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- ☒ ☐ **HB 3** Huberty, Dan(R) Relating to public school finance and public education.
- Remarks:** school finance bill which will increase \$ for public schools, scale back recapture, fund merit pay increases for teachers. Bill provides \$6.3 billion for schools and \$2.7B to lower property taxes
- Last Action:** 3-12-19 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.036, House Public Education
- ☒ ☐ **HB 14** Stucky, Lynn(R) Relating to higher education student loan repayment assistance for peace officers.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires creation of a state loan repayment fund for a person that becomes a state/local government peace officer who has served at least 1 year.
- Last Action:** 3- 5-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education
- ☒ ☐ **HB 2300** Morrison, Geanie(R) Relating to the creation of the disaster recovery loan program.
- Remarks:** MG V - Creates a disaster recovery loan program under TX Division of Emergency Management for political subdivisions located wholly or partly in a declared disaster area by Gov or President for damaged infrastructure greater than 50% of the political subdivision's total revenue for current year. Establishes application procedures and loan guidelines. Appropriates \$60m from GR
- Last Action:** 3- 6-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
- ☒ ☐ **HB 2305** Morrison, Geanie(R) Relating to a work group on enhancing the training and credentialing of emergency management personnel.

Remarks: MGV - Creates a work group under TX Division of Emergency Management to enhance training of emergency personnel

Last Action: 3-13-19 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.016, House Homeland Security and Public Safety

 ☐ HB 2692 Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

Companions: HB 244 Farrar, Jessica(D) (Identical)
2-19-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

Remarks: VRS - Prohibits a religious organization (including a school) from discriminating against a party on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity and creates a civil penalty for that offense (actual damages, court costs, reasonable attorneys fees, and/or a permanent/temporary injunction). Prohibits a state agency from contracting with a contractor unless the contractor adopts a policy prohibiting the discrimination against its employees b/c of their sexual orientation or gender identity. Creates an administrative/civil penalty of \$100 per day per employee for violators. Prohibits an employer from discriminating against an employee b/c of sexual orientation or gender identity. Prohibits a discrimination claim from being referred to a municipality if that municipality doesn't have a law that prohibits discrimination b/c of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2695 Lucio III, Eddie(D)

Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of a residence homestead based on the average appraised value of all qualified residence homesteads located in the same county.

Remarks: aph - grants a homeowner an exemption of 10% or a greater percentage not to exceed 25% of the residence homestead's appraised value if the governing body of the taxing unit adopts the exemption before July 1.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2696 Schaefer, Matt(R)

Relating to the elimination of regular mandatory vehicle safety inspections for noncommercial vehicles and the imposition of replacement fees.

Companions: SB 1599 Hall, Bob(R) (Identical)
3- 6-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - eliminates the annual inspection mandates for passenger vehicles driven less than 5,000 per year. Replaces fees for the inspections and directs those fees to the state mobility fund, GR, and clean air fund.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2697 Meyer, Morgan(R) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.

Companions: SB 269 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
3-12-19 S Meeting set for 8:00
A.M., E1.012, Senate Business and
Commerce

Remarks: JBD - Currently crime is committed if a person's ID information is used without their consent. Bill adds "or without their effective consent."

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2701 White, James(R) Relating to county jailer training and continuing education requirements regarding interacting with pregnant women confined in jail.

Remarks: JBD - Mandates training for jailers on OB/GYN, labor and delivery, appropriate pre- and post-natal care. Repeat training every 48 months.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2702 White, James(R) Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of certain property that was erroneously omitted from an appraisal roll in a previous year.

Remarks: WLJ - Currently the chief appraiser shall add omitted property to the rolls. Bills changes that to permissive authority unless otherwise required by law.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2703 Thierry, Shawn(D) Relating to the establishment of a maternal mortality and morbidity data registry.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a statewide online maternal data registry. Require "collecting data at the time a pregnant woman is admitted for delivery, on the day of delivery, 42 days postpartum and 364 days postpartum."

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2706** Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to local government public investment of funds

Remarks: JBD - Expands options for investment of public funds.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2707** Price, Four(R) Relating to the expansion of the community mental health grant program to include services to and treatment of individuals with substance use disorders.

Remarks: WLJ - Adds substance abuse services to qualified programs for HB 13 the grant program for mental health diversion.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2708** Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to the purchase of food and beverages by the Texas Department of Transportation for certain employees responding to emergencies or disasters.

Companions: **SB 537** Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)
3- 6-19 S Recommended for
Local/Uncontested Calendar

Remarks: aph - allows TXDOT to buy food for employees responding to a disaster and can't leave because of duties on site during the disaster.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2710** Murr, Andrew(R) Relating to the regulation of certain aggregate production operations by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Companions: **HB 3200** Murr, Andrew(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 2193 Buckingham, Dawn (F) (R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
SB 2278 Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)
3- 8-19 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - provide for the regulation of aggregate productions by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality that are first required to be registered on or after January 1, 2016, occupy at least 10 acres, and are located inside a city's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2711 Lang, Mike(R)

Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of failure to identify.

Remarks: JBD - Currently Failure to ID case may made only against an arrested person. Bill expands to cover witnesses and those detained by police.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2716 Leman, Ben(R)

Relating to authorization for a private entity to enter onto property to survey for a proposed high-speed rail project.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits access to private property by a private entity to survey for a high speed rail project.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2717 Harless, Sam (F)(R)

Relating to the use of a turn signal before turning a vehicle.

Remarks: WLJ - eliminating need for turn signal by drivers in vehicles in lanes 'marked as requiring a turn in the direction of the intended turn

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2719 Pacheco, Leo (F)(D)

Relating to the election of the board of directors of an appraisal district.

Remarks: WLJ - An appraisal district's board of directors would consist of five directors elected at large. The County TAC would be a non-voting sixth member. Taxing units would no longer have the power to veto a board's actions.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2720 Kuempel, John(R)

Relating to taxes imposed on vinous liquor.

Companions: SB 1528 Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)
3- 5-19 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Provides for an alcohol make from a grape, apple or berry that is under 16% alcohol it will be taxed at 16 cents/gallon. Currently it is 20.4 cents a gallon.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2721 Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to the source of dogs and cats sold by pet stores.

