allocation of tax revenue collected at tha

Companions: SB 70 Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)
2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

Remarks: aph - Establishes a system of setting up a single sales tax rate for goods sold on the internet. This is a response to USSC case South Dakota v Wayfair. Would combine all local sales taxes into one rate for certain sellers to remit the combined rate for internet sales.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2154 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to the allocation of certain constitutional transfers of money to the economic stabilization fund, the state highway fund, and the generate recurring oil wealth for Texas (GROW Texas).

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a new fund for infrastructure affected by oil and gas production. Funded by taking 1/3 of money intended for ESF and state highway fund.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2155 Guerra, Bobby(D) Relating to a grant program to reduce wait times for agricultural inspections of vehicles at ports of entry along the Texas-Mexico border.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a grant program to reduce wait times for agriculture inspections at ports of entry on the border to a nonprofit organization.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2158 White, James(R) Relating to certain programs and services for inmates and state jail felony defendants, including the creation of a work release program and the availability of peer support services.

Remarks: JBD - Requires TDCJ to establish work release for inmates within 2 years of release date and for state jail felons. Also requires TDCJ to adopt policy for increased peer support programs.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2159 Meyer, Morgan(R) Relating to the correction of an ad valorem tax appraisal roll.

Remarks: WLJ - on the motion of a property owner or the chief appraiser prior to the time that taxes become delinquent, the ARB may correct an error regarding the unequal appraisal or excessive market value of a property. If the ARB changes the value, the property owner must pay a 10% penalty on the corrected tax amount for filing late for the change.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2160 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to the qualification of land for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land.

Remarks: WLJ - adds that open-space land appraisal applies to acquired land that is currently devoted principally to agricultural use to the degree of intensity in the area, was acquired by a person who owns land that is appraised as open-space land adjacent to the acquired land.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2162 Cole, Sheryl (F)(D) Relating to a study on the suitability of unused and underused public facilities for joint use by state and local governmental entities.

Remarks: MGV - Requires the Comptroller to conduct a study to asses the availability, suitability of existing unused, underused public facilities for joint use by two govt entities.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2164 Burns, DeWayne(R) Relating to imposing civil and criminal penalties for prohibiting or otherwise restricting a peace officer or special investigator from carrying a weapon on certain premises open to the public.

Remarks: JBD - Creates Class C misdemeanor and civil penalty if a public establishment refuses to permit peace officer to carry weapon.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2168 Allen, Alma(D) Relating to a trauma history assessment for certain defendants and inmates.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires TDCJ to assess inmates trauma history in prison, a substance abuse treatment, court treatment, and facility for an offender with a mental impairment. Requires defendant receives the required treatment.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2169 Allen, Alma(D) Relating to reporting concerning female prisoners who are confined in county jails and to the provision of feminine hygiene products to female prisoners.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires minimum standards for jails on the quantity of feminine hygiene products provided to a female prisoner.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2171 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to activities that constitute the criminal offense of maintaining or assisting in maintaining a common nuisance.

Remarks: JBD - Expands definition of common nuisance to include a premise licensed to sell alcohol where solicitation for immoral or sexual purposes is permitted.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2175 Leman, Ben(R) Relating to the threshold contract amount at which a county is required to engage in a competitive purchasing procedure for certain purchases.

Remarks: JBD - Increases from $25,000 to $50,000 the amount of county road department materials that can be purchased without competitive bid.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2179 Wray, John(R) Relating to the grounds for imposing certain sanctions on certain persons for engaging in certain conduct in connection with the appointment of members of or the functions of appraisal review boards.

Remarks: WLJ - provides that the appraisal district board of directors may remove an ARB member for evidence of repeated bias or misconduct. The bill removes the language of “clear and convincing” evidence. For larger appraisal districts in which the administrative law judge appoints the ARB members, the bill provides that a property owner, tax consultant or tax agent may communicate with the local administrative law judge.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2180 Wray, John(R) Relating to the eligibility of a person to serve on the board of directors of an appraisal district.

Remarks: WLJ - provides that a person is ineligible to serve as an appraisal district director if the individual is or has ever been employed by that appraisal district.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2181 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to recording of oral depositions.

Remarks: JBD - Permits any party to record an oral deposition (and not use certified shorthand reporter).

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2182 Toth, Steve(R) Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of real property that includes improvements used for the noncommercial production of food for personal consumption.

Companions: HB 2121 Bailes, Ernest(R) (Identical)
2-20-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - exempts improvements used for growing food for personal consumption from real property definition for the purposes of calculating property tax.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2186 Rodriguez, Eddie(D) Relating to the allocation of housing tax credits to developments within proximate geographical areas.

Companions: SB 542 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
2-21-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

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: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2187 Rodriguez, Eddie(D) Relating to the repeal of the prohibition against certain municipal or county regulation of the rental or leasing of housing accommodations.

Companions: HB 1257 Rosenthal, Jon (F)(D) (Identical)
2-27-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Urban Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - Repeals the prohibition on local governments adopting and enforcing ordinances that prohibit housing discrimination based on a tenant's use of a housing choice voucher.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2189 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the disclosure of certain contracting information under the public information law.

Companions: SB 943 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: JBD - Seeks to undo the Boeing v. Paxton decision that permits vendors to claim confidentiality in pricing and other business information. Limits the ability of vendors to protect information related to bids, offers and contracts.

Will make private entities that receive more than $1 million from public sources subject to the Public Information Act with regard to contracts with governmental entities. Requires contract provisions setti ng out obligations of the private entity to keep and provide records.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2191 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the public information law.

Companions: SB 944 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: JBD - Requires all officials and employees to forward public information on private devices to the PIA officer for the governmental body. Requires governmental bodies to make reasonable efforts to obtain such information if there is a request covering the information. Governments can designate specific mailing and email addresses for PIA requests.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2192 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the assessment of litigation costs and attorney's fees in certain actions under the public information law.

Companions: SB 988 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: JBD - Current ability of court to award costs and attorney fees in PIA lawsuit is conditioned on court finding the action or defense was groundless.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2198 Clardy, Travis(R) Relating to the use of a perpetual trust fund for a cemetery by certain municipalities.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a perpetual trust fund for a cemetery in a county with a population of 40k-80k.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2200 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to the punishment of certain controlled substance offenses committed in a drug-free zone.

Remarks: JBD - Reduces the area size of drug-free zones around schools and prohibits enhanced punishment is defendant was just driving through the zone.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2211 Wray, John(R) Relating to certain counties that are required to operate a juvenile justice alternative education program.

Remarks: JBD - Requires Ellis County to have JJAEP.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2215 King, Tracy(D) Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding the

approval of conservation and reclamation district petitions.

Remarks: WLJ - Repeals the requirement of a hearing for TCEQ to dissolve or approve a conservation and reclamation district.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2216 Biedermann, Kyle(R) Relating to display of the national motto in government buildings.

Companions: SB 679 Hall, Bob(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2219 Israel, Celia(D) Relating to the operation of public transit vehicles equipped with connected braking systems.

Companions: SB 1135 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
2-26-19 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - define a “public transit vehicle” as a bus or other vehicle used to provide transit services to the public by a political subdivision or a private entity operating under a contract with a political subdivision; provide that a public transit vehicle equipped with a connected braking system that is following another public transit vehicle equipped with that system may be assisted by the system to maintain any desired distance between the vehicles; provide that an operator of a public transit vehicle that is following one or more other public transit vehicle may not be assisted by the system to maintain an assured clear distance of safe space if the public transit vehicles are equipped with a connected braking system and the speed of each public transit vehicle is coordinated through the connected braking system; and provide that an operator of a public transit vehicle that is following one or more other public transit vehicle does not have to leave sufficient space between the operator and the vehicle preceding the operator so that another vehicle can safely enter and occupy the space in a business, residential, or non-business or residential area if the public transit vehicles are equipped with a connected braking system and the speed of each public transit vehicle is coordinated through the connected braking system.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2220 Wray, John(R) Relating to testimony by an appraisal district employee as to the value of real property in certain ad valorem tax appeals.

Companions: SB 449 Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)

2-26-19 S Committee action pending Senate Property Tax

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

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2223 Frullo, John(R) Relating to the exemption of certain commercial weighing or measuring devices from registration and inspection requirements.

Companions: SB 581 Perry, Charles(R) (Identical) 2-21-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Agriculture

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: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2229 Johnson, Jarvis(D) Relating to a report of information concerning juvenile offenders committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department who have been in foster care.

Remarks: JBD - Expands contents of report TJJD must prepare annually regarding juveniles who were in foster care.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2230 Johnson, Jarvis(D) Relating to the functions of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

Companions: HB 314 Johnson, Jarvis(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: JBD - TJJD must hold JJAEPs accountable for student academic success. Adds number of reporting requirements to TJJD, including tracking of funds by program type and program effectiveness. Requires TJJD to fund diversion programs.

Last Action: 2-21-19 H Filed

HB 2234 Pacheco, Leo (F)(D) Relating to the offense of contributing to truancy by a parent.

Remarks: JBD _ increases fine and adds mandatory community service for contributing to truancy by a parent.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2235 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to the amount credited in a state fiscal year to the judicial fund to provide basic civil legal services.

Remarks: JBD - Doubles the amount for basic civil legal services from $50 million / biennium to $50 million annually.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2238 Hefner, Cole(R) Relating to a study of the feasibility of converting

quarries and surface mine pits for use as water storage reservoirs to enhance this state's available water supply.

Companions: SB 978 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water and Rural Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the legislature to establish a joint interim committee to study the feasibility of converting quarries and mining pits to water storage reservoirs.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2240 Murphy, Jim(R) Relating to the payment of wages by an employer through a payroll card account.

Remarks: JBD - Permits payment of wages to an employee via payroll card account.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2242 Vo, Hubert(D) Relating to the classification of workers for purposes of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act.

Companions: HB 2391 Dutton, Harold(D) (Identical)
2-25-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - Creates presumption of employment versus independent contractor. New $200 penalty for each misclassification.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2247 Wray, John(R) Relating to anatomical gifts.

Companions: SB 258 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical)
2- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - For purposes of the anatomical gift act, allows a donor card to be notarized in addition to the current rules that allow two unrelated witnesses.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2248 Wray, John(R) Relating to the disposition and removal of a decedent's remains.

Companions: SB 259 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical)
2- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: JBD - Will clarify that only courts with probate jurisdiction may handle disputes over disposition of remains.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2249 Lucio III, Eddie(D) Relating to regulation of production of wells for retail public utilities by a groundwater conservation district.

Remarks: WLJ - in regulating the production of groundwater based on

tract size or acreage, a district shall consider the service area of a retail public utility, that serves the territory where production is regulated by the district. To determine the service area of a retail public utility for consideration under the bill, a district shall determine the number of acres in the retail public utility's service area that overlie the aquifer from which a completed or proposed well owned by the retail public utility will produce groundwater and deduct from that number the number of acres in that portion of the service area that the district has permitted to landowners.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2253 Israel, Celia(D) Relating to certain programs under the Texas Clean Air Act that reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality.

Companions: SB 1070 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
2-25-19 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a local option program to impose a vehicle inspection fee up to $6 to be used for a vehicle repair and replacement program overseen by the county. Allows for the creation, in an affected county, to implement a local initiative program with DPS in order to develop and implement freeway incident management and first responder programs.

The current statute authorizes counties to opt into a LIRAP program and a portion of the revenues generated from LIRAP can be used for LIP eligible projects.

This bill would completely change the focus of the program to emphasize the LIP program, which would become the main portion of the statute in order the expand the program to improve air quality through transportation projects in air quality nonattainment areas.

All references to LIRAP are removed from statute.

Revenues would continue to be collected at the time of vehicle registration by participating Counties, but the funds collected would now remain with the Counties in a separate account to be used only on eligible projects. Revenues would no longer be held by the Comptroller in Clean Air Account 151.

All previously-eligible LIP projects remain eligible for the modernized program.

Remote emissions sensing

Smoking vehicle program

Law enforcement efforts for eliminating counterfeit and fraudulent inspections and registration insignia (including temporary paper tags)

Programs to enhance transportation system improvements

Air control strategies

A new, voluntary, "local vehicle repair and replacement incentive program" without an income component would become an eligible project through the LIP program for counties and the provisions for scrapping vehicles, etc. from LIRAP are kept to ensure that any vehicle incentive program

still improves air quality. The bill would allow vehicles to be either purchased or leased through the optional vehicle incentive program and the incentive amounts would increase to $4,000/4,500 for replacement vehicles.

Additional new eligible LIP projects are added: regional data collection efforts, alternative fuel refueling infrastructure, and freeway incident management.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2254 Israel, Celia(D) Relating to a study by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute on the collection of road use fees from owners of alternatively fueled vehicles.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires Texas A&M to study the impacts of alternatively fueled vehicles on the state and options for collecting road use fees from owners.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2256 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to procedures for tax auditing and determining amounts of overpayments of gas production taxes.

Remarks: aph - allows a deduction of 'sampling market costs' from severance taxes to deduct certain costs from tax due and a method to determine the amount of overpayments.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2257 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to the authority of an appraisal review board to direct changes in the appraisal roll for a prior year.

Companions: HB 2946 Sanford, Scott(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Permits changes to the appraisal roll for any of the 5 preceding years to correct an error in the square footage of a property described in the roll.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2258 Smith, Reggie (F)(R) Relating to requiring installation of an ignition interlock device as a condition of release on bond for the offense of driving while intoxicated with a child passenger.

Remarks: JBD - Requires interlock for defendant on bond charged with DWI with child passenger.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2259 Smith, Reggie (F)(R) Relating to uncollectible fees and costs in criminal actions and proceedings.

Remarks: JBD - Removes the Collin-only bracket so that courts in all counties may find criminal cases fees and costs uncollectible.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2260 King, Tracy(D) Relating to the authority of a magistrate to issue a search warrant to collect a blood specimen from a person arrested for certain intoxication offenses.

Companions: HB 2458 Price, Four(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: JBD - Permits any magistrate - not just attorney magistrates - to issue blood-draw search warrants in DWI cases.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2263 Paddie, Chris(R) Relating to the sale of electric power to certain public customers.