Remarks: VRS - Bracketed to Fort Bend County. Requires pet stores to obtain the animals they sell from

animal shelters, animal rescue organizations, animal control or a licensed breeder and to maintain records on where each animal came from for at least 1 year. Requires pet stores to publicly post which of these sources their animals come from. Imposes a \$500 fine for each dog or cat sold in violation of this statute.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2722](#) Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to the trap, sterilize, and release program for stray cats in certain counties.

Remarks: VRS - Bracketed to Fort Bend County. Requires DSHS to establish a program to trap, sterilize, vaccinate, and release feral cats in the county.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2724](#) Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to a proxy for a member of the legislature visiting a facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Remarks: JBD - Legislators can visit state prisons to observe operations. Bill permits legislators' designees to visit.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2728](#) Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to automatic voter registration on issuance or change of a driver's license or identification card by the Department of Public Safety.

Companions:	HB 70	Minjarez, Ina(D)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
	SB 186	Uresti, Carlos(D)	(Refiled from 85R Session)
	HB 140	Minjarez, Ina(D)	(Identical)
	SB 103	Menendez, Jose(D)	(Identical)
		2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs	

Remarks: WLJ-Requires a voter registrar to automatically register any eligible voter who is issued a driver's license or ID by DPS or who makes a change to their license or ID. Requires DPS to notify the Secretary of state when it issues a license or ID for voter registration purposes.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2729** Minjarez, Ina(D) Relating to the administration, duties, and operation of the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

Companions: **SB 1647** Campbell, Donna(R) (Identical)
3- 6-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for SB 1647 updates provisions of the Edwards Aquifer Authority including elections, permit hearings, applications, fees, well closure, and enforcement actions.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2730** Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to civil actions involving the exercise of certain constitutional rights.

Companions: **SB 2162** Paxton, Angela (F)(R) (Identical)
3- 8-19 S Filed

Remarks: JBD - Changes procedures associated with motions to dismiss lawsuits allegedly filed in violation of a person's constitutional rights to free speech, assembly, and petition. Will allow those that file such motions in error to avoid an adverse ruling and possible award of cost by dropping the motion.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2731** Miller, Rick(R) Relating to the prosecution of and punishment for certain trafficking and prostitution offenses and to certain other consequences of those offenses.

Remarks: JBD - No probation for promotion of prostitution, and those offenses require registration as sex offender.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2734** Burrows, Dustin(R) Relating to an anatomical gift on behalf of a resident in a state supported living center.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows a guardian of a resident of a state living center to authorize organ donation on behalf of the resident.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2736** Darby, Drew(R) Relating to the authority of a governmental unit that has withdrawn from a regional planning commission to join another regional planning commission.

Remarks: MGJ - Allows a governmental unit that has withdrawn from a regional planning commission to join another commission that is adjacent to the

unit pending approval by the governing bodies of the unit and the commission it wishes to join and pending approval by the Governor

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2737 Wu, Gene(D)

Relating to judicial guidance related to child protective services cases and juvenile cases.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the Supreme Court to provide guidance annually to judges who oversee CPS cases or juvenile cases in order to create uniformity in the state.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2741 Minjarez, Ina(D)

Relating to the application of the fire code to and the inspection of buildings owned or leased by counties.

Remarks: MGJ - Applies to Bexar County. Requires the county fire marshal to conduct each inspection required by a city for a building wholly owned or wholly leased by the county. Allows the fire marshal, through an MOU, to delegate authority to conduct an inspection to the city. Applies fire code to a building that is wholly owned, wholly leased, or subject to an agreement to be wholly leased .

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2748 Perez, Mary Ann(D)

Relating to regulation of the retail sale of fireworks.

Remarks: MGJ - Requires TX A&M Forest Service to expand its services to each business day to respond to the request of any county for a drought determination. Expands to all year commissioners court's ability to restrict or prohibit the sale or use of restricted fireworks in specified areas when conditions on rural acreage are determined to be extremely hazardous for fire. Repeals timelines for orders prohibiting sale of fireworks.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2749 Neave, Victoria(D)

Relating to grants for the development and operation of pretrial intervention programs for pregnant defendants.

Remarks: JBD - Permits CJAD to award grants for pretrial intervention programs for pregnant defendants.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2750 Hefner, Cole(R)

Relating to the selection of the board of directors of an appraisal district.

Remarks: WLJ - An appraisal district's board of directors would consist of four directors appointed by the voting taxing units and one elected director. The size of the board could be increased, but half of any added positions would have to be elected. Taxing units would no longer have the power to veto a board's actions.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2753 Neave, Victoria(D)

Relating to the requirement that a public video broadcast of an open meeting of a state governmental body include communication access realtime translation captioning.

Remarks: WLJ - for a video broadcast for an open meeting to include speech-to-text interpreting service.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2754 White, James(R)

Relating to the issuance of a citation or notice to appear for certain misdemeanors punishable by fine only and the court's authority to order a defendant confined in jail for failure to pay a fine.

Remarks: WLJ - Mandates cite and release for all fine only misdemeanors. Makes an exception if the person refuses to sign the citation. Prohibits an arrest warrant for failing to appear/failure to pay for a fine only citation.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2755 Price, Four(R)

Relating to the amount of certain county and public health district fees.

Remarks: WLJ - Amends the amount a county can charge for a food or health permit to the actual county costs from the current fee of \$150.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2756 Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to the protection of parental rights.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a presumption that the parent is fit and acting in the best interest of the child.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2757 Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to the rule of decision in a court of this state.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2758** Hernandez, Ana(D) Relating to changing the eligibility of persons charged with certain trafficking and prostitution offenses to receive community supervision, including deferred adjudication community supervision.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits probation or deferred adjudication for a person found guilty of continuous human trafficking; Promotion of prostitution; aggravated promotion of prostitution;

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2765** Martinez Fischer, Trey (D) Relating to the procedure by which certain voters receive ballots to be voted by mail for each election held during a certain period.