Remarks: Terminates the authority of the Texas General Land Office to sell retail electricity under the State Power Program

Allows the GLO, an entity operating under a contract with the General Land Office to continue to provide retail electric service under the terms of an agreement with a customer entered into before the effective date of the bill, but only until the date the agreement expires, except that, any such agreement may be extended to a date not later than January 1, 2024.

Would also provide that tax may not be imposed on the gross receipts from the sale of electricity to a public school district customer

Would require REPs to pass-through any such tax savings to customers.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2266 Anchia, Rafael(D) Relating to the repeal of certain provisions governing state and local enforcement of immigration laws and other provisions related to immigration law.

Companions: SB 672 Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical) 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2267 Rodriguez, Eddie(D) Relating to compensation to be paid to an emergency services district for a municipality's annexation of the district's territory.

Companions: HB 3074 Rodriguez, Eddie(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - require a city to factor in sales tax revenue to the amount that must be paid to an emergency services district when the city seeks to remove territory from the district.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2268 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to a provision in a construction contract that incorporates the terms and conditions of another document.

Remarks: JBD - Says a provision in a construction contract referencing

another document is void if the owner does not provide a copy of the referenced document to the contractor before contract execution. Problem - what if reference is requested by contractor?

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2273 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the definition of a cottage food production operation.

Remarks: VRS - Adds pickled fruit and vegetables and dried meat to the definition of cottage food.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2274 Zwiener, Erin (F)(D) Relating to the period during which certain voters receive ballots to be voted by mail for each election held in that period.

Remarks: WLJ - Extends a ballot by mail application to apply to all elections before the end of the next gubernatorial general election.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2276 Zwiener, Erin (F)(D) Relating to public notice of the time for voting at an early voting polling place.

Remarks: WLJ - Repeals that an amendment must be posted no later than the fifth day before the voting is scheduled at a temporary branch.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2278 Zwiener, Erin (F)(D) Relating to the statute of limitations applicable to a sexual harassment complaint filed with the Texas Workforce Commission.

Remarks: JBD - Extends time to file sex harassment complaint with Workforce Commission from 180 days to 2 years.

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2279 Zwiener, Erin (F)(D) Relating to the prohibition against sexual harassment in the workplace.

Companions:

SB 1140	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 46	Zaffirini, Judith(D) 2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs	(Identical)

Remarks: MGV - Expands unlawful employment practice to include sexual harassment of employees

Last Action: 2-22-19 H Filed

HB 2284 Davis, Sarah(R) Relating to the representation of an individual or legal entity by a member of the legislature for compensation before a state agency.

Remarks: MGV - Requires a member of the legislature who represents

an individual, business entity, state agency, govt, govt subdivision, special district, or other legal entity for compensation before an executive state agency shall report the name of the entities represented by the member. Currently, applies to the representation of a person.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2286 Oliverson, Tom(R) Relating to the criminal consequences of engaging in certain conduct with respect to certain firearm accessories and prohibiting the enforcement of certain federal laws related to certain firearm accessories.

Remarks: JBD - Prohibits enforcement of federal gun silencer laws that do not exist in Texas statute. No state grant funds for violators.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2287 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the operations of certain housing authorities.

Remarks: WLJ - Border county housing authority.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2288 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the definition of a political subdivision for the purpose of the operation of certain housing authorities.

Remarks: WLJ - Housing authority is a subdivision of state government and any subdivision or equivalent of state governement located in another state contiguous with El Paso.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2290 Buckley, Brad (F)(R) Relating to the placement of a slow-moving-vehicle emblem.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires a slow moving vehicle to display an emblem and clarifies that it is visible.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2291 Buckley, Brad (F)(R) Relating to the operation of a gas-powered bicycle.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits riding registering for operation on a public road a gas powered bicycle.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2292 Buckley, Brad (F)(R) Relating to the operation of a slow-moving vehicle on an improved shoulder.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows slow moving vehicles to travel on the shoulder of the road.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2297 Israel, Celia(D) Relating to voter registration on issuance or change of a driver's license or identification card by the

Department of Public Safety.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires for online voter registration through the SOSS.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2303 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the definition of a bet for purposes of gambling criminal offenses.

Remarks: JBD - Permits fantasy sports betting.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2306 Rosenthal, Jon (F)(D) Relating to a study regarding the public health considerations of transportation planning.

Remarks: VRS - Establishes a subcommittee to study the public health effects of highway projects on adjacent populations and ways to mitigate those effects (including, determining the effects of the project and/or notifying the population when a highway project may constitute a public health risk). The committee would be composed of appointments by the Lt. Governor and the Speaker of the House.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2307 Rosenthal, Jon (F)(D) Relating to requiring entities that provide mental health services to veterans to provide military cultural competency training to personnel to accept a grant from a state agency.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires any entity that receives a grant for veterans mental health services to receive military culture competency training.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2308 Beckley, Michelle (F)(D) Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to all persons for whom federal matching funds are available.

Companions: HB 1913 Rosenthal, Jon (F)(D) (Identical)
2-19-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Medicaid for all if federal matching funds are available.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2311 Kacal, Kyle(R) Relating to the portion retained by a municipality or county of certain court costs and fines imposed for a criminal offense.

Remarks: JBD - Permits counties under 2,000 to keep 50% of the state uniform court cost in criminal cases and 50% of the state traffic fine.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2314 Toth, Steve(R) Relating to the age of criminal responsibility and to certain substantive and procedural matters related to that age.

Remarks: JBD - Raises age of criminal responsibility to 18 but requires certification of 17 year olds as adults for most serious offenses. Effective 9/1/2020. Advisory committee to be appointed by TJJD Board to review implementation. One commissioners court member.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2317 Toth, Steve(R) Relating to the requirements for meetings of certain special districts.

Remarks: JBD - Requires special districts hold board meetings in places that provide district residents a reasonable opportunity to attend.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2319 Parker, Tan(R) Relating to certain coordinated county transportation authorities.

Companions: SB 1066 Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)
2-25-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - creates a coordinated county transportation authority for Parker County.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2321 Morrison, Geanie(R) Relating to the regulation of oyster harvesting.

Companions: SB 761 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Agriculture

Remarks: MGV - Increases penalty from a Class C Parks and Wildlife misdemeanor to a Class B Parks and Wildlife misdemeanor for possession of oysters in which 30%+ of oysters measured less than 3" or an offense related to the harvest of oysters from a closed area

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2323 Toth, Steve(R) Relating to registration of a motor vehicle alleged to have been involved in a violation detected by a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.

Companions: HB 901 Hefner, Cole(R) (Identical)
2-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

Remarks: aph - prohibits tax assessors from denying registrations to vehicles ticketed by red light cameras.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2324 Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to the continuation of a health care provider participation program by the Tarrant County Hospital District.

Companions: SB 1061 Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)
2-25-19 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Extends the Tarrant County LPPF through 2025.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2326 Meyer, Morgan(R) Relating to the continuation of a health care provider participation program by the Dallas County Hospital District.

Companions: SB 1060 Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)
2-25-19 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Extends the Dallas County HD LPPF through 2025.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2332 Cortez, Philip(D) Relating to the prima facie speed limit in certain urban districts.

Companions: SB 779 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

Remarks: WLJ- Creates in cities greater than 790k population that the default speed limit is 25 miles in the urban district and 15 miles in an alley.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2334 Miller, Rick(R) Relating to grants awarded under the grant program to reduce recidivism, arrest, and incarceration of individuals with mental illness.

Remarks: WLJ - For the FY 2019 fiscal year mandates grant funds to reduce recidivism (SB 292) can only be given to Fort Bend County.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2337 Bonnen, Greg(R) Relating to the development of a contract template and contracting guidance for debris removal and monitoring contracts of political subdivisions.

Remarks: MGV - Requires TX Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), in consultation with political subdivisions and FEMA, to identify common issues that occurred after Hurricane Harvey with debris removal and monitoring contracts. Charges TDEM, in coordination with the Comptroller, with developing standards for contracts used by political subdivisions when contracting for long-term, exigent debris removal and monitoring.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2339 Meza, Terry (F)(D) Relating to the entry into the Texas Crime Information Center of information concerning the release on bond of persons charged with committing a violent offense.

Remarks: JBD - Mandates reporting to TCIC and creation of bond database for violent offenses.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2342 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to the places where certain knives are prohibited.

Remarks: JBD - Permits knives in bars and amusement parks.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2344 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to evidence sufficient for the issuance of a stalking protective order.

Remarks: JBD - Electronic communication alone is insufficient basis for protective order for stalking unless it contains threat.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2347 Noble, Candy (F)(R) Relating to a microchip scan of animals in the custody of an animal shelter or releasing agency.

Remarks: VRS - Requires public and private animal shelters to determine whether an animal placed in their custody has a microchip implanted.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2348 King, Tracy(D) Relating to the prohibition of certain employment discrimination regarding an employee who is a volunteer emergency responder.

Companions: HB 786 VanDeaver, Gary(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits an employer (w/ 20 or more employees) (including a county) from terminating or discriminating in any way, an employee who is late or absent due to the employee responding to an emergency in their capacity as a volunteer responder. Limits the number of days of absence to 14 days.

Allows the county to require the employee apply vacation to the absence or to reduce their wages.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2352 Burns, DeWayne(R) Relating to the punishment for the offense of unlawfully carrying a handgun by a license holder.

Remarks: JBD - Drops penalty for illegal carry at meeting of government body from Class A to Class C unless person refuses to leave when asked.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2356 Munoz, Sergio(D) Relating to the inclusion of overtime pay in the computation of benefits for certain members of the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

Remarks: WLJ - Includes overtime pay for DPS working the border in the computation for retirement pay.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2358 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the administration and collection of sales and use taxes applicable to certain sales.

Remarks: WLJ - Defines marketplace providers to mean sales medium of taxable items, including a store, internet, app, or catalog and provides for the payment of taxes on purchases through those mediums.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2359 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to the authority of a taxing unit to authorize tax incentives for the development of property for gambling purposes.

Remarks: WLJ - Property subject to a property tax abatement agreement may not be used as a gambling establishment, which includes: a game room; a racetrack; and an establishment that conducts a casino game or a game of chance that involves the making of a bet and in which the outcome may be partially determined by skill or ability.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2360 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the public inspection of an arrest warrant and any affidavit made in support of the issuance of the warrant.

Remarks: JBD - Clarification that arrest warrants and supporting affidavits are public immediately upon arrest of the defendant.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2361 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the prosecution of limited liability companies and other business entities under the Penal Code.

Companions: SB 1258 Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)
2-28-19 S Filed

Remarks: JBD - Subjects all business entities created under the Business Organizations Code to prosecution under the Penal Code.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2364 Darby, Drew(R) Relating to the applicability of information resources technology through statewide technology centers.

Remarks: JBD - Statewide technology centers (which may be used by local governments) do not cover telecommunications services. Bill says they will cover electronic messaging services and outsourced managed services.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2365 Hunter, Todd(R) Relating to information required to be published with a notice of intent to apply for the passage of a local or special law.

Remarks: JBD - Notices required to be published for special laws must include name of the person paying for the publication.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2367 Bonnen, Greg(R)

Relating to a prohibition on bids by certain insurance and health benefit providers to administer or provide coverage under certain group benefit plans for governmental employees.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits the consideration of a health insurance bid from an entity that has terminated a contract due to informing an enrollee in the full range of providers available to the enrollee.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2368 Miller, Rick(R)

Relating to access to and the provision of behavioral and mental health care services and trauma-informed care in the Medicaid managed care program.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires behavioral health be included in contracts in the Medicaid program. Requires trauma care training be included.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2369 Miller, Rick(R)

Relating to the punishment for, and civil liability related to actions to prevent, the criminal offense of theft involving a package delivered to a residential or commercial property.

Remarks: JBD - New offense for stealing package from home or business. New right for citizen to detain a suspect until law enforcement arrives.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2370 Kuempel, John(R)

Relating to municipal standards for private roads or streets in a subdivision.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits a city from imposing a higher standard for a private road or street in a subdivision than the city imposes on itself for the construction of roads or streets of a similar type and with a similar amount of traffic.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2375 Johnson, Julie (F)(D)

Relating to the enforcement of certain arbitration agreements.

Remarks: JBD - Prohibits arbitration agreements entered into before dispute arose for employment disputes, civil rights disputes, consumer disputes, and antitrust disputes.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2376 Johnson, Julie (F)(D)

Relating to the award of attorney's fees in certain civil actions.

Remarks: JBD - Repeals provisions protecting insurers from attorney fees. Track for amendments.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2381 Dutton, Harold(D)

Relating to the release on bail of a person charged with a violation of parole or mandatory supervision.

Remarks: JBD - Requires release on personal bond of new-offense blue warrant if that person has bonded out on new charge.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2382 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to the classification of certain conduct by juveniles constituting the offense of evading detention.

Remarks: JBD - Removes fleeing police from delinquent conduct and makes it lower lever conduct in need of supervision.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2384 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to judicial compensation and the contributions to, benefits from, membership in, and administration of the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan One and Plan Two.

Companions: SB 387 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical) 2-14-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: JBD - Makes state supplement available to all constitutional county judges regardless of whether they perform judicial functions. Raises district judge salary from at least $125k to $140k, and that amount increases 10% for every 4 years of service accrued in judicial retirement plan up to 12 years of service. All other judicial and prosecutor salaries tied to district judge salary will be likewise increased with no changes to those formulas. Associate judges in Title IV-D and CPS cases to be paid 90% of district judge salary (currently that is max).

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2385 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to a dog's restraint and shelter.

Remarks: VRS - Requires dog owners to have adequate shelter for dogs restrained outside.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2388 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to the punishment for certain conduct constituting the offense of disorderly conduct.

Remarks: JBD - Ups "peeping tom" from Class C to Class B.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2390 Klick, Stephanie(R) Relating to authorizing school districts to suspend classes on primary and general election days and requiring the commissioner of education to adjust funding for certain related absences.

Companions: HB 2456 Klick, Stephanie(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Allows a school district to suspend classes on the date of a primary or general election and extend its calendar to compensate for the minimum days of instruction.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2391 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to the classification of workers for purposes of the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act.