Remarks: WLJ - Permits one mail in ballot application to be used for multiple ballots in the year requested. Requires the clerk to notify the applicant they need a new application for future ballots by mail.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2767** Martinez Fischer, Trey (D) Relating to the delivery of a recorded marriage license by e-mail.

Remarks: MGJ - On request, allows county clerk to email a recorded marriage license

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2768** Martinez Fischer, Trey (D) Relating to the issuance of an occupational driver's license.

Remarks: MGJ - Allows a person with a suspended driver's license under driver responsibility program to apply for an occupational driver's license

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2769** Ortega, Lina(D) Relating to authorizing an increase in an optional county fee on vehicle registration in certain counties.

Remarks: aph - adds counties over 800,000 to list that can assess an additional \$20 fee to vehicle registrations for transportation purposes in the county.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2770** Martinez Fischer, Trey (D) Relating to the payment in installments of ad valorem taxes on a residence homestead.

Remarks: aph - creates an installment payment plan for disabled veterans to pay property taxes in equal payments over the year.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2771** Lozano, Jose(R) Relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to issue permits for the discharge into water of this state of produced water, hydrostatic test water.

Companions: **SB 1585** Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)
3- 5-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for SB 1585 provides the TCEQ with authority to permit water used in testing, gas plants, and energy production rather than leaving this authority in the RRC.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2772** Wilson, Terry(R) Relating to the release to mandatory supervision of certain inmates confined in a county jail.

Remarks: MGJ - Requires release to mandatory supervision of an individual confined in a county jail and who has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment and is eligible for release to mandatory supervision.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2774** Lozano, Jose(R) Relating to the provision of behavioral health services for certain persons under the medical assistance program.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the medical assistance program to cover behavioral health services for persons between the age of 20-65, has been diagnosed with a serious mental illness and has been arrested at least once.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2781** Middleton, Mayes (F)(R) Relating to the cessation of tolls on state highway segments in certain counties.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits tolls going through a county of less than 75k that adopts a resolution stating that the imposition of tolls creates a safety hazard and submits the resolution to TxDot.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 Burrows, Dustin(R)

☐ [HB 2785](#)

Relating to notice of discount of certain charges by certain hospitals.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires publically owned hospitals who discount a bill due to cash payment to notify the patient.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

☒ ☐ [HB 2789](#) [Meyer, Morgan\(R\)](#)

Relating to the creation of the criminal offense of unlawful electronic transmission of sexually explicit visual material.

Remarks: MGJ - Creates criminal offense for knowingly electronically sending sexually explicit visual material

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

☒ ☐ [HB 2794](#) [Morrison, Geanie\(R\)](#)

Relating to the administration of emergency management in this state.

Companions: [SB 1668](#) Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)
3- 6-19 S Filed

Remarks: MGJ - Moves TX Division of Emergency Management from DPS to Texas A&M University System

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

☒ ☐ [HB 2796](#) [Morrison, Geanie\(R\)](#)

Relating to the use of certain data collected by the Texas Workforce Commission to determine general prevailing wage rates for certain public work contracts.

Remarks: MGJ - Re: a public work contract awarded by a political subdivision, expands eligible data point options for determining general prevailing rate to include using TX Workforce Commission's Labor Market and Career Information Dept.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

☒ ☐ [HB 2801](#) [Goldman, Craig\(R\)](#)

Relating to airport police forces and security vehicles, including the authority to commission peace officers and the rights, privileges, and duties of those officers.

Companions: [SB 1366](#) Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Adds to the definition of a peace officer airport security personnel commissioned by a governing body.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2802](#) Darby, Drew(R)

Relating to the amounts, availability, and use of certain statutorily dedicated revenue and accounts.

Remarks: MGV - Extends from 2019 to 2021 the timeline for dedicated revenues that are estimated to exceed appropriated amount will be available for GR. Clarifies a number of dedicated revenue accounts are not available for GR purposes including permanent funds for children and public health, emergency medical services and trauma care. Under TERP, adds energy efficiency upgrades for state facilities and vehicle emissions inspection program to required programs for funding. For automatic number ID for wireless 911 calls, imposes a 911 emergency service fee in an amount equal to 50cents/month. Allows Coastal Protection Fund moneys to be provided for coastal erosion projects and coastal resiliency projects. Authorizes money in game, fish, and water safety account to fund coastal resiliency projects.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2803](#) Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to associate judges for guardianship proceedings and protective services proceedings in certain courts.

Companions: [SB 536](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
2-21-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2804](#) Button, Angie Chen(R)

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of tangible personal property consisting of certain food products held by the owner of the property for sale at retail.

Companions: [HB 1182](#) Button, Angie(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks:

WLJ - exempts tangible personal property consisting of food products that are exempt from the sales and use tax to also receive a property tax exemption if the owner holds the property for sale at retail.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2808 Shaheen, Matt(R)

Relating to the publication of required notice by a political subdivision by alternative media and on the Internet.

Remarks: MGJ - Requires a political subdivision to provide notice on the Comptroller's website and the political subdivision's website. Allows political subdivision to post in alternative media (social media, free newspapers, school newspapers, homeowners assn newsletter, utility bills, direct mailings, forms of media authorized by Comptroller) in lieu of newspaper.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2813 Price, Four(R)

Relating to the statewide behavioral health coordinating council.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates the Texas Statewide Behavioral Coordinating Council composed of members of various state agencies. They are tasked with implementing a 5 year statewide plan.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2814 Goodwin, Vikki (F)(D)

Relating to the designation of highway safety corridors.

Remarks: aph - allows TXDOT to establish highway safety corridors based on a high number of traffic fatalities with enhanced penalties within the corridor.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2823 VanDeaver, Gary(R)

Relating to increasing the criminal punishment for assault committed against certain sports participants.

Remarks: MGJ - Increases to a Class A misdemeanor for assault committed by any person against a sports participant

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2825 Geren, Charlie(R)

Relating to disclosures and discovery regarding expert witnesses in civil actions.

Remarks:

MGV - Requires a party to disclose the identity of an expert witness. Prohibits a court in a civil action from ordering discovery of communication between an attorney and expert witness.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2826 Bonnen, Greg(R)

Relating to procurement of a contingent fee contract for legal services by a state agency or political subdivision.