Companions: HB 2242 Vo, Hubert(D) (Identical)
2-22-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - Creates presumption of employment versus independent contractor. New $200 penalty for each misclassification.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2395 Lozano, Jose(R) Relating to the treatment of a replacement structure for a structure that was rendered uninhabitable or unusable by a casualty or by wind or water damage as a new improvement for ad valorem tax purposes.

Remarks: WLJ - for purposes of appraising a property, improving the exterior of a replacement structure with higher quality construction and composition than the replaced structure is not considered to be an improvement for a structure that was rendered uninhabitable or unusable by a casualty or by wind or water damage.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2398 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to grand jury proceedings.

Remarks: JBD - Permits attorneys for witnesses into grand jury room. Will require appointment if witness is indigent. Requires recording of all proceedings except deliberations (currently just questioning of suspect). Subjects "the attorney representing the state" to pay an accused's attorney and other costs if a court determines a grand jury proceeding was vexatious, frivolous, or in bad faith.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2409 Klick, Stephanie(R) Relating to establishing supplemental payment programs for the reimbursement of certain ambulance providers under Medicaid.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires HHSC to create supplemental payment programs for ambulance services and pull down federal funding, for state or local government entity ems services.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2411 Hinojosa, Gina(D) Relating to an early voting ballot voted by mail.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires an officially-prescribed application form for an early voting ballot to include a space for the voter to provide a change of residence address within the county, if applicable. Provides that, if an application for an early voting ballot includes a change of address within the county, the early voting clerk must notify the voter registrar of the change and the registrar shall update the voter's registration accordingly. Provides that an early voting clerk is not required to provide a form for a statement of residence to a voter who indicated a change of address within the county on the voter's application for an early voting ballot to be voted by mail. Provides that, for certain defective early voting ballots voted by mail, that the signature verification committee ore early

voting ballot board may: return the carrier envelope to the voter by mail, if the signature verification committee determines that it would be possible to correct the defect and return the carrier envelope before the time the polls are required to close on election day; or notify the voter of the defect by telephone or e-mail and inform the voter that the voter may come to the early voting clerk's office in person to correct the defect; or request to have the voter's application to vote by mail cancelled.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2412 Hinojosa, Gina(D) Relating to early voting by certain persons who are caretakers of persons with certain disabilities.

Companions: HB 2701 Hinojosa, Gina (F)(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Allows for early voting in person by a person who is the primary caretaker of a person with a disability, utilizing the early voting by mail ballot.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2413 Lambert, Stan(R) Relating to the emergency administration of an epinephrine auto-injector by peace officers.

Remarks: MGV - Authorizes a peace officer to possess, administer an epinephrine auto-injector to a person in an emergency situation. Does not waive govt immunity

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2415 Darby, Drew(R) Relating to the repeal of the driver responsibility program.

Remarks: WLJ - repeal the driver responsibility program and make several conforming changes to related traffic laws.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2418 Nevarez, Poncho(D) Relating to a written response by the General Land Office to a request by a governmental entity to use certain real property owned by the state.

Remarks: MGV - Requires General Land Office (GLO) to give a written response to a written request by a political subdivision or state agency for approval of the use of real property administered by GLO

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2419 Nevarez, Poncho(D) Relating to a study conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the transportation needs of the Middle Rio Grande region of this state.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires TxDot to conduct a study on long term transportation needs in the area of Middle Rio Grande Planning Region Council.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2421 Smith, Reggie (F)(R) Relating to the issuance of certain warrants and orders for searches performed on wireless communications devices and for the installation and use of certain tracking equipment.

Remarks: JBD - Expands which judges may issue warrants for searches of wireless communication devices.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2427 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to grand jury proceedings.

Remarks: JBD - Permits attorneys for witnesses in grand jury room. Will require appointment if witness is indigent.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2429 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to the Texas Voting Rights Act.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates the Texas Voting Rights Act, the methodologies for estimating group voting behavior as approved in applicable federal cases to enforce the federal Voting Rights Act to establish racially polarized voting may be used to provide that elections are characterized by racially polarized voting

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2431 Springer, Drew(R) Relating to the authority of the commissioners court of a county to impose an additional vehicle registration fee and the effect of the fee on county ad valorem tax rates.

Remarks: aph - adds the amount collected from a county vehicle registration fee to the calculation to determine effective and rollback rates.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2432 Raney, John(R) Relating to a defense to prosecution for certain offenses involving possession of small amounts of controlled substances and other prohibited drugs, substances, chemicals, or paraphernalia for defendants seeking assistan

Remarks: JBD - Creates defense to drug possession if defendant was good samaritan that called for help for overdose.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2435 Smith, Reggie (F)(R) Relating to the confidentiality of the home or residence address of a state or federal judge or the judge's spouse in certain government records and documents.

Remarks: JBD - By removing statutory definition of "state judge" the bill will not permit confidentiality of home address of former judges in appraisal records.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2436 Smith, Reggie (F)(R) Relating to the release on personal bond of certain defendants with a mental illness or an intellectual

disability.

Remarks: JBD - Clarification only on magistrate's ability to order mental health services.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2437 Murr, Andrew(R) Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.

Remarks: JBD - Specifies attorney fees in civil cases may be awarded only to the prevailing party.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2438 Phelan, Dade(R) Relating to the extension of the expiration date of certain statutes authorizing ad valorem tax incentives for economic development.

Remarks: WLJ - extend the expiration date of the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act from September 1, 2019, to September 1, 2032; and extend the expiration date of the Texas Economic Development Act from September 1, 2022, to September 1, 2032.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2439 Phelan, Dade(R) Relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities for the building products, materials, or methods used in the construction of residential or commercial structures.

Companions: SB 1266 Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)
2-28-19 S Filed

Remarks: MGV - Prohibits a governmental entity from adopting or enforcing a rule that prohibits, directly or indirectly, the use of a building product, material, or method in the construction, renovation, maintenance of a residential or commercial structure if the product is approved for use by a national model code that is adopted by the governmental entity and governs construction, renovation of buildings.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2441 Wray, John(R) Relating to the entitlement of a person who is disabled and elderly to receive a disabled residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from one taxing unit and an elderly exemption from another taxing unit.

Remarks: WLJ - authorize an eligible disabled person who is 65 or older to receive both a disabled and an elderly residence homestead exemption in the same year if the person receives the exemptions with respect to taxes levied by different taxing units.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2443 Klick, Stephanie(R) Relating to the punishment for certain offenses involving parking in a space designated for persons with disabilities.

Companions: HB 2979 Klick, Stephanie(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: MGV - Authorizes a court to order community service for a person who parks in a handicapped space as long as the person has not previously been convicted of the offense.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HB 2445 Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the addition of territory to a crime control and prevention district.

Remarks: JBD - Permits cities to expand crime control districts and accompanying tax to area in ETJ if approved by voters in the area to be added.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2446 Swanson, Valoree(R) Relating to the availability of personal information of firefighters, volunteer firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel.

Remarks: WLJ - allows for personal information of firefighters and EMS personnel to be confidential. Expands to all officials that perform sensitive governmental functions.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2448 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to a strategic plan to reduce recidivism by facilitating stable employment for persons who are preparing to reenter communities of this state after incarceration.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires OCA and TWC to develop a 5-year strategic plan to reduce recidivism by facilitating employment strategies for people reentering the community.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2449 Springer, Drew(R) Relating to the acquisition of real property by the Texas Department of Transportation to protect a state highway.

Remarks: aph - allows TxDOT to use eminent domain to acquire real property located along a right-of-way if the building interferes with the safe operation of the roadway.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2450 Oliverson, Tom(R) Relating to the requirement that certain political subdivisions hold elections on uniform election dates.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires all bond elections for a county, city or ISD to be held on the uniform election date.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2451 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to the creation of the Proportional Fine Commission.

Remarks: JBD - Creates commission to rank severity of offenses and set proportional fines for each based on that ranking and a

defendant's annual net income.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2455 Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to the limitation of certain special district tax on the homesteads of the disabled and elderly.

Remarks: aph - adds over 65 and disabled exemptions to county, municipality, junior college, regional water district, and hospital district levies.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2456 Kacal, Kyle(R) Relating to a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of the residence homesteads of certain volunteer first responders.

Remarks: aph - creates a local option for up to a $15,000 exemption on a homestead of a person serving as on a volunteer first responder.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2459 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to oversight of and requirements applicable to information resources technology procurement by state agencies.

Remarks: JBD - Restructures oversight of major state IT contracts.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2460 Meza, Terry (F)(D) Relating to providing a sales and use tax refund or franchise tax credit for businesses that employ former offenders.

Remarks: aph - creates a franchise tax credit of up to $3,000 for entities hiring former offenders.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2465 Gutierrez, Roland(D) Relating to the retirement eligibility of certain peace officers who are members of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Companions: HB 2965 King, Phil(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: MGV - Extends retirement eligibility to licensed peace officers who are members of Teacher Retirement System of TX. Eligible individuals include officer, county jailer, school marshal, public security officer, or telecommunicator who are employed and assigned as campus or school peace officers, security personnel at time of retirement.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2467 Zedler, Bill(R) Relating to training requirements for certain county jailers.

Remarks: JBD - Currently jailers may be temporarily appointed before completing a preparatory training program and have one year

to complete the program. Bill reduces time to 90 days and failure means person cannot again receive temporary appointment.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2470 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to an action for the damage to property value caused by the use of an easement.

Remarks: aph - creates a cause of action for a property owner who suffers damage from an easement used in a manner that causes damage of the real property near the easement.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2473 Gutierrez, Roland(D) Relating to eligibility for membership and funding of benefits for certain law enforcement, custodial, and other peace officers.

Remarks: JBD - Applicability limited to TRS and ERS. Treats juvenile justice officers same as peace officers.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2474 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the continuation of medical assistance for certain individuals.

Remarks: VRS - Allows Medicaid recipients who make a minor technical or clerical error on their renewal application that would normally term their benefits to continue their benefits if they have an intellectual disability, reside in an ICF-IID facility and still meet the diagnostic criteria for coverage.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2475 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the indigent status of a person for purposes of the driver responsibility program.

Remarks: WLJ - allows a person to provide information to the court that they are indigent at any time they are enrolled on an installment plan for the Drivers Responsibility Program.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2478 Deshotel, Joe(D) Relating to driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, and other identification certificates.

Remarks: VRS - Allows private vendors to issue drivers licenses and ids at a location of their choice. Extends drivers license expiration dates to the eighth anniversary of application. Increases the drivers license fee from $24 to $32; increases the commerical drivers license fee from $60 to $96. Creates a commercial drivers license class with a hazardous materials endorsement, the fee for which is $60 and expires 5 years after issue.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2479 Cortez, Philip(D) Relating to certain procedures associated with voter approval of municipal annexation.

Companions: SB 746 Campbell, Donna(R) (Identical)

3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

Remarks: WLJ - would modify the provisions that authorize a countywide election to adopt Tier 2 status to: lower the petition threshold from 10 percent to seven percent of the registered voters in the county; and (2) provide that, in relation to Tier 2 cities; if a city does not obtain the number of signatures on a petition required to annex an area, it may not annex any part of the area and may not adopt another resolution to annex any part of the area until the fifth anniversary of the date the petition period ended; and if a majority of qualified voters do not approve a proposed annexation at an election called for that purpose, it may not annex any part of the area and may not adopt another resolution to annex any part of the area until the fifth anniversary of the date of the adoption of the resolution

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2480 Rosenthal, Jon (F)(D) Relating to a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a taxing unit on the residence homestead of a lower-income individual that is located in a homestead preservation district.

Companions: HB 3920 Thierry, Shawn (F)(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - provides for a local-option limit on taxes imposed on a qualified home owned by a lowerincome individual in a homestead preservation district. The owner must qualify for a homestead exemption and meet the income criteria specified in the section. If the unit adopts the limitation, it may not increase the total amount of taxes imposed over the amount imposed in the first year the homestead receives the limitation, unless the owner makes improvements to the homestead that increase its value. Improvements do not include repairs, compliance with governmental requirements, or replacements for structures rendered uninhabitable by casualty, wind, or water damage, except to the extent the improvements have greater area or a higher quality of exterior construction. The limitation expires if the homestead exemption is lost or none of the owners qualify as a low income individual. Erroneously limited value may be back assessed.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2481 Metcalf, Will(R) Relating to the administration of a veterans treatment court program and the eligibility for deferred adjudication community supervision of certain defendants who are eligible to participate in a veterans treatment.

Remarks: JBD - Changes eligibility for deferred for intoxication offenses. Makes veteran treatment court participants eligible. Permits veterans to be placed into programs that exist in adjacent counties if treatment program does not exist in county where charges are filed.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2483 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to the prohibition of certain pesticides on public road rights-of-way.

Companions: HB 1535 Farrar, Jessica(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: JBD - Requires Dept of Agriculture to prohibit the application of neonicotinoid pesticide to the right of way of a public road or highway.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2485 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to the investigation of allegations of abuse and neglect in a residential detention facility.

Remarks: JBD - HHSC to investigate deaths in ICE child-care facilities.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2489 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to the admissibility of hearsay evidence in a hearing for a person charged with a violation of a condition of release from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Remarks: JBD - Permits hearsay in parole revocation hearings.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2491 Wu, Gene(D) Relating to the disposition of a juvenile who engages in delinquent conduct that violates a penal law of the grade of state jail felony.

Remarks: JBD - No commitment for finding of delinquency for state jail felony; probation only.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2499 Springer, Drew(R) Relating to prosecution and punishment for the offense of official oppression by the intrusive touching of persons seeking access to public buildings and transportation.

Remarks: JBD - Criminalizes search by federal agents at transportation and publicly accessible facilities if agent does not have probably cause to arrest for an offense and recklessly touches private parts. Anti-TSA bill.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2500 Johnson, Julie (F)(D) Relating to settlement offers in certain civil actions.

Remarks: JBD - Currently certain settlement procedures apply only if defendant consents. Bill says either party can invoke those procedures. Does not apply to governments. Track for changes.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2502 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to a mandatory term of confinement for defendants placed on community supervision for the criminal offense of leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident resulting in the death of a person.