Remarks: MGV - Allows a political subdivision to procure a contingent fee contract for legal services. Establishes requirements for procurement: select most highly qualified attorney; and attempt to negotiate for a fair and reasonable price. Permits a political subdivision to require attorney to indemnify or hold harmless the entity from claims, liabilities resulting from negligent acts or omissions by the lawyer.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2828 King, Phil(R)

Relating to the exception of certain information related to the humane disposition by a municipality or county of an animal from required disclosure under the public information law.

Companions: HB 233 Rodriguez, Eddie(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ-Makes the persons information that adopts an unclaimed animal from a shelter confidential. Creates an exception between governmental entities related to public health and safety.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2831 Canales, Terry(D)

Relating to the service of notice of a special commissioners' hearing in an eminent domain proceeding.

Remarks: MGV - For eminent domain proceedings, replaces service of notice of delivery or publication if property being condemned belongs to a deceased's estate or a non-TX resident with another manner provided by TX Rules of Civil Procedure for service of citation.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2835 Canales, Terry(D)

Relating to a defense to prosecution for the criminal offense of operating a vehicle with an expired license plate.

Remarks: MGV - Creates defense to prosecution of operating a vehicle with an expired license plate if the county assessor-collector was closed for a protracted period of time and registration was expired for less than 30 working days.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2839 Munoz, Sergio(D)

Relating to the apportionment of infrastructure costs in regard to certain property development projects.

Remarks: MGV - If a county requires that a developer of a subdivision bears a portion of infrastructure improvement costs by dedicating funds, caps the developer's portion of costs from exceeding the amount required for infrastructure improvements that are proportionate to the proposed development and is retained by the county.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2840 Canales, Terry(D)

Relating to the right of a member of the public to address the governing body of a political subdivision at an open meeting of the body.

Remarks: MGV - Requires a governmental body (includes commissioners court) of a political subdivision to allow each member of the public to address the governing body before or during the body's consideration of an agenda item. Allows the body to adopt reasonable rules to implement. If a governmental body does not use simultaneous translation equipment, requires at least 2x the amount of time provided to the member of the public. Forbids a governmental body from prohibiting public criticism of the governmental body unless otherwise prohibited.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2842 King, Phil(R)

Relating to the disposition of a firearm seized from certain persons with mental illness.

Companions: SB 324 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)
2- 7-19 S Introduced and referred
to committee on Senate State
Affairs

Remarks: WIJ - Currently there is not a process for a person that is held under an emergency commitment to get their seized firearm back if the case is found without merit. This bill provides that within 30 days after a request of the clerk of court shall advise the agency that seized the firearm whether the case was found without merit, and 30 days after that the law enforcement agency shall check

national databases then provide in writing that the person may lawfully possess the firearm.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2845 Canales, Terry(D)

Relating to the removal of wind power facilities.

Remarks: WLJ - WLJ - requires a wind power facility agreement require the provider remove the equipment, clear and clean the property at the request of the landowner. Allows the landowner to request the grantee increase the bond or other financial assurance once every two years.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2849 Goodwin, Vikki (F)(D)

Relating to the imposition of a sales tax on ammunition, firearms, and firearms accessories to provide funding for a grant program for mental health services.

Remarks: WLJ - an additional state sales tax of one percent is imposed on each sale by a dealer of ammunition, a firearm, or a firearm accessory. The comptroller shall deposit the proceeds from the tax to the credit of a special account in the general revenue fund that may be appropriated only to the Health and Human Services Commission for a mental health services grant program.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2855 Landgraf, Brooks(R)

Relating to a study by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute on the impacts to state and local roads and bridges from increasing maximum weight limits for certain vehicles transporting sand.

Remarks: aph - mandates a study by TAMU Transportation Institute on the impacts to roads and bridges from the increased volume of over weight trucks.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2856 Morrison, Geanie(R)

Relating to restrictions under disaster remediation contracts.

Companions: SB 985 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: MGJ - 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 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2857 Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to the transfer of certain probate proceedings to the county in which the executor or administrator of a decedent's estate resides.

Companions: SB 192 Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)
3- 6-19 S Recommended for
Local/Uncontested Calendar

Remarks: WLJ - Allows for the transfer of a probate case to the county in which the executor resides if no immediate family resides in the same county in which the decedent resided.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2859 Capriglione, Giovanni(R)

Relating to the exemption of precious metals held in a depository in this state from ad valorem taxation.

Remarks: WLJ - add an exemption for precious metals that are held in the commercial depository of the state. A commercial depository is a depository that is primarily engaged in the business of providing precious metals storage services and maintains sufficient insurance to cover 100% of the deposits. No application for the exemption is required. The Comptroller may adopt rules on this new exemption.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2862 Landgraf, Brooks(R)

Relating to the appointment of special commissioners to assess damages in an eminent domain proceeding.

Remarks: MGJ - Amends timeline for appointment of special commissioners to assess damages in an eminent domain proceeding to specify no later than the third date the condemnation petition is filed. Specifies that the striking of a commissioner to be done within 20 days after the appointment. If a person fails to serve as commissioner or is struck, states the judge appoint a replacement within three days of receiving notice of appointee not serving or is struck.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2868 Phelan, Dade(R)

Relating to the procurement of interior design services by a governmental entity.

Companions: SB 922 West, Royce(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred
to committee on Senate Business
and Commerce

Remarks: MGW - Adds interior design services to eligible
professional services under the Professional
Services Procurement Act

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2872 Burrows, Dustin(R) Relating to the collection, remittance, and
administration of certain taxes on motor
vehicles rented through a marketplace rental
provider.

Companions: SB 1578 Alvarado, Carol (F)(D) (Identical)
3- 5-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - establishes taxing procedures for
marketplace rental providers of motor vehicles
and allows providers to add sales taxes, rental
taxes, and pay gross receipts taxes for the owner
of the vehicle through the rental agreements.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2873 Davis, Yvonne(D) Relating to the room placement of
individuals with Alzheimer's disease or
dementia in health care facilities and
correctional facilities.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires health facility, jail and prisons
from housing a person with dementia with an
individual with mental illness and a history of
violence.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2874 Davis, Yvonne(D) Relating to the criminal offense of
abandoning or endangering a child, elderly
individual, or disabled individual.