Companions: SB 989 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

Remarks: JBD - Mandatory jail time of 120 days if probation given for failure to stop and render aid involving death.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2503 Kacal, Kyle(R) Relating to workers' compensation death benefit eligibility for certain spouses of first responders killed in the line of duty.

Remarks: JBD - Extends lifetime survivor benefits to surviving spouse of elected or appointed peace officer who dies in course of employment, even if the spouse remarries. Currently, that benefit is limited to first responders.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2504 Springer, Drew(R) Relating to requiring candidates to pay a filing fee or submit a petition in lieu of a filing fee to appear on the ballot for the general election for state and county officers.

Remarks: JBD - Currently candidates for office pay fees to appear on the primary ballot. Bill requires same fees be paid to appear on the general election ballot. Like primary, fee can be avoided by submitting petition signed by sufficient voters.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2505 Allison, Steve (F)(R) Relating to an appropriation of money from the economic stabilization fund to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

Remarks: WLJ - Provides for funds from the ESF for the Teacher Retirement System for $1.2b.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2508 Allen, Alma(D) Relating to the eligibility for public elective office of persons finally convicted of a felony.

Remarks: JBD - Permits felons to vote after discharging sentence.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2509 Gutierrez, Roland(D) Relating to creating a criminal offense for the failure to procure goods or services from a community rehabilitation program.

Remarks: JBD - Crime if state employee does not purchase needed products or service from a community rehabilitation program offering those goods or services.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2512 Miller, Rick(R) Relating to certain images captured by an unmanned aircraft.

Remarks: WLJ - Expands who can capture images from drones to include state agencies or local health authority to preview a property for safety issues such as abandoned swimming pools, or for an inspection on commercial property or a the time of a disaster. Must provide notice to the owner prior.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2513 Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of an electric vehicle.

Remarks: aph - adds a $200 fee for all electric vehicles and a $300 fee for gross weight vehicles above 10,000 lbs. Fees would go to the credit of the state highway fund.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2516 Ramos, Ana-Maria (F)(D) Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of cruelty to nonlivestock animals and to the inclusion of related conduct in the definition of family violence.

Remarks: JBD - Classifies certain animal cruelty cases as family violence.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2517 Romero, Ramon(D) Relating to transporting dogs in open truck or trailer beds in certain counties.

Remarks: VRS - Prohibits transporting a dog in the open bed of a pickup truck unless the dog is crated if the truck is traveling over 30 mph in a county with a population of over 125,000.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2518 Toth, Steve(R) Relating to the penalties for the possession of two ounces or less of marihuana.

Remarks: MGV - Repeals penalty for possession of 2oz or less of marihuana

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2519 Allen, Alma(D) Relating to the reporting of certain information on felony defendants placed on community supervision who are young adults and to certain measures to reduce the revocation rate of those defendants.

Remarks: JBD - Requires probation departments to report on recidivism rates of young offenders. CJAD may provide assistance to departments with above-average rates, and corrective action plans are mandatory.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2521 Turner, Chris(D) Relating to establishing an intergovernmental development corporation in certain counties to foster minority- or women-owned construction businesses.

Companions: SB 920 West, Royce(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and

Commerce

Remarks: aph - provides for a county of 800K or greater to create a development corporation focused on increasing minority- or women-owned construction businesses. The corporation can be a joint effort by the county and any cities within the boundaries of the county.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2522 Anderson, Doc(R) Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of theft of service.

Remarks: JBD - Makes it easier to prosecute charge of theft of service based on nonpayment of rental agreement.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2524 Anderson, Doc(R) Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of theft of service.

Remarks: WLJ - Amends the theft of rental items to allow the return of the item within two days of being provided written notice if the property is valued at 10k or more.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2527 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to a requirement that certain water districts make audio and video recordings of open meetings available on the Internet.

Remarks: aph - adds a requirement for a water district, river authorities, groundwater districts, WCIDs, and others to post audio and video recordings of their meetings.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2528 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to the protection of parental rights.

Remarks: JBD - Establishes presumptions that parents are fit and act in best interests of child. Government action interfering with parental rights must further compelling government interest and be narrowly tailored.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2529 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to the governance of public housing authorities.

Companions: SB 546 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
2-21-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

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: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2530 Flynn, Dan(R) Relating to the development by the Texas Veterans Commission of an online repository of information of use to active duty military relocating to this state.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires veterans commission to create an online repository of info for active duty members of the military and their families.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2531 Romero, Ramon(D) Relating to the powers of certain regional transportation authorities.

Companions: SB 1299 Powell, Beverly (F)(D) (Identical)
2-28-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - limits a regional mobility authority from entering into a lease or financing agreement for longer than five years unless that lease or agreement is approved by voters.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2533 Meyer, Morgan(R) Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.

Remarks: JBD - Subjects all "organizations" to pay attorney fees in certain types of lawsuits, including breach of contract. Because the definition of "organization" includes "any other organization," local governments could be subject to attorney fees.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2534 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to the prohibition on lobbying by certain elected officers.

Companions: HB 503 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 503 Taylor, Van(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 367 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
2- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: JBD - Prohibits lobbyists from candidacy or appointment to elective office, except for unpaid offices in political subdivisions of 150,000 or less.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2537 Oliverson, Tom(R) Relating to the allocation and deposit of certain surplus state revenue to the property tax relief fund for use in reducing school district maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes.

Remarks: aph - establishes a 104% cap on state revenues and mandates the comptroller to deposit 90% of GR funds which exceed that amount to the property tax relief fund.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2538 Harless, Sam (F)(R) Relating to participation in the Texas County and

District Retirement System.

Remarks: WLJ - Removes TAC from TCDRS.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HB 2541 Meza, Terry (F)(D) Relating to a study of no-knock entries conducted in this state.

Remarks: VRS - Requires police departments to produce a report for each no knock entry they execute from 10/2019 - 11/2020 which is to include the number of injuries/deaths of officers and those in the entered residence, whether the evidence sought was obtained/whether the individual sought for arrest was arrested. The director of the department is to submit the results of these compiled reports to the Governor, Speaker and Legislature no later than 1/2021 with the added parameter of whether the reason for the no knock entry was for a drug related offense or a violent crime.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2544 Zwiener, Erin (F)(D) Relating to the authority of certain tier 1 general-law municipalities to annex certain areas on petition by the area's property owners.

Remarks: MGV - Authorizes Dripping Springs to annex an area that is not contiguous if the area's land development standards are more stringent than those in the municipality and the city receives a petition requesting annexation.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2546 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the energy efficiency performance standards for construction of industrialized housing or buildings.

Remarks: MGV - Allows a manufacturer or builder of industrialized housing or buildings may construct such homes according to energy efficiency performance standards that is applicable to the city or county in which the housing will be located or as set forth in the International residence code

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2549 Oliverson, Tom(R) Relating to the authority of a county to provide tolling services for another toll project entity.

Remarks: MGV - Applies to Harris County. Allows a county to provide, for reasonable compensation, tolling services for a toll project in the county managed by the dept or another entity,

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2550 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to the electronic transmission of a ballot to a voter voting early by mail on the ground of absence from the county of residence.

Remarks: MGV - Allows the provision of balloting materials to a voter voting early by mail due to absence via email. Requires the marked ballot to be returned to the early voting clerk by mail or common or contract carrier.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2552 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to the secretary of state posting on the secretary of state's Internet website a database of certain election information collected from authorities responsible for giving notice of an election.

Remarks: MGV - Requires Secretary of State to post on the secretary's website a database containing info (name of authority, each office to be filled at election, whether office is at large or by district, dates of preceding and next elections) provided each authority responsible for giving notice of an election.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2553 King, Phil(R) Relating to regulation of mergers and consolidations of power generation companies.

Companions:

HB 1503	Patterson, Jared (F)(R) 2- 7-19 H Filed	(Identical)
SB 1211	Hancock, Kelly(R) 2-27-19 S Filed	(Identical)

Remarks: VRS - Transfers the authority to merge with another power generation company from the owner of an electric generation facility to a power generation company. Allows this transaction to occur in a power region open to customer choice. Requires that a power generation company get the approval of the utilities commission before closing if the transaction would give the company over 10% ownership or control over the installed generation capacity of the region.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2554 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to regulation of the display of signs containing political advertising.

Remarks: JBD - Requires landlords to permit political signs.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2559 Bowers, Rhetta (F)(D) Relating to the issuance of a summons for certain persons charged with a violation of a condition of release on parole or to mandatory supervision.

Remarks: JBD - Currently TDJC may issue summons instead of blue warrant for certain parole violators. Bill mandates use of summons, and alters qualifications slightly. Blue warrant can be issued only if violator fails to appear.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2560 Bailes, Ernest(R) Relating to a debris management plan and training.

Remarks: MGV - Requires TDEM, in consultation with TX A&M AgriLife Extension Service, to develop a catastrophic debris management plan and model guide for use by political subdivisions in event of disaster.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2562 Israel, Celia(D) Relating to procedures relating to the acceptance or rejection of a ballot voted by mail.

Remarks: MGV - Gives a voter an opportunity to correct a defect on an early voting ballot voted by mail if the voter didn't sign the carrier envelope certificate or if the signature on the certificate is that of the voter. Creates procedures for the correction. Requires the early voting ballot board for each election to create a rejected ballot information list

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2564 White, James(R) Relating to addressing the needs of homeless youth.

Remarks: VRS - Adds homeless youth to the individuals who must be reported in the annual low income housing plan produced by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Allows the Texas Interagency Council for the Homeless to to seek assistance from any organization in the state that has a network of providers with expertise in assisting homeless youth.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2566 Dominguez, Alex (F)(D) Relating to the authority of certain counties to regulate health and safety.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows Cameron County to adopt orders to protect the health and safety of the public in the unincorporated area of the county.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2568 Miller, Rick(R) Relating to the repeal of required rotating assignments for juvenile correctional officers.

Remarks: JBD - Repeals the requirement that TJJD frequently rotate correctional officers among facilities.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2574 Burrows, Dustin(R) Relating to the administration of the ad valorem tax system.

Companions: SB 67 Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)
2-26-19 S Committee action pending Senate Property Tax

Remarks: aph - Comprehensive changes for the method of property tax appraisals. Broadens the powers of the CPA to manage training and review of individual appraisers and central system for equalizing appraisal system.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2575 Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to the duty of a county to refund an amount of $5 or less paid to the county clerk.

Remarks: JBD - Counties not required to refund amounts of $5 or less if owner is notified and fails to make claim within 90 days.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2580 Wu, Gene(D) Relating to providing free access to telephone services for persons confined in county jail pending trial.

Companions: SB 303 Miles, Borris(D) (Identical)
2- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

Remarks: WLJ - Requires county jails to provide free domestic calls to an inmate that is awaiting trial. May not limit calls to less than average of eight 10-minute calls per month.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2584 Cortez, Philip(D) Relating to the authority of a code enforcement officer performing official duties to possess or carry an instrument used for deterring an animal bite.

Companions: SB 764 Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

Remarks: VRS - Allows building code enforcement officers to carry clubs to deter animal bites in the course of their duties and requires training for using said club.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2585 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to civil works projects and other construction projects of governmental entities.

Remarks: MGV - Authorizes a governmental entity to implement a prequalification process for a civil works projects under a competitive bidding method. Requires entity to advertise or publish notice of prequalification process along w/ request for qualifications 30 days before issuing an invitation for bids. Allows entity to directly solicit qualifications from potential offerors.

If entity considers a contract for a civil works project using competitive bidding, in implementing a prequalification process, prohibits ranking of potential offerors and requires determination if potential offerers meet minimum qualifications. Establishes allowable factors during the prequalification process.

Expands to all governmental entities, a requirement to publish a detailed methodology for scoring in an RFP for a civil works project.

Allows an offeror to request an explanation of evaluation and ranking, after the contract is awarded. By 30 days after the request is made, requires entity to deliver the offeror a written explanation.

Requires the entity to publicizes the basis of its selection, by the seventh business day after the contract is awarded.

Expands from 10 to 15 days in which an action for declaratory or injunctive relief can be filed

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2589 Lozano, Jose(R) Relating to county consent for certain municipal annexations.

Remarks: MGV - In a county with a population of more than 50,000 and less than 300,00, requires county consent for annexation by a city with a population of 300,000 +

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2595 Vo, Hubert(D) Relating to the amount of time an authority with whom an application for a place on the ballot is filed has to review the application.

Remarks: MGV - Requires review of application for place on ballot to be completed by the fifth business day. Currently allows for the fifth day.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2596 White, James(R) Relating to the regulation of raising or keeping six or fewer chickens by a political subdivision.

Companions: SB 86 Hall, Bob(R) (Identical)
2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

Remarks: WLJ - prohibits governmental requirements prohibiting 6 or fewer chickens. Voids any preexisting requirements.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2598 Vo, Hubert(D) Relating to the deadline to challenge a candidate's application for a place on the ballot.

Remarks: MGV - Currently, the deadline to challenge a candidate for election's application for a place on the ballot is the day before any ballot to voted early by mail is mailed. Changes the deadline to the 50th day before the election.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2599 Vo, Hubert(D) Relating to the manner of reporting and maintaining certain information relating to election returns.

Remarks: MGV - For each election for a county or precinct office, requires the county clerk of each county in the territory covered by the election to prepare county election returns. Currently applies to statewide and district office.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2604 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to the number of emissions inspections performed by certain vehicle inspection stations.

Companions: HB 1312 Sanford, Scott(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 2171 Huffines, Donald(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits DMV from limiting the number of emissions inspections conducted per month.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2612 Perez, Mary Ann(D) Relating to the establishment of a constable's department civil service system in certain counties.

Remarks: JBD - Permits constable employees of Harris County to petition for and vote on creation of civil service system for all constable employees. Commission consists of one person appointed by each: commissioners court, each constable, and DA.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2613 Frullo, John(R) Relating to the offense of operation of a stash house and to the use of proceeds from a civil asset forfeiture of contraband related to that offense and to human smuggling and trafficking offenses to fund certain crime victim services.

Remarks: JBD - Creates new offense of operating stash house related to human trafficking. Forfeiture proceeds from the offense must be used for victim services.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2617 Cole, Sheryl (F)(D) Relating to the fiscal year of certain political subdivisions.