Remarks: MGW - Expands current offense of abandoning or
endangering a child to include an elderly or
disabled individual.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2876 Davis, Yvonne(D) Relating to the punishment for the criminal
offense of sexual assault.

Remarks: MGW - Amends felony of the first degree for
sexual assault by expanding the definition of
victim to include ancestor or descendant by blood
or adoption or a current, former stepchild,
stepparent.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2880** **Zwiener, Erin (F)(D)** Relating to a study of the effects of building requirements on the use of water conservation technology.

Remarks: aph - mandates a study by the Meadows Center at Tx State on impediments to water conservation technologies in this state.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2884** **Miller, Rick(R)** Relating to statewide technology centers and cloud computing

Remarks: MGV - Requires Dept of Information Resources to allow a state agency to contract with or utilize a cloud computing service provider for services to operate statewide technology centers

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2885** **Davis, Yvonne(D)** Relating to paid leave for public officers and employees engaged in certain military service.

Remarks: MGV - Entitles up to 7 workdays in a FY paid leave of absence for public officers and employees engaged in active duty during a disaster

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2886** **Bucy, John (F)(D)** Relating to the requirement for payment bonds from certain public work contractors.

Remarks: MGV - Increases requirement for payment bonds from public work contractors for contracts in excess of \$100,000. Currently, applies to \$25000 contracts.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2895** **Collier, Nicole(D)** Relating to collective bargaining and conditions of employment for fire fighters and police officers in certain political subdivisions.

Companions: **SB 797** Alvarado, Carol (F)(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: JBD - would modify current law to require a political subdivisions that employs firefighters and/or provide compensation and other conditions of employment that are substantially

equal to compensation and conditions of employment that prevail in comparable fire and police departments (currently - comparasector employment); eliminate the ability of a political subdivision and a bargaining association to enforcement of the applicable requirements related to the compensation and conditions of employment police officers if the parties fail to agree to arbitrate; require a public employer and a bargaining submit to binding interest arbitration if the parties reach an impasse in collective bargaining or after the 61st day after the date the appropriate lawmaking body fails to approve a contract reached bargaining; and eliminate an arbitration board and replace it with a single arbitrator.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2896](#) Collier, Nicole(D)

Relating to the entry of a plea by defendants charged with certain misdemeanors involving family violence.

Companions: [SB 1534](#) Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[SB 415](#) Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)
 3- 6-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

Remarks: JBD - requires plea on offense involving family violence to be in open court.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2897](#) Parker, Tan(R)

Relating to the provision of services by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's developmentally disabled offender program.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires TDCJ to develop resources to assist IDD offenders reintegrating into the community.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2898](#) Fierro, Art (F)(D)

Relating to voting outside of the polling place.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires an election officer, upon request, to deliver a ballot to the voter outside the voting center. Applies to a parent with their child or a person physically unable to enter the polling place without assistance.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2899](#) Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to civil liability and responsibility for defects in the plans, specifications, or other documents for the construction or repair of roads, highways, and related improvements.

Companions: [SB 1866](#) Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - provides a shield to contractors for liability on certain projects arising from defects in material used on the projects or errors and omissions of a third party.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2901](#) Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to civil liability and responsibility for the consequences of defects in the plans, specifications, or related documents for the construction or repair of an improvement to real property.

Remarks: MGV - Limits contractor's liability and responsibility for consequences of defects in the accuracy of documents provided to the contractor by the person or another person whom the contractor entered into contract

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2902](#) Fierro, Art (F)(D)

Relating to the use of e-mail on a vote by mail application.

Companions: [HB 952](#) Rodriguez, Justin(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - provide that the officially prescribed application form for an early voting ballot must include, among other things, a space for entering an applicant's email address;

require the early voting clerk, before rejecting an application for a ballot to be voted by mail, to make a reasonable effort to contact the applicant by e-mail, at any address provided on the application, to ask questions about the application;

provide that if the early voting clerk does not receive a response before the fourth day after the date the clerk tries to contact an applicant the clerk may reject the application;

authorize an applicant for an application for a ballot to be voted by mail to make clerical corrections to the application by email;

require the early voting clerk to attach to and maintain with the original application submissions and corrections provided by email; and

provide that an applicant may not change the address or county of residence submitted on the original application to a different address or county of residence by email.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2903](#) Fierro, Art (F)(D) Relating to voter registration applications.

Companions: [HB 953](#) Rodriguez, Justin(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Prior to rejecting a voter registration that includes registrant's email address, a registrar is to make reasonable effort to notify an applicant by email that additional information is needed.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2904](#) Fierro, Art (F)(D) Relating to the provision of the reason for rejecting a voter registration application.

Companions: [SB 143](#) Garcia, Sylvia(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: MJV-requires a voter registrar to give a specific reason for rejecting a voter registration application.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2905](#) Fierro, Art (F)(D) Relating to the eligibility of certain persons younger than 18 years of age to preregister to vote.

Companions: [SB 150](#) Garcia, Sylvia(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[SB 187](#) Uresti, Carlos(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Reduces the age allowed to preregister to vote from 17 and 10 months to just 17.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 2906](#) Parker, Tan(R) Relating to orders of nondisclosure for certain victims of trafficking of persons.

Remarks:

MGV - Prohibits a criminal justice agency from disclosing criminal history record information for regulatory licensing purposes if an order of nondisclosure is in place for a victim of trafficking.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2908** Patterson, Jared (F)(R) Relating to electricity pricing rules and operating procedures that eliminate or compensate for market distortion caused by certain federal tax credits.

Remarks: WLJ - ERCOT and PUC shall adopt rules to eliminate electricity pricing caused by federal tax credits, the rules must ensure the costs from the sale of electricity eligible for federal tax credit include costs of maintaining capacity to serve load at peak summer demand. PUC and ERCOT operator shall eliminate any rules that attempt to adjust prices based on the probability of reserves falling.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2909** Klick, Stephanie(R) Relating to election practices and procedures.

Remarks: WLJ - Authorize any delivery, submission, or filing of a document or paper under the Texas Election Code to be made by e-mail. If a recount does not resolve a tie, the tied candidates may cast lots not later than the day before the date the authority must order a second election; or withdraw from the election not later than 5 p.m. of the day after the date the automatic recount is held. An election services contract may not change the political subdivision's requirement to maintain office hours during an election period. The authority conducting the drawing to determine the order of the candidate's names on the ballot shall provide notice of the date, hour, and place of the drawing to each candidate by: written notice mailed to the address stated on the candidate's application for a place on the ballot or provided at the time the candidate files an application with the authority; telephone, if a telephone number is provided on the candidate's application for a place on the ballot; or e-mail, if an e-mail address is provided on the candidate's application for a place on the ballot. That if the name of a voter who is offering to vote is not on the precinct list of registered voters, an election officer may contact the voter registrar regarding the voter's registration status. If the election officer determines, after contacting the registrar that the voter is a registered voter of the territory covered by the election but is offering to vote in the incorrect precinct, the election officer shall

provide the correct precinct location information to the voter. If a voter to be accepted for voting if the voter's identity has been verified from documentation and it can be determined from the voter registrar that: the voter's registration was improperly canceled and has been reinstated; an error in the voter registration record caused the voter's name to not appear on the list of registered voters and the error has been corrected; or the voter's name has been inadvertently left off the list of registered voters for the precinct. After a voter has been accepted an election officer shall enter the voter's name on the registration omissions list. Require a voter to be accepted for provisional voting if the election officer cannot determine that the voter is a registered voter of the territory covered by the election in which the voter is offering to vote. Provisional voting records are not available for public inspection until the first business day after the date the early voting ballot board completes the verification and counting of provisional ballots and delivers the provisional ballots and other provisional voting records to the general custodian of election records. A qualified voter is eligible for early voting by mail if, at the time the voter's early voting ballot application is submitted, the voter is a person who is civilly committed as a sexually violent predator and is ordered as a condition of civil commitment to reside in a facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Civil Commitment Office. For an application for a ballot to be voted by mail on the ground of involuntary civil commitment, an early voting ballot application must include the address of the facility operated by or under contract with the Texas Civil Commitment Office or of a person related to the applicant within the second degree by affinity or the third degree by consanguinity. A person is eligible for early voting by mail if the person is a member of the Texas National Guard or the National Guard of another state or a member of a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States serving on active duty, or the spouse or dependent of a member. An application for a place on the ballot submitted by a candidate for city office may be filed through e-mail transmission of the completed application in a scanned format only if the filing authority designates an e-mail address for this purpose in the notice of deadlines. A vacancy in the officer's office occurs on the date of the final canvass of a successful recall election. For the purposes of computing the number of signatures in a petition, the signature of a voter whose name appears on the list of registered voters with the notation "S", or a similar notation, is considered valid if the voter: is otherwise eligible to vote in the territory; and provides a residence address located in the

territory. Repeal the provision providing that an election precinct established for an election ordered by a city authority may not divide a county election precinct, except as necessary to follow the city's boundary.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2910 Klick, Stephanie(R)

Relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information of certain persons obtained for the purposes of voting.

Remarks: WLJ - Adds who is eligible to keep residence address confidential in voter registration information.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2911 Klick, Stephanie(R)

Relating to voter registration.

Remarks: WLJ - Amends the voter registration process. Requires a fax application to have the original mailed or hand delivered within 4 business days. Amends to only require the year of the registrants birth. If a person on the registered voter lists appears on the suspense list the voters name shall be deleted when the voter provides a completed application for registration.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2912 Zerwas, John(R)

Relating to certain images captured by an unmanned aircraft.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows Ft Bend to take photos with a drone for disaster preparedness purposes.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2914 Bell, Cecil(R)

Relating to the necessity of hearings regarding the dissolution or conversion of certain conservation and reclamation districts.

Remarks: aph - allows TCEQ to dissolve conservation and reclamation districts without a hearing if the Commission receives a petition from a majority of land owners within the district boundaries.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2915 Springer, Drew(R)

Relating to state and local taxes and fees.

Remarks: aph - comprehensive tax plan compressing property tax rates for schools and increasing homestead exemptions by replacing sales tax increases on services and additional products.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2916 Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to the eligibility of certain criminal defendants for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information.

Remarks: MGV - Makes eligible criminal defendants that meet all conditions and have never been previously convicted of or placed on deferred adjudication for a felony or certain misdemeanors for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2917 Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to the eligibility of certain criminal defendants for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information.

Remarks: MGV - Adds to current timelines that a person on deferred adjudication to petition the court for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history on the first anniversary of the discharge and dismissal if the offense was for certain state jail felonies and on the third anniversary if offense was for a state jail felony or third degree felony.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2918 Shine, Hugh(R)

Relating to the provision of state aid to certain local governments disproportionately affected by the granting of ad valorem tax relief to disabled veterans.

Remarks: aph - adds junior college district to the list of entities eligible for property tax offsets from the state as a result of disabled veterans exemptions created by the state. Attempts to fix one unfunded mandate.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2920 Turner, Chris(D)

Relating to the requirement of a public hearing on certain applications for a permit to drill an oil or gas well.

Remarks: aph - creates a requirement for the RRC to hold a hearing on an application to drill a well if the well is located within 1,000 feet of a school or daycare.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2921 Lozano, Jose(R)

Relating to the review of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas, by the Sunset Advisory Commission.

Companions: SB 1872 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)

3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: MGV - Sets Port of Corpus Christi Authority sunset review September 1, 2021 and every 12th year.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2922** Lozano, Jose(R) Relating to the administration of the Port of Corpus Christi of Nueces County, Texas.

Companions: [SB 1871](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: MGV - Reauth of Port of Corpus Christi

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2923** Lozano, Jose(R) Relating to changing the name of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas.

Companions: [SB 1873](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: MGV - Renames Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces Co to Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces and San Patricio Counties

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2924** Lozano, Jose(R) Relating to the composition of the port commission of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas.