Remarks: JBD - Mandates any political subdivision created on or after 9-1-2019 to have same fiscal year as the county in which the political subdivision is primarily located.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2620 Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles, including the enforcement of motor vehicle size and weight limitations.

Remarks: MGV - Expands prohibition of loading more than weight limitation to include height, width, length a vehicle operating on a public highway. Requires amounts due to a county from oversize and overweight vehicle permits fees to be sent to the county treasurer or office performing that function for deposit to the county road and bridge fund

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2622 Phelan, Dade(R) Relating to surcharges assessed under the driver responsibility program.

Remarks: WLJ - Adds fines to the drivers responsibility program: $50 for accumulating 3 points during a 3 month period; $60 for four points; $70 for 5 points. Repeals DRP surcharges for driving with license suspended, and without insurance. Reduces the penalty for driving without license/insurance from $250 to $50.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2624 Perez, Mary Ann(D) Relating to the prosecution of certain criminal offenses involving fraud.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows credit card abuse and forgery to be prosecuted in any county of residence in which the person whose card was possessed or used.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2625 Perez, Mary Ann(D) Relating to creating the criminal offense of mass fraudulent use or possession of credit card or debit card information.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a third degree felony for fraudulent counterfeit credit card alteration of 5 or more cards. Second degree felony for 10 or more, and first degree for 50 or more.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2627 Vo, Hubert(D) Relating to the days and hours during which the polls are open for early voting by personal appearance.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires a registrars office remain open as long as the main early voting places are open. Allows extended voting to occur for at least 12 hours on any weekday or Saturday and for 5 hours on a Sunday.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2628 Vo, Hubert(D) Relating to the manner of reporting and maintaining certain information relating to candidates and election returns.

Remarks: WLJ - Amends the process to report election results to the SOS to include an electronic method.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2637 Calanni, Gina (F)(D) Relating to supreme court orders for conducting court proceedings during a disaster.

Remarks: WLJ - Extends a supreme court order modifying procedures f court proceedings, during a disaster, until it is subsequently terminated by t a subsequent order.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2638 Calanni, Gina (F)(D) Relating to locations for conducting certain court proceedings.

Remarks: JBD - Similar to SB 40 - Expands the geographic territory in which the admin law judge may designate alternative places for county and district courts to meet because of a disaster to include locations outside of the county or county seat.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2644 Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to the notification of a peace officer through an indication associated with vehicle registration that a person has a health condition that may impede communication.

Companions: SB 976 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

Remarks: WLJ - an applicant for vehicle registration may list, on an application for vehicle registration, any health condition that

may impede communication with a peace officer. The Department of Public Safety shall establish a system to include a health condition in the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System for the purpose of alerting a peace officer who makes a traffic stop that the operator of the stopped vehicle may have a health condition that may impede communication. A license plate may not have visible markings that indicate to the general public that a person voluntarily listed a health condition on an application.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2647 Morrison, Geanie(R) Relating to the allocation of certain state hotel occupancy tax revenue.

Remarks: MGV - Requires 2% state hotel occupancy tax received from hotels located in coastal counties to be allocated to the coastal erosion response account. Applies to any adjacen to the Gulf of Mexico or Corpus Christi Bay

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2648 Biedermann, Kyle(R) Relating to maintaining certain monuments and memorials and the names of certain public institutions.

Companions: SB 226 Fallon, Pat (F)(R) (Identical)
2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - Mandates any city, county, state or school district memorial/monument/plaque may only be removed by a majority vote of voters. Stipulates no public funds may be used in moving the monument. Exceptions provided for repair and cleaning. Allows the AG to recover civil penalties.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2649 Flynn, Dan(R) Relating to requiring the reporting of certain commissions and fees paid by public retirement systems.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires public retirement systems report commissions and fees paid to outside consultants or investment managers.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2651 Lang, Mike(R) Relating to the amount of the fee paid by a defendant for a peace officer's services in executing or processing an arrest warrant, capias, or capias pro fine.

Companions: SB 342 Perry, Charles(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 171 Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)
2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

Remarks: WLJ - Increases the warrant fee in criminal cases from $50 to $75.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2657 Flynn, Dan(R) Relating to the funding soundness restoration plans required for certain public retirement systems.

Remarks: WLJ - Reduces the years a government retirement system which must be reported if not sufficient contributions for the actuarial to 30 years from 40 years.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2664 Patterson, Jared (F)(R) Relating to the repeal of the low-income vehicle repair assistance, retrofit, and accelerated vehicle retirement program and the use of remaining funds.

Remarks: MGV - Repeals LIRAP. Allows money from fees collected under Vehicle Emissions Inspection and Maintenance Program to be made available to counties to improve air quality. Requires Transportation Commission to distribute available money that was designated for LIRAP to counties that participated, in a reasonable proportion to amount of collected fees in those counties.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2666 Wilson, Terry(R) Relating to the sales and use tax exemption for certain aircraft.

Companions: SB 1214 Schwertner, Charles(R) (Identical)
2-27-19 S Filed

Remarks: MGV - Authorizes sales tax exemption for an aircraft for use exclusively in connection with ag use and any use necessary to operate a business that performs predator control; wildlife or livestock capture, surveys; census counts of wildlife or livestock; animal/plant health inspection, crop dusting, pollination, or seeding.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2672 Zwiener, Erin (F)(D) Relating to a study conducted by the Department of Public Safety on the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault offenses.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires DPS conduct a study on the case attrition in sexual assault offenses.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2674 Dominguez, Alex (F)(D) Relating to making an appropriation to the Health and Human Services Commission for children's advocacy centers and court-appointed special advocate programs.

Remarks: VRS - Appropriates $2.72M from GR for HHSC to fund contracted local children's advocacy center programs. Appropriates $2.64M from GR for HHSC to fund contracted local volunteer advocate programs including special advocate programs overseen. Both of these appropriations are through the biennium of August 31, 2021.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2675 Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to the repeal of the provisions providing for

the suspension of the collection of certain fees when the balance in the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund exceeds a specified amount.

Remarks: aph - repeals the provision to allow suspension of fees collected when the balance of the oil and gas regulatory fund exceeds $25 million.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2676 Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to the composition and use of money in the oil and gas regulation and cleanup fund.

Remarks: aph - diverts some finance streams from GR to the oil and gas regulatory fund at the RRC. Moves the RRC closer to being self funded by fees and taxes paid by the industry.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2677 Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to prohibiting certain expenditures from political contributions.

Remarks: JBD - Tightens the restrictions on how lobbyists may spend campaign contributions after leaving elected office. Political contributions by lobbyists using campaign contributions will be treated as illegal conversion to "personal use."

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2678 Zwiener, Erin (F)(D) Relating to the compilation and reporting of statistics involving sexual assault victims who receive a forensic medical examination before reporting the assault to law enforcement.

Remarks: VRS - Requires DPS to compile and maintain data on the number of sexual assaults and the results of medical examinations following a sexual assault no matter what year the examination was performed, with no identifying information. Requires DPS to provide a report to the appropriate House committee annually and to post it on their website.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2681 Minjarez, Ina(D) Relating to the offense of passing certain vehicles on a highway.

Remarks: MGV - creates an offense of passing a stationary utility maintenance vehicle using flashing amber or blue lights on a highway

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2683 Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to the transfer or sale of a law enforcement dog to a peace officer, an honorably retired peace officer, or a survivor of a deceased peace officer.

Remarks: VRS - Requires political subdivisions and state agencies to give a retired police dog to their handler at the handler's request. Also requires that a political subdivision or state agency allow a retired peace officer to request a retired police dog. Allows the surviving spouse, child or parent of a deceased peace officer to purchase the peace officer's

assigned dog at a price to be determined by the subdivision/agency.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2684 Metcalf, Will(R) Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for items sold by a nonprofit organization at a county fair.

Remarks: aph - exempts items sold at county fairs by nonprofit entities from sales taxes even if the item otherwise is subject to sales tax.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2685 Bailes, Ernest(R) Relating to workers' compensation death benefit eligibility for certain spouses of first responders and certain other public servants killed in the line of duty.

Companions: SB 1365 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Filed

Remarks: VRS - Allows spouses of intrastate fire mutual aid system team members to receive death benefits if the team member died in the course of their duties.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HB 2688 Metcalf, Will(R) Relating to the creation of a specialty treatment court for certain individuals residing with a child who is the subject of a juvenile court case.

Companions: SB 997 Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

Remarks: VRS - Creates a family drug court program for parents/adults who live with a juvenile offender to obtain treatment for substance abuse. Allows the commissioners court of a county to create the program, and allows the drug court to determine whether the program participant pays for the cost of treatment based on their income. Requires the county to explore using court improvement project money and/or federal/state money to fund the program.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

HJR 81 Phelan, Dade(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation, and flood control projects.

Remarks: MGV - Constitutional amendment to create the flood infrastructure fund

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. or Adj., E2.010, House Natural Resources

HJR 83 Martinez, Armando(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the state or a municipality or county to donate certain property to the United States to promote border crossing security.

Remarks: WLJ - Constitutional amendment that permits a city/state/county to donate to the US government property and technology. Allows the governmental entity to finance the property or the construction of improvements via public securities, refund or refinance existing debt. Allows the gov entity to use public money to pay lease payments, service payments, user fees, deb services or other costs associated with a P3..

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev

HJR 86 Toth, Steve(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit governmental entities from spending public money on legislative lobbying.

Remarks: JBD - Constitutional amendment to prohibit expenditure of public money to influence or attempt to influence the outcome of any legislation before the legislature. I read this to mean local governments cannot put legislation on their meeting agendas for discussion, as that would be expenditure of staff time. Would also prohibit county-paid trips to Austin to discuss legislation.

Last Action: 2-25-19 H Filed

HJR 89 Kacal, Kyle(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of the residence homesteads of certain volunteer first responders.

Remarks: aph - constitutional amendment to authorize a local option election to provide up to $15,000 homestead exemption for volunteer first responders.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HJR 90 Rosenthal, Jon (F)(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision to limit the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by the political subdivision.

Companions: HJR 116 Thierry, Shawn (F)(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - constitutional amendment authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision to limit the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on a low income individual in a homestead preservation district.

Last Action: 2-26-19 H Filed

HJR 91 Meza, Terry (F)(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring elections on proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution to be held in November of even-numbered years.

Remarks: WLJ - Constitutional Amendment that requires amendments to the Constitution to be held on the first Tuesday in November of even years.

Last Action: 2-27-19 H Filed

SB 616 Birdwell, Brian(R)

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas, the conditional transfer of the driver licensing program to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

Companions: HB 1530 Paddie, Chris(R) (Identical)
2-19-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - DPS sunset bill and transfers of driver's licensing to DMV.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Veteran Affairs and Border Security

SB 618 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

Companions: HB 1962 Lambert, Stan(R) (Identical)
2-19-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Library sunset bill. Currently the county files their records retention schedule with the commission. Amends record retention policy to follow the retention schedule provided from the commission.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 619 Birdwell, Brian(R)

Relating to the sunset review process and certain governmental entities subject to that process.

Companions: HB 1680 Paddie, Chris(R) (Identical)
2-27-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Reduces the next Sunset review for several state agencies to 2021.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

SB 620 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Funeral Service Commission.

Companions: HB 1540 Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Identical)
2-25-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Funeral Commission Sunset

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 622 Nichols, Robert(R)

Relating to the continuation and functions of the State Securities Board.

Companions: HB 1535 Flynn, Dan(R) (Identical)
2-25-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - State Securities Board sunset bill. No significant changes impacting counties.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 934 Hancock, Kelly(R) Relating to judicial review of certain workers' compensation disputes.

Remarks: JBD - Extends time to file suit after work comp decision by an appeal panel from 45 to 60 days.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 939 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the limitations periods for certain suits against real estate appraisers and appraisal firms.

Companions: HB 1116 Wray, John(R) (Identical)
2-26-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Remarks: aph - companion to HB 1116 adds a statue of limitations on a suit brought against an appraiser for damages arising from an appraisal of a property to 2 years of when a person should have know or 5 total years.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 942 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Relating to the use of money in the state water pollution control revolving fund.

Companions: HB 2023 Metcalf, Will(R) (Identical)
2-19-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for SB 942 updates criteria for the water pollution control revolving fund to reflect changes made at the federal level for application and distribution of loans made from the fund.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water and Rural Affairs

SB 943 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the disclosure of certain contracting information under the public information law.

Companions: HB 2189 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Identical)
2-21-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - Seeks to undo the Boeing v. Paxton decision that permits vendors to claim confidentiality in pricing and other business information. Limits the ability of vendors to protect information related to bids, offers and contracts.

Will make private entities that receive more than $1 million from public sources subject to the Public Information Act with regard to contracts with governmental entities. Requires contract provisions setting out obligations of the private entity to keep and provide records.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 944 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the public information law.

Companions: HB 2191 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Identical)
2-21-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - Requires all officials and employees to forward public information on private devices to the PIA officer for the governmental body. Requires governmental bodies to make reasonable efforts to obtain such information if there is a request covering the information. Governments can designate specific mailing and email addresses for PIA requests.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 951 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the establishment of the family first prevention services task force.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a task force on matters related to Title 4-E foster care treatment centers; foster placements; early intervention; and parent child suit issues.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 953 Fallon, Pat (F)(R) Relating to the cancellation of a person's voter registration on notice that the person has acknowledged that the person is not a citizen.

Companions: HB 521 Schofield, Mike(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: MJV-Repeals language requiring a voter registrar to verify citizenship for someone who has been excused from jury duty due to status as a non-citizen. Instead, the registrar will cancel a voter's registration immediately.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 954 Fallon, Pat (F)(R) Relating to jointly holding elections on uniform election dates.

Remarks: WLJ - eliminate the May uniform election date; establish one uniform election date on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November; require an election for the issuance of bonds by a political subdivision to be held on the uniform election date; require the governing body of a political subdivision that currently holds its general election for officers on the May uniform election date to change the date on which it holds its general election for officers to the November uniform election date not later than December 31, 2019; and require joint elections when 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: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 955 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the matters that a taxing unit is entitled to challenge before an appraisal review board.

Companions: SB 1906 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Refiled from 85R

Session)

Remarks: WLJ - provides that taxing units may no longer challenge the level of appraisals in a category or a territory before the ARB. Other grounds for challenges remain.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

SB 956 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the correction of an ad valorem tax appraisal roll and related appraisal records.

Remarks: aph - establishes a process to correct the tax rolls for the preceding two years to adjust inaccuracies in the appraised value of a taxpayers tangible personal property.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

SB 958 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Relating to a right of first refusal applicable to the sale of housing developments that have received certain financial assistance administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Remarks: WLJ - authorizes the owner of a development subject to a right of first refusal to negotiate or enter into a purchase agreement with a public housing authority or a public facility corporation created by a public housing authority during the first 60-day period after notice regarding owner's intent to sell in provided by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

SB 960 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the cancellation of a person's voter registration on notice that the person has acknowledged that the person is not a citizen.

Remarks: WLJ - Provides that a voter registrar shall cancel a voter's registration immediately upon receipt of: a list complied by the Secretary of State or a court clerk of persons that are deceased or excused or disqualified from jury service because of citizenship status that includes the voter; or other notice from a governmental agency that the voter has acknowledged that the voter is not a citizen of the United States. Provide that a voter registrar who intentionally fails to cancel a voter registration is subject to a penalty in an amount of: not less than $1,000 and not more than $1,500 for the first violation; and not less than $25,000 for each subsequent violation; loses sovereign and governmental immunity to suit to the extent any liability is created; is subject to removal from office by a court; and commits a Class A misdemeanor. Provides that a county elections administrator who violates the provisions shall be terminated from employment. Requires the Secretary of State to also provide the complied list to the attorney general. Requires a court clerk to also provide a list of the name and address of each person who is excused or disqualified from jury service because the person is not a citizen of the United States to the county official responsible for administering elections. Repeals current law that requires a voter registrar who receives the list to deliver to each registered voter whose

name appears on the list a written notice requiring the voter to submit to the registrar proof of United States citizenship within 30 days after the date the notice is mailed.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 961 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the issuance of a citation for a criminal trespass offense punishable as a Class B misdemeanor.

Companions: HB 395 Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara(D) (Identical)
2-19-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

Remarks: JBD - Expands cite & release authority to cover Class B criminal trespass.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

SB 962 Nichols, Robert(R) Relating to the determination of the sufficient balance of the economic stabilization fund for purposes of allocating general revenue to that fund and the state highway fund.

Remarks: aph - eliminates the sunset date for the Rainy Day Fund Select Committee so it continues to provide information related to the minimum balance required in the fund.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 963 Alvarado, Carol (F)(D) Relating to county contracts for emergency management consulting services.

Remarks: MGV - Requires each county to contract with an emergency manager for consulting, other services related to emergency management in the event of a disaster. Allows a county to comply with this requirement by jointly contracting with one or more other counties.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 966 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the location of certain temporary branch early voting polling places.

Remarks: WLJ - Provides that moving a temporary branch polling place for a county with a population of 100k or more may only be changed once during a voting period and after half the voting period has concluded.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 971 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to peace officer training on recognizing and recording circumstances that indicate strangulation in certain cases.

Companions: HB 1660 Herrero, Abel(D) (Identical)
2-12-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Requires law enforcement training to include recognizing and recording strangulation indications.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

SB 973 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to a limited viewing of certain body worn camera recordings.

Remarks: JBD - Permits law enforcement to show body cam video to a person in the video (or representative if that person is deceased) if doing so furthers a law enforcement purpose. Entire video must be shown and cannot be redacted.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

SB 974 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to policies and programs that permit the use of public money to finance political campaigns.

Remarks: MGV - Prohibits a political subdivision from adopting or implementing a policy or program that permits the use of public money to finance a political campaign

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 975 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the compatibility of a high-speed rail facility with multiple types of train technology.

Companions: HB 1986 Leman, Ben(R) (Identical)
2-19-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - Companion for HB 1986 requires a high-speed rail project to be compatible with more than one train technology before it can be approved by TxDOT

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

SB 976 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the notification of a peace officer through an indication associated with vehicle registration that a person has a health condition that may impede communication.

Companions: HB 2644 Martinez, Armando(D) (Identical)
2-27-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - an applicant for vehicle registration may list, on an application for vehicle registration, any health condition that may impede communication with a peace officer. The Department of Public Safety shall establish a system to include a health condition in the Texas Law Enforcement Telecommunications System for the purpose of alerting a peace officer who makes a traffic stop that the operator of the stopped vehicle may have a health condition that may impede communication. A license plate may not have visible markings that indicate to the general public that a person voluntarily listed a health condition on an application.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

SB 978 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to a study of the feasibility of converting quarries and surface mine pits for use as water storage reservoirs to enhance this state's available water supply.

Companions: HB 2238 Hefner, Cole(R) (Identical)
2-22-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the legislature to establish a joint interim committee to study the feasibility of converting quarries and mining pits to water storage reservoirs.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water and Rural Affairs

SB 981 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the disaster supplemental nutrition assistance program.

Remarks: MGV - Regarding disaster SNAP program administration, requires Health Human Services Commission, in collaboration with local govt officials, create a directory of local points of contact, determine communication methods b/w commission and locals, develop/maintain a list of potential sites for in-person application; enter into MOU w/ local govt agencies regarding locations of in-person application sites.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 982 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to awareness of and access to health care service programs available during a disaster or emergency.

Remarks: MGV - Requires TX Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), in consultation with Dept of State Health Services (DSHS) and local govt entities w/ emergency management plans, to develop a plan to increase capabilities of local emergency shelters for sheltering specialty care populations. Requires DSHS, in consultation with TDEM, to increase awareness of, encourage local govt emergency response teams to use local volunteer networks' services

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 983 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the establishment of a work group to study local restrictions that impede disaster recovery efforts.

Remarks: MGV - Establishes a work group of local, state, federal entities and private entities to study local restrictions that impede disaster recovery efforts

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 984 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the suspension of certain local laws and property regulations by the governor during a declared state of disaster.

Remarks: MGV - Allows the Governor to suspend an order, regulation

issued by a political subdivision or by a property owners' assn to allow for debris removal and placement of temporary housing during a declared disaster

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 985 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to restrictions under disaster remediation contracts.

Companions: HB 2856 Morrison, Geanie(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 H Filed

Remarks: MGV - Creates Class B misdemeanor for a disaster remediation contractor to require a person to make a full or partial payment under a contract unless payment is held in escrow

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 986 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to contract management standards and information for contracts related to emergency management.

Remarks: MGV - Requires Comptroller to develop contract management standards related to emergency management, in consultation with TX Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, TX A&M Engineering Extension Service, and local govt entities

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 987 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to limitations on the location of solid waste facilities.

Remarks: WLJ - Expands exclusion for approval of a landfill, solid waste facility, treatment facility or waste pile to include an aquifer designated as major. Provides exceptions.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water and Rural Affairs

SB 988 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the assessment of litigation costs and attorney's fees in certain actions under the public information law.

Companions: HB 2192 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Identical)
2-21-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - Current ability of court to award costs and attorney fees in PIA lawsuit is conditioned on court finding the action or defense was groundless.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 989 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to a mandatory term of confinement for defendants placed on community supervision for the

criminal offense of leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident resulting in the death of a person.

Companions: HB 2502 Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)
2-26-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - Mandatory jail time of 120 days if probation given for failure to stop and render aid involving death.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

SB 990 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the consideration of floodplain maps in the permitting of certain solid waste facilities.

Remarks: MGV - Allows a local floodplain manager who has information regarding a floodplain that is more recent than the national flood map to deliver to the TX Water Development Board for certification and publication

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water and Rural Affairs

SB 991 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to the establishment of a pilot program for the issuance of digital identification.

Companions: HB 181 Canales, Terry(D) (Identical)
2-27-19 H Committee action pending House Homeland Security and Public Safety

Remarks: VRS - Creates a pilot program that would require DPS to develop/commission an app for both law enforcement and a pilot group to field test digital driver's licenses and personal IDs at no cost to the pilot group. These licenses can't be used as proof of identification. Requires DPS to submit a report to the Public Safety Commission and the Legislature with their results and recommendations.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

SB 993 Powell, Beverly (F)(D) Relating to increasing criminal penalties for certain family violence offenses committed in the presence of a child.

Remarks: JBD - Increases penalties for family violence offense committed in presence of child.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

SB 997 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the creation of a specialty treatment court for certain individuals residing with a child who is the subject of a juvenile court case.

Companions: HB 2688 Metcalf, Will(R) (Identical)
2-27-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - Permits counties to create juvenile family drug court programs to treat drug users residing with juveniles who are in the juv justice system.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

SB 1000 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the municipal regulation of housing for homeless individuals provided by a religious organization.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits city ordinances from prohibiting religious organizations from using their property for housing for homeless individuals.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1005 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the number of days that certain tangible personal property that is exempt from ad valorem taxation due to its location in this state for a temporary period.

Companions: SB 2043 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - provide that the Freeport exemption applies to qualifying goods transported out of the state within 365 days of acquisition or movement into the state.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

SB 1006 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of income-producing tangible personal property having a value of less than a certain amount.

Companions: HB 1330 Kuempel, John(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 730 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: VRS - Exempts businesses with property worth a taxable value of less than $2,500 from paying property taxes. Current law sets the value at less than $500.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

SB 1007 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the prepayment of ad valorem taxes.

Remarks: aph - allows a property owner to force a taxing unit to enter into a contract and create an escrow account for paying property taxes over the course of the year.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

SB 1009 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to the right of recusal from the performance of certain marriage ceremonies.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows a person authorized to conduct marriages to recuse themselves due to a religious belief.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 1010 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to rules adopted by groundwater conservation districts overlying a common aquifer.

Remarks: aph - forces a groundwater conservation district with jurisdiction over a common aquifer to enforce rules similar to other districts over the same aquifer.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water and Rural Affairs

SB 1013 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the calculation of the penalty for filing a late application for certain ad valorem tax exemptions and allocations.

Remarks: WLJ - addresses the calculation of the penalty for late applications for exemptions and allocation of value. The maximum penalty of 10% of the tax imposed with the freeport exemption or with the allocation of value.

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1015 Powell, Beverly (F)(D) Relating to an ongoing review of the public school finance system by the Texas Education Agency.

Remarks: aph - mandates TEA review of the public-school finance system every six years and deliver a report to the legislature on the findings.

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1018 Alvarado, Carol (F)(D) Relating to requiring a person convicted of an offense involving family violence or person who is subject of a protective order to surrender firearms owned by the person.

Remarks: JBD - Mandates surrender of firearms by person convicted of family violence or subject to a protective order.

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1019 Alvarado, Carol (F)(D) Relating to the creation of a housing repair grant pilot program for property owners who provide housing to recipients of certain federal housing assistance.

Remarks: WLJ - Pilot home repair grant program for owners who make the housing available to HCV and VASH holders; funded by existing Housing Trust Fund resources

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1023 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to the prima facie speed limit on certain streets and highways.

Companions: HB 1287 Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)
3- 6-19 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. or Adj., E2.030, House Transportation

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: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1025 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the confidentiality, sharing, sealing, and destruction of juvenile records and certain records of at-risk youth.

Remarks: JBD - Specifies what persons may have access to juvenile probation department records. Requires automatic sealing of records when allegations are found not true. Reduces the time before a juvenile court may seal records after discharge.

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1026 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to a proposition to approve the issuance of bonds or other debt.

Remarks: JBD - Requires bond propositions be voted on November uniform election date, except emergency election can be held on any uniform election date.

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1028 Hall, Bob(R) Relating to the locations at which a cottage food production operation may sell products.

Remarks: VRS - Allows cottage food to be sold at a for-profit fair, festival or event. Currently it is only allowed at nonprofit fairs, festivals and events.

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1029 Hall, Bob(R) Relating to the eligibility of a person for appointment as an arbitrator in a binding arbitration of an appraisal review board order.

Companions: HB 1704 Shaheen, Matt(R) (Identical)
2-12-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - a person is not eligible for appointment as an arbitrator if at any time during the preceding two years, the person has represented a person for compensation in a proceeding in the appraisal district in which the property that is the subject of the appeal is located; served as an officer or employee of that appraisal district; or served as a member of the appraisal review board for that appraisal district.

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1030 Hall, Bob(R) Relating to the duty of a water supply system to provide certain information to consumers regarding fluoride in drinking water.

Remarks: aph - mandates public-water system operators include information about the amount of fluoride added to water in customer's bills.

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1031 Hall, Bob(R) Relating to the sunset review of regional mobility authorities.

Companions: SB 493 Hall, Bob(R) (Refiled from 85R

Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Adds RMA's under the Sunset Commission for review.

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1040 Taylor, Larry(R) Relating to the use of money in the ship channel improvement revolving fund.

Companions: HB 1774 Middleton, Mayes (F)(R) (Identical)
2-14-19 H Filed

Remarks: MGV - Allows municipalities or boards of trustees to use money from the ship channel improvement revolving fund. Currently only applies to navigation districts.

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1041 Taylor, Larry(R) Relating to the deadline by which the Texas Water Development Board is required to identify and designate brackish groundwater production zones for certain areas of the state.

Companions: HB 1617 Larson, Lyle(R) (Identical)
2-12-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Extends the date the Water Development Board has to identify and designate brackish water production zones from 2022 to 2032.

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1043 Taylor, Larry(R) Relating to the territory, powers, and administration of the Gulf Coast Water Authority.

Companions: HB 1958 Thompson, Ed(R) (Identical)
2-19-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - adds Fort Bend and Brazoria counties to the territory under Gulf Coast Water Authority. The Authority can provide water, sewer, and storm water services within its territory.

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1046 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act.

Remarks: WLJ - extend the expiration date for tax abatement provisions to September 1, 2029. Current law has Chapter 312 expiring September 1, 2019. Requires that the public notice for the meeting to consider the abatement agreement by a city or a county must include the name of the property owner, location of the reinvestment zone for the project, project description, estimated cost, beginning and ending dates and estimated operation date for the business for the project. The notice is posted at least 120 hours before the scheduled meeting time. Proposed Effective: Immediately if passed by

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1048 Fallon, Pat (F)(R) Relating to an independent school district holding

elections on the November uniform election date.

Remarks: WLJ - Amends ISD elections to the November uniform election date.

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1051 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the capture and retention of certain biometric identifiers by certain governmental entities.

Remarks: JBD - Prohibits government from capturing biometric identifiers without consent. Bio identifiers include person's gait. What about security cameras capturing folks walking?

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1053 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to automatic voter registration on issuance of a driver's license or identification card by the Department of Public Safety.

Remarks: WLJ - Auto voter registration upon receiving drivers license or personal ID card.

Last Action: 2-22-19 S Filed

SB 1059 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the deposit of certain money to the disaster contingency fund for the purpose of paying costs associated with Hurricane Harvey.

Remarks: MGV - Requires Comptroller to deposit any money received by the state as a result of the ACA lawsuit (lawfulness of a tax) into the disaster contingency fund for use to pay costs associated with Hurricane Harvey

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1060 Hancock, Kelly(R) Relating to the continuation of a health care provider participation program by the Dallas County Hospital District.

Companions: HB 2326 Meyer, Morgan(R) (Identical)
2-25-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Extends the Dallas County HD LPPF through 2025.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1061 Hancock, Kelly(R) Relating to the continuation of a health care provider paticipation program by the Tarrant County Hospital District.

Companions: HB 2324 Geren, Charlie(R) (Identical)
2-25-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Extends the Tarrant County LPPF through 2025.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1064 Flores, Pete(R) Relating to the offense of passing certain vehicles on a highway.

Companions: HB 1770 Martinez, Armando(D) (Identical)

2-14-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - adds to the list of vehicles which cars must slow down or change lane to include an electrical line service vehicle.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1066 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to certain coordinated county transportation authorities.

Companions: HB 2319 Parker, Tan(R) (Identical)
2-25-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for HB 2319 creates a coordinated county transportation authority for Denton County.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1068 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to the creation of an additional judicial district composed of Denton County.

Remarks: JBD - New district court for Denton.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1069 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to additional qualifications of justices and judges of certain courts.

Remarks: JBD - Candidate for county courts and above would have to have either one year of judicial service or one year of practice before the level of court they intend to serve or a higher level court.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1070 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to certain programs under the Texas Clean Air Act that reduce vehicle emissions and improve air quality.

Companions: HB 2253 Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)
2-22-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a local option program to impose a vehicle inspection fee up to $6 to be used for a vehicle repair and replacement program overseen by the county. Allows for the creation, in an affected county, to implement a local initiative program with DPS in order to develop and implement freeway incident management and first responder programs.

The current statute authorizes counties to opt into a LIRAP program and a portion of the revenues generated from LIRAP can be used for LIP eligible projects.

This bill would completely change the focus of the program to emphasize the LIP program, which would become the main portion of the statute in order the expand the program to improve air quality through transportation projects in air quality nonattainment areas.

All references to LIRAP are removed from statute.

Revenues would continue to be collected at the time of vehicle registration by participating Counties, but the funds

collected would now remain with the Counties in a separate account to be used only on eligible projects. Revenues would no longer be held by the Comptroller in Clean Air Account 151.

All previously-eligible LIP projects remain eligible for the modernized program.

Remote emissions sensing

Smoking vehicle program

Law enforcement efforts for eliminating counterfeit and fraudulent inspections and registration insignia (including temporary paper tags)

Programs to enhance transportation system improvements

Air control strategies

A new, voluntary, “local vehicle repair and replacement incentive program” without an income component would become an eligible project through the LIP program for counties and the provisions for scrapping vehicles, etc. from LIRAP are kept to ensure that any vehicle incentive program still improves air quality. The bill would allow vehicles to be either purchased or leased through the optional vehicle incentive program and the incentive amounts would increase to $4,000/4,500 for replacement vehicles.

Additional new eligible LIP projects are added: regional data collection efforts, alternative fuel refueling infrastructure, and freeway incident management.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1072 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the authority of the governing body of a taxing unit that adopts an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a percentage of the appraised value of an individual's residence homestead.

Remarks: aph - establishes a $25,000 ceiling for homestead exemptions for all taxing entities if approved by that taxing unit.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1076 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of an alternatively fueled vehicle.

Remarks: aph - provides TxDOT the authority to establish fees applied to alternative fueled vehicles in lieu of gasoline taxes. The fees would be paid along with the vehicle's registration but the additional fee would credit to the state highway fund.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1077 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to increasing the rates of the state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes.

Remarks: aph - increases the rate of tax on gasoline and diesel from $.20 to $.40 per gallon.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1078 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to authorizing an optional county fee on vehicle registration in certain counties to be used for transportation projects.

Remarks: aph - adds Travis and Williamson counties to the list of counties that can charge an additional $20 on vehicle registration for transportation projects. The fee must be passed by referendum and by the commissioner's court.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1079 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to a study regarding ad valorem tax relief through the use of a circuit breaker program.

Remarks: aph - authorizes the comptroller to study a 'circuit breaker program' for property tax exemptions. The study would examine the impact of such a program as a benefit to low and moderate income homeowners.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1080 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to a county motor fuels tax in certain counties for mobility improvement projects.

Remarks: aph - allows a local option vote to add up to $.10/gallon for motor fuels at the county level to fund transportation projects. Vote would have to be held in November and the commissioner's court would have to approve the petition before it goes on the ballot.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1082 Taylor, Larry(R) Relating to the feasibility of creating and maintaing a coastal barrier system.

Remarks: MGV - Establishes a joint interim committee to continue to study the feasibility of creating, maintaining a coastal barrier system

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1084 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the establishment of a rural resident physician grant program.

Companions:

HB 2996	Ashby, Trenton(R)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 1455	Campbell, Donna(R)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
HB 1065	Ashby, Trent(R)	(Identical)

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Remarks: WLJ - Grant program to encourage rural physician residency programs.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1086 Seliger, Kel(R) Relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.

Companions:

HB 878	Bell, Cecil(R)	(Identical)

2-25-19 H Introduced and referred to

committee on House Ways and Means

Remarks: aph - changes the annual appraisal cap to 5% per year and applies that cap to 'real property' not just the homestead. Also provides the appraisal cap extends to a surviving spouse when the property is transferred to the spouse upon death.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1090 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to the vote required to authorize the issuance of certain bonds.

Remarks: JBD - Requires super majority 2/3 voter approval for issuance of bonds by a political subdivision.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1091 Nichols, Robert(R) Relating to vehicles eligible for veteran toll discount programs.

Remarks: aph - creates a toll-road discount for vehicles registered to veterans.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1098 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to rates for electricity charged by certain municipally owned utilities and to the use of revenue from the rates.

Remarks: WLJ - Provides that Austin Energy may not directly or indirectly subsidize wholesale competitive activities through rates charged for the provision of retail electric service that include fixed or variable costs reasonably attributable to the operation and maintenance of municipally owned utility assets that generate energy for sale at wholesale. Would allow the PUCT to review Austin Energy's wholesale activities for compliance

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1099 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to the creation and operations of health care provider participation programs in certain counties.

Companions: HB 1142 Lambert, Stan(R) (Identical)
2-26-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a LPPF in a county with a population less than 25k or less.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1100 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to electricity service provided by certain municipally owned utilities.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows certain customers at Austin Energy to appeal to petition Texas PUC to review their rates, and allow the PUCT to set such rates

A customer eligible to file such a petition would be one that:

(1) has a non-demand metered total usage of more than 100,000 kilowatt hours per year; or

(2) is served through a demand meter at secondary or primary voltage

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SB 1108 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the dissolution of certain general law districts.

Remarks: MGV - Allows Water Improvement Districts to be dissolved by

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1110 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to communicable disease prevention for federal immigration detention facilities located near an international border.

Remarks: MGV - Requires Dept of State Health Services, in consultation with Office of State-Fed Relations, Secty of State, and AG, to seek to enter into MOU with appropriate fed agencies or fed contractors operating fed immigration detention facilities located in county along intl border. MOU requires notice to a local or county health authority of a public health condition that may become a health risk.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1112 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the study and prevention of opioid overdoses occurring in this state.

Remarks: MGV - Requires Dept of State Health Services to conduct a study of opioid overdoses and make stats concerning opioid misuse available to affected local governments, share with those governments information concerning community approaches for reducing opioid misuse

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1113 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to a waiver authorizing the application of pesticides for mosquito control by certain municipal or county employees in an emergency.

Remarks: MGV - Allows county or municipal health dept to apply for a waiver from the Dept of Agriculture authorizing the use of pesticides for mosquito control during a disaster or determines immediate action is needed to control the threat of mosquito-borne disease.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1115 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the authority of a county to adopt a land bank program.

Remarks: WLJ - Provides authority for counties to adopt land bank programs

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1118 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to programs operated by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to increase access to safe and affordable housing in this state.

Remarks: WLJ - Codifies into statute the Amy Young Barrier Removal Program under TDHCA

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1119 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the establishment of a border public health initiative by the Department of State Health Services.

Remarks: VRS - Requires DSHS to develop an initiative to raise awareness and educate the public in border counties about the health impacts of diabetes, hypertension, and obesity.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1120 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to health professional continuing education to address communicable and other diseases in border counties.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires DSHS to provide continuing education to public health workers in border counties on communicable and other diseases.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1121 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to public health laboratory capabilities in certain counties.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires DSHS to provide a report to the Legislature on public laboratories in border counties. They must collaborate with the local health departments. Requires the department to support year-round testing for insect transmitted borne infectious diseases in the counties at risk of year-round outbreaks.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1122 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the establishment of a sanitarian recruitment and retention program in border counties for public health purposes.

Remarks: VRS - Allows local health units, health departments and public health districts in border counties that have a contract with DSHS to develop a grant program that provides greater training to sanitarians to control the spread of illnesses.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1123 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to border health programs conducted by the Department of State Health Services in collaboration with Mexican and federal authorities.

Remarks: VRS - Requires DSHS to work with the Office of State-Federal Relations and the appropriate Mexican government equivalents to increase surveillance, mitigation, and public access to information for vector borne and insect borne diseases to border counties and their counterparts across the Texas-Mexico border. Requires formalizing this relationship with Mexico via a memorandum of understanding or other agreement and establishing protocols and procedures.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1124 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to establishment of a border public health response team.

Remarks: VRS - Creates a Border Public Health Response Team appointed by DSHS, but DSHS is allowed to enter into aggreements with other state agencies to develop the policies and procedures, acquire training, equipment and support staff for the team. The Team is to asses the public health impact on border counties during a declared disaster and develop a response to it.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1125 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the use of video teleconferencing for testimony of a forensic analyst in a criminal proceeding.

Remarks: JBD - Permits testimony of forensic analyst via teleconference in a criminal proceeding.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1131 West, Royce(D) Relating to paid leave for military service for public officers and employees.

Remarks: MGV - Expands from 15 to 22 workdays paid leave for military service for public officers and employees.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1135 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the operation of public transit vehicles equipped with connected braking systems.

Companions: HB 2219 Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)
2-21-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - define a “public transit vehicle” as a bus or other vehicle used to provide transit services to the public by a political subdivision or a private entity operating under a contract with a political subdivision; provide that a public transit vehicle equipped with a connected braking system that is following another public transit vehicle equipped with that system may be assisted by the system to maintain any desired distance between the vehicles; provide that an operator of a public transit vehicle that is following one or more other public transit vehicle may not be assisted by the system to maintain an assured clear distance of safe space if the public transit vehicles are equipped with a connected braking system and the speed of each public transit vehicle is coordinated through the connected braking system; and provide that an operator of a public transit vehicle that is following one or more other public transit vehicle does not have to leave sufficient space between the operator and the vehicle preceding the operator so that another vehicle can safely enter and occupy the space in a business, residential, or non-business or residential area if the public transit vehicles are equipped with a connected braking system and the speed of each public transit vehicle is coordinated through the connected braking system.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1137 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the applicability of certain public works

contracting requirements to a metropolitan rapid transit authority.

Remarks: aph - exempts metropolitan transit authorities from design-build requirements under the Government Code

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1138 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the management of certain state and local funds, investments, and obligations.

Remarks: JBD - Waives state immunity for the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company. I suspect this is required for certain permitted investments.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1141 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the basic allotment and guaranteed yield under the public school finance system.

Companions: HB 462 Geren, Charlie(R) (Identical) 2-20-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

SB 852 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) (Identical) 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Remarks: WLJ - requires the state to fund at least 50 percent of the cost of maintaining and operating the school finance system. The Legislature may not consider local property taxes sent to the state by a school district in equalizing wealth. The Legislature shall set the basic allotment and the guaranteed level of state and local funds per weighted student per cent of tax effort at the amount necessary for funding maintenance and operation.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1142 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to authority of the Travis County Healthcare District to appoint, contract for, or employ physicians.

Remarks: Allows Travis County Healthcare district to employ physicians.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1143 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of tangible personal property held for sale at retail and a franchise tax credit based on the ad valorem taxes paid on such property.

Remarks: JBD - Mandates that market value of retail inventory is average of (1) market value on January 1, and (2) retailer's total annual sales in preceding year divided by 12.

This is hybrid proposal.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1146 Fallon, Pat (F)(R) Relating to the eligibility of certain local officials to serve as the chief appraiser of an appraisal district or

as the assessor for a taxing unit that operates an appraisal office.

Remarks: aph - prohibits an elected or appointed officer of a taxing unit within a county of greater than 20,000 population from serving as chief appraiser or as a assessor of a taxing unit within the county.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1147 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to conditions of community supervision applicable to certain intoxication offenses.

Remarks: JBD - Mandates evaluation by a physician for medication-assisted treatment as condition of probation for intoxication-related offense if assessment indicates defendant would likely benefit. Judge cannot mandate the treatment if defendant objects.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1149 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to an assessment and strategic review of the trauma hospital system by the Department of State Health Services.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires DSHS to conduct an assessment of trauma hospital adequacy, review the deficiencies of trauma hospital systems in rural counties, along the border and access to care in level one facilities.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1150 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to reimbursing a commissioners court for the reasonable cost of transporting a body for the purpose of an autopsy.

Remarks: MGV - Allows a commissioners court to seek reimbursement for the reasonable cost of transporting a body for an autopsy. On application to the AG, allows for reimbursement from compensation to victims of crime fund if physician performing autopsy determines death was caused by unlawful means. On application to state attorney or head of law enforcement agency, allows reimbursement from civil asset forfeiture proceeds.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1157 Fallon, Pat (F)(R) Relating to the deadline for filing an application for an allocation of the value of certain property for ad valorem tax purposes.

Companions: HB 1815 Sanford, Scott(R) (Identical)
2-14-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - extends the deadline for claiming a property allocation from April 1 to May 1 each year.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1158 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the extension of the expiration date of the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act.

Remarks: aph - extends Chapter 312 tax abatements out to 2031.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1161 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the determination of the total taxable value of property in a school district under the property value study conducted by the comptroller of public accounts.

Remarks: aph - limits recapture rates from property wealthy districts to no more than 1/2 of the value of the taxable property.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1164 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to the disposition of an item bearing a counterfeit trademark seized in connection with a criminal offense.

Companions: HB 1454 Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)
2-27-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

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: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1165 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to an inquiry by a peace officer as to the nationality or immigration status of a person presumed to be a family violence victim or witness.

Remarks: MGV - Authorizes a local entity or campus police dept to adopt a policy, providing guidance on making inquiries as to nationality/immigration status of a person presumed to be a family violence victim, witness

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1172 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to the locations in which a person may carry a firearm, the seizure of a firearm by law enforcement on arrest, and interactions between law enforcement and a handgun license holder.

Remarks: JBD - If person licensed to carry handgun is arrested, peace officer to seize both gun and license. New offense for carrying without a license on premises of law enforcement agency.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1173 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to the issuance of an occupational driver's license.

Remarks: VRS - Allows offenders of the DRP and those denied a drivers license renewal for failing to appear the ability to appeal to the clerk of the court that convicted them for an occupational license.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1176 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to a requirement that the Statewide Behavioral Health Coordinating Council prepare a

report regarding suicide rates in this state and state efforts to prevent suicides.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the statewide coordinating board to prepare a report that includes data on the prevalence of suicide.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1177 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to offering certain evidence-based practices in lieu of other mental health services by a Medicaid managed care organization.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows a managed care organization to offer evidence based mental health services to Medicaid patients.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1179 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to a study on the allocation and expenditure of tobacco settlement agreement money.

Remarks: MGV - Requires Health and Human Services Commission to conduct a study to determine the allocation, expenditure of tobacco settlement agreement money including identifying recipients, disaggregated by age, race or ethnicity, region of state; and determine if any communities didn't receive settlement money to help in prevention, treatment of tobacco-related diseases.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1180 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to certain procedures applicable to veterans who participate in veterans treatment court programs and to a court cost imposed on conviction to benefit those programs.

Remarks: JBD - New $2 fee on all misdemeanor and felony convictions to fund veteran treatment court programs. Counties with programs may keep 60% of fees to be used exclusively for program. Other counties don't keep any of the fee. Max participation fee for a program is reduced from $1000 to $500.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1183 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to the process for establishing speed limits on roads near certain schools.

Remarks: aph - allows a commissioner's court to establish a 15 MPH zone near a public school on a county road or highway.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

SB 1190 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the residence address of a person for purposes of a response to a confirmation notice sent by the voter registrar.

Companions:

HB 389	Murphy, Jim(R)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
HB 424	Murphy, Jim(R)	(Identical)
	2-20-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections	

Remarks: MGV - Allows the following standards to establish address for

purposes of a response to a confirmation notice sent by voter registrar.: driver's license but not a commercial driver's license, personal ID card, license to carry a concealed handgun, an address corresponding to a residence at which person receives mail but not a commercial PO box, address person claims as a homestead, or vehicle registration. Authorizes a person whose residence has no address to establish residence by executing an affidavit stating the person's residence has no address. Exempts a member, spouse, or dependent of the armed forces; a full-time student; a person whose address is confidential; a federal or state judge or spouse of a federal or state judge whose driver's license includes the street address of a courthouse; and a peace officer whose driver's license omits the officer's actual residence address.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1194 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to registration powers of volunteer deputy registrars.

Companions:

HB 910	Romero, Ramon(D)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
HB 77	Romero, Ramon(D)	(Identical)
	2-12-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections	

Remarks: WLJ - Volunteer deputy registrar status is conferred on a county-by-county basis, this would extend their jurisdiction state wide.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1195 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to the designation of polling place locations on the campuses of certain institutions of higher education.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the commissioners court to designate a polling place location in the main campus of all institutes of higher education if at least 5,000 students are enrolled their. Includes technical schools, junior colleges, etc.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1201 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the waiver of certain driver responsibility program surcharges on proof of commitment to enlist in the armed forces.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the waiver or all drivers responsibility surcharges for a person who enlists in the armed forces.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1202 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to voting while confined in jail.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the SOS and the jail authority and the early voting clerk to inform inmates in jail of their voting right and provide them an opportunity to vote.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1206 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the creation of the governor's broadband

council.

Remarks: VRS - Creates the Governor's Broadband Council which will meet quarterly and report on ways to increase internet access in rural and underserved parts of the state and how this access can improve state services. Appoints one county commissioner from a county with a population of less than 35,000.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1209 Hancock, Kelly(R) Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to regulate certain activities.

Companions: HB 2014 Goldman, Craig(R) (Identical)
2-19-19 H Filed

Remarks: MGV - Preempts local occupational licensing requirements. If an individual is required to possess aoccupational licenses, prohibits a political subdivision from adopting any ordinance, order requirinoccupational license or meeting any other requirement to engage in that occupation.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1210 Hancock, Kelly(R) Relating to the removal of certain alcoholic beverages that become unfit for consumption after a natural disaster.

Remarks: WLJ - Permits the removal of beer that becomes unfit for consumption after a disaster if agreed by the holder of the brewers permit and the distributor.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1211 Hancock, Kelly(R) Relating to regulation of mergers and consolidations of power generation companies.

Companions: HB 1503 Patterson, Jared (F)(R) (Identical)
2- 7-19 H Filed
HB 2553 King, Phil(R) (Identical)
2-27-19 H Filed

Remarks: VRS - Transfers the authority to merge with another power generation company from the owner of an electric generation facility to a power generation company. Allows this transaction to occur in a power region open to customer choice. Requires that a power generation company get the approval of the utilities commission before closing if the transaction would give the company over 10% ownership or control over the installed generation capacity of the region.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1214 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the sales and use tax exemption for certain aircraft.

Companions: HB 2666 Wilson, Terry(R) (Identical)
2-27-19 H Filed

Remarks: MGV - Authorizes sales tax exemption for an aircraft for use exclusively in connection with ag use and any use necessary

to operate a business that performs predator control; wildlife or livestock capture, surveys; census counts of wildlife or livestock; animal/plant health inspection, crop dusting, pollination, or seeding.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1216 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of an alternatively fueled vehicle.

Remarks: aph - mandates TxDOT to develop a fee schedule for alternative fuel vehicles to be paid into the state highway fund based on average miles traveled.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1218 Alvarado, Carol (F)(D) Relating to hiring and licensing certain veterans as peace officers.

Companions: HB 1091 Vo, Hubert(D) (Identical)
2-26-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Defense and Veteran's Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - Allows legal permanent residents who are honorably discharged veterans to be licensed as a police officer.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1219 Alvarado, Carol (F)(D) Relating to human trafficking signs at transportation hubs.

Remarks: aph - requires human trafficking signs posted at 'transportation hubs' defined as bus stops, train stations, rest areas, and airports. Puts AG in charge of development of rules and enforcement but has not funding associated with the program.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1224 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the election date for the authorization of the issuance of bonds.

Remarks: WLJ - . Prohibits holding an election for bonds on any other day that the uniform election date, except Allows an election for the issuance of bonds to be held prior to November uniform election date on a finding of an emergency by the Governor

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1225 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to requirements for certain peitions requesting an election and ballot propositions.

Remarks: WLJ- Requires a proposition ballot be clear and not mislead the voter. Amends city ballot propositions process.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1227 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the date for ordering or holding an election to ratify the ad valorem tax rate of a school district; making conforming changes.

Remarks: aph - adjust notice provisions of setting tax rate process by ISDs including forcing an election for a rollback on the November uniform date.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1229 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to a county, city, or independent school district posting election results on an Internet website.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires a governmental entity that holds or provides elections services and maintains a website to post the results of each election, total number of votes cast and the total number of votes cast for each candidate or measure as soon as practicable. Must be within two clicks on the website.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1237 Hall, Bob(R) Relating to the assumption of the powers and duties relating to driver's licenses, personal identification cards, the driver responsibility program, and other related powers and duties by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

Remarks: VRS - Repeals the DRP.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1238 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Relating to the admission, examination, and discharge of a person for voluntary mental health services.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires a person be discharged from a 72 hour hold immediately if the physician determines the person does not meet clinical standards for a hold. For admission on a hold requires the physician perform an exam 72 hours before admission or 24 hours after admission.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1243 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the consideration of the cumulative effects of air contaminant emissions in the emissions permitting process.

Companions: HB 522 Allen, Alma(D) (Identical)
2-20-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the TCEQ to use the cumulative effect of a permit relating to an air emissions.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1244 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to acceptable forms of identification for voting.

Companions: HB 694 Vo, Hubert(D) (Identical)
2-21-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

Remarks: WLJ - Adds as accepted voter ID, a photo school ID and state agency ID.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1245 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to conditions of community supervision prohibiting contact with certain persons.

Companions: HB 373 Allen, Alma(D) (Identical)
2-28-19 H Committee action pending House Corrections

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits a judge making as a condition of probation, the prohibition to interact with persons with criminal histories if they belong to an organization that advocates for criminal justice issues, provide peer support to other formerly incarcerated persons or participate in lawful rallies.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1246 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the criminal offense of unlawfully prohibiting an employee from voting.

Companions: HB 579 Vo, Hubert(D) (Identical)
2-20-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

Remarks: WLJ - Expands the offense of an employer refusing to allow their employee to vote to include the early voting period.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1247 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to who may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.

Remarks: WLJ - Adds representative of a school, church, day care, hospital or medical facility within 440 yards to authorized persons who can request a public hearing for the construction of a concrete plant.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1248 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to a community supervision and corrections department policy regarding supervision officer meetings and visits.

Companions: HB 374 Allen, Alma(D) (Identical)
2-28-19 H Committee action pending House Corrections

Remarks: WLJ - Requires probation departments to adopt policies which take into consideration a defendants work, treatment and community service schedule while scheduling meetings.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1249 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to permit application requirements for solid waste facilities.

Companions: HB 523 Allen, Alma(D) (Identical)
2-20-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

Remarks: WLJ-Requires a permit application for solid waste facilities to

include certification that the applicant mailed to each resident within 1 mile of the facility an explanation of the proposed operations and a questionnaire on the operations. The permit application must include the responses to the questionnaire.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1250 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to the prohibition of employment discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

Companions: HB 850 Johnson, Eric(D) (Identical)
2-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

Remarks: WLJ - provide that an employer, employment agency, and labor organization could not discriminate against a person because of their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1251 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to unprofessional conduct by mental health providers who attempt to change the sexual orientation of a child.

Remarks: WLJ - A mental health provider who attempts to change a childs gender identity is engaging in unprofessional conduct and is subject to disciplinary action.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1254 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to verification of the citizenship status of certain registered voters.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires a voter registrar who received notice via a motor vehicle record of a person who has indicated lack of citizenship status to deliver an inquiry on the citizenship of the registered voter.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SB 1255 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the location of countywide polling places within a county.

Remarks: WLJ - Stipulates that a countywide polling place must have the same % of polling places as the % of voters in each precinct. In counties of 400k and more, the % of polling places must be equal to the % of voters in each state representative district in the county.

Last Action: 2-27-19 S Filed

SJR 42 Alvarado, Carol (F)(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the operation of casino gaming by licensed persons at nine locations in this state to provide additional money for the permanent school fund.

Remarks: aph - constitutional amendment authorizing up to 9 venues for casino gaming across the state and imposing a 10% tax on net revenue to pay for public-school finance.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SJR 43 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to extend the number of days that certain tangible personal property that is exempt from ad valorem taxation due to its location in this state.

Remarks: WLJ - amends the Texas Constitution to extend from 175 to 365 the number of days by which Freeport goods must be transported outside the state in order to be exempt from property taxation.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

SJR 44 Watson, Kirk(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision that adopts an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a percentage of the market value.

Remarks: WLJ - amends the Texas Constitution to authorize the governing body of a taxing unit that adopts a local option residence homestead exemption to set the minimum dollar amount of the exemption to which an individual is entitled in a tax year at a dollar amount greater than $5,000.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SJR 45 Watson, Kirk(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment allowing the expenditure of motor vehicle fuel taxes and registration fees for passenger rail and transit.

Remarks: WLJ - amends the Texas Constitution to allow the expenditure of motor vehicle fuel taxes and registration fees for passenger rail and transit.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SJR 46 Seliger, Kel(R) Proposing constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.

Companions: HJR 47 Bell, Cecil(R) (Identical)
2-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Remarks: JBD - Implements HB 861 Constitutional amendment to expand the current 10% appraisal growth cap on residence homesteads to all real property and to lower the cap to 5%.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SJR 47 Campbell, Donna(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market vaule of the residence homestead of surviving spouses.

Companions: HJR 23 Miller, Rick(R) (Identical)
2-11-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Remarks: MGV - Constitutional amendment to expand exemption for a surviving spouse of armed service member by replacing "action" with line of duty.

Last Action: 2-25-19 S Filed

SJR 48 Watson, Kirk(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to pay at least 50 percent of the cost of maintaining and operating the public school system.

Companions: HJR 24 Geren, Charlie(R) (Identical) 2-11-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

SJR 40 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) (Identical) 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Remarks: MGV - Constitutional amendment requiring state to pay 50% of M&O cost of public school system.

Last Action: 2-26-19 S Filed

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