Companions: [SB 1425](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Filed

Remarks: MGV - Increases commissioners from seven to nine on port commission of Port of Corpus Christi authority

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2925** Lozano, Jose(R) Relating to the composition of the port commission of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas.

Companions: [SB 1424](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Filed

Remarks: MGV - Authorizes San Patricio County to appoint members to the Port of Corpus Christi Authority along with Nueces County and City of Corpus Christi. Currently, appointments authority lies with Nueces and Corpus Christi.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2926 Hinojosa, Gina(D)

Relating to the establishment of the family first prevention services task force.

Companions: SB 951 Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

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 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2931 Parker, Tan(R)

Relating to the issuance of a driver's license by an entity other than the Department of Public Safety.

Remarks: VRS - Allows the Director of DPS to set the standards for what organizations are allowed to issue a Class C drivers license. Stipulates that a drivers license may not be issued to anyone who has not passed the required training for the license they are applying for.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2936 Hinojosa, Gina(D)

Relating to certain notice requirements and filing requirements in court proceedings involving persons with mental illness.

Companions: SB 395 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
3-12-19 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate Health and Human Services

Remarks: WLJ - For a mental health commitment requires a copy of the commitment notice to be delivered by hand by a sheriff or constable of the county or as directed by the court. Allows a mental health hold to be filed electronically with the requirement the original papers be maintained and made available upon a request.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2937 Sheffield, J.D.(R)

Relating to the offense of aggravated assault using a deadly weapon.

Remarks: MGW - Expands offense of aggravated assault to first degree felony using a deadly weapon to include injury to another person. Currently applies to person's spouse or person in a dating relationship with the actor.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2938** Hinojosa, Gina(D) Relating to the authority of the commissioners court of a county to employ attorneys as mental health public defenders and to the reimbursement of an attorney who represents an indigent proposed patient.

Companions: **SB 1293** Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: Authorizes counties to create public defender positions to represent persons in commitment proceedings in lieu of private appointed counsel.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2943** Button, Angie Chen(R) Relating to the system by which an application for a low income housing tax credit is scored.

Companions: **HB 416** Guerra, Bobby(D) (Identical)
2-20-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Urban Affairs

Remarks: MGV - Removes written statement from the state rep. from the scoring criteria for a low income housing tax credit application.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2948** Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the creation of an advisory panel to study and compile a report on best management practices and funding mechanisms for the prevention, mitigation, and abatement of windblown and waterborne litter in communities.

Remarks: MGV - Creates advisory panel to report on best practices for litter prevention, mitigation with 17 members, one county rep.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 2952** Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the establishment of an emergency radio infrastructure revolving loan program.

Remarks: MGV - Establishes loan program, administered by DPS, for statewide emergency radio infrastructure.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

-  ☐ **HB 2953** **Moody, Joe(D)** Relating to a grant program to provide salary increases to full-time peace officers employed by certain local governments with limited tax bases.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a grant program to supplement peace officer salaries in counties/citys where the salary is less than \$32.5k
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
-  ☐ **HB 2955** **Price, Four(R)** Relating to oversight of specialty court programs.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Transfers oversight of specialty court programs to OCA.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
-  ☐ **HB 2956** **Zwiener, Erin (F)(D)** Relating to the authority of a county to regulate impervious cover in certain floodplains.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Permits commissioners court to regulate impervious cover located in unincorporated areas and in 100 year floodplain.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
-  ☐ **HB 2957** **Zwiener, Erin (F)(D)** Relating to a requirement that certain recipients of financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board adopt certain restrictions on water use by their customers.
- Companions:** **SB 1379** Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Filed
- Remarks:** aph - waives the requirement of specific water providers to have a water conservation program as part of the package needed to receive funding from the TWDB for loans sought during an emergency situation.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
-  ☐ **HB 2958** **VanDeaver, Gary(R)** Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain property owned by the TexAmericas Center.
- Companions:** **SB 579** Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)
2-21-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax
- Remarks:**

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

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2959 Springer, Drew(R)

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

Remarks: aph - provides Cooke county with the authority to impose a hotel tax with the approval of the Court.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2965 Toth, Steve(R)

Relating to changing the elements of an offense for certain open meetings requirements for a member of a governmental body.

Remarks: MGV - Creates an offense if member of a governmental body outside of a mtg knowingly engages directly or indirectly in a series of verbal or written communications with other members without a quorum regarding an agreement to act uniformly concerning an issue within the jurisdiction of the governmental body or any public business. Currently applies to a member or group of members knowingly conspires to circumvent by meeting in numbers less than a quorum.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2969 Sanford, Scott(R)

Relating to prohibited adverse employment action against a first responder based on mental illness.

Remarks: MGV - Prohibits an employer to suspend, terminate, or take other adverse actions on a first responder solely because the employer knows or believes that the first responder has a mental illness.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 2972 Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to the pretrial release of a defendant.

Remarks: MGV - Requires a magistrate considering the release on bail of a defendant charge with a Class B misdemeanor or higher to use the results of a pretrial risk assessment in making decision. Requires the risk assessment to be objective, validated, standardized; based on empirical data; considers risk factors of failure to appear and danger to community;

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

-  ☐ **HB 2973** **Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D)** Relating to a defendant's payment of costs associated with a court-appointed counsel.
- Remarks:** MGV - At any time during sentence of confinement or period of community supervision, requires judge, on written request of the defendant, provide defendant with opportunity to present evidence that the defendant no longer has financial resources to pay costs of provided legal services.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
-  ☐ **HB 2974** **Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D)** Relating to prohibiting the arrest of a person for a violation of a condition of community supervision based on certain drug test results.
- Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits judge from issuing a warrant for violation of community supervision solely because a drug test indicates THC or cannabidiol was present.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
-  ☐ **HB 2976** **Howard, Donna(D)** Relating to authority of the Travis County Healthcare District to appoint, contract for, or employ physicians.
- Companions:** **SB 1142** Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations
- Remarks:** Allows Travis County Healthcare district to employ physicians.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
-  ☐ **HB 2982** **Guillen, Ryan(D)** Relating to public inspection of an early voting roster.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a person to request a copy of an early voting roster. Creates a class c misdemeanor to not share the roster publicly.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
-  ☐ **HB 2986** **Israel, Celia(D)** Relating to purchasing of cloud computing services by a political subdivision.
- Remarks:** MGV - Expands personal property to include cloud computing services for purchasing of cloud computing services by a political subdivision
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed

-  ☐ **HB 2989** Bell, Keith (F)(R) Relating to the jurisdiction of the County Court at Law No. 2 of Kaufman County.
- Remarks:** MGV - Allows the County Court at Law No. 2 of Kaufman County to have jurisdiction of felony cases involving capital murder.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
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-  ☐ **HB 2993** Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of certain nonexempt property used for low-income or moderate-income housing.
- Companions:** **SB 1830** Alvarado, Carol (F)(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed
- Remarks:** aph - companion for SB 1830 establishes a specific tax appraisal method for calculating property tax levies on property used for low-income and moderate-income housing.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
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-  ☐ **HB 2995** Talarico, James (F)(D) Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for educational materials purchased by a teacher.
- Remarks:** aph - creates a sales tax exemption for teachers purchasing school materials used in their job as an educator.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
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-  ☐ **HB 2996** Goodwin, Vikki (F)(D) Relating to the eligibility of land located in a residential subdivision for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land.
- Remarks:** aph - prevents land located within a platted subdivision from qualifying as open-space if it is located inside of a residential subdivision.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
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-  ☐ **HB 3002** Morrison, Geanie(R) Relating to certain audit and reporting requirements of regional planning commissions.
- Companions:** **SB 790** Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations
- Remarks:** MGV - Removes Comptroller as a recipient of regional planning commissions audits and annual receipt/expenditure of funds report.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3004** Vo, Hubert(D) Relating to modification of an application for a place on the ballot.

Remarks: MGVS - Prohibits an application for a place on the ballot be supplemented, modified, or amended, on or after date it's received. Allows a candidate to withdraw application and refile an amended application before filing deadline.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3010** Ramos, Ana-Maria (F)(D) Relating to a fee exemption for trafficking victims for certain personal identification documents.

Remarks: VRS - Requires a local registrar or county clerk to issue a trafficking victim a free copy of their birth certificate upon request. Prohibits collecting a fee for issuing a drivers license or ID to a trafficking victim. Requires DPS to define what constitutes necessary documentation to confirm trafficking victim status. Creates a fund for the waived license fees to be drawn from, if there are no funds in the account, the license fee may not be waived.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3016** Schaefer, Matt(R) Relating to the carrying of a firearm by a licensee in a motor vehicle.

Remarks: MGVS - Expands exception to unlawful carrying of handgun by a license holder to include handgun in a holster and handgun and license holder were in motor vehicle.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3022** Miller, Rick(R) Relating to emergency warning systems operated by municipalities and counties.

Remarks: MGVS - Allows a person to participate in local emergency warning system when applying for a driver's license by consenting to disclosure of contact info to municipality or county, or both, in which person resides for

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3024** Deshotel, Joe(D) Relating to the feasibility of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system.

Companions: [SB 1082](#) Taylor, Larry(R) (Identical)

3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred
to committee on Senate Natural
Resources and Economic Develop

Remarks: MGV - Establishes a joint interim committee to
continue to study the feasibility of creating,
maintaining a coastal barrier system

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3027** Ramos, Ana-Maria (F)(D) Relating to orders of nondisclosure for
certain victims of trafficking of persons or
compelling prostitution.

Remarks: MGV - Prohibits a criminal justice agency from
disclosing criminal history that is subject of a
nondisclosure order of a victim of trafficking who,
if requested by law enforcement or prosecuting
attorney, helped in certain investigations,

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3030** Flynn, Dan(R) Relating to the reporting of certain
information for purposes of a federal firearm
background check.

Remarks: MGV - Reduces from 30th day to four hours the
time in which the clerk of the court shall prepare
and forward to DPS a report concerning certain
persons' access to firearms.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3033** Zwiener, Erin (F)(D) Relating to the regulation of aggregate
production operations by the commissioners
court in certain counties.

Remarks: MGV - Allows Hay County commissioners court
to regulate the location of an aggregate
production operation to not less than one mile
from a residence, school, place of worship or
hospital.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3034** Zwiener, Erin (F)(D) Relating to the requirements for aggregate
production operation air permits.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits TCEQ from issuing an air permit
to an aggregate production operator unless TxDot
and the Comm. Court have established load limits
on each road which the operation expects to
operate vehicles.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3035** Zwiener, Erin (F)(D)

Relating to the relationship between the amount of an administrative penalty imposed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the economic benefit of the violation to the alleged violator.

Companions: [HB 4025](#) Rodriguez, Eddie(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Requires TCEQ when considering an administrative penalty to consider the amount of the penalty is at least equal to the value of the economic benefit gained by the violator. Allows a government entity to defer payment on any portion of penalty attributable to the consideration of economic benefit on the condition the entity or organization complies with the schedule and terms of enforcement ordered.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 [HB 3036](#) Biedermann, Kyle(R) Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to pledge certain tax revenue for the payment of obligations related to hotel projects.

Remarks: aph - adds Blanco to the list of cities that can levy a hotel tax to be used for municipal projects.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 [HB 3040](#) Hunter, Todd(R) Relating to an interim study regarding the method by which certain trial and appellate judges are selected.

Remarks: MGJ - Establishes the joint interim committee on judicial selection to conduct an interim study regarding how trial, appellate judges are selected.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 [HB 3045](#) Nevarez, Poncho(D) Relating to the provision of solid waste disposal services in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of certain municipalities.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 [HB 3060](#) Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the recording by a county clerk of certain documents concerning real or personal property.

Companions: [SB 2128](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the county clerk record index paper documents entry include names of grantors

and grantees and provides that the paper document is a copy of an electronic record. A county clerk must record all record copies of an electronic record otherwise eligible under law to be recorded in real property records if it contains an electronic signature, or signatures that are acknowledged or otherwise proved by law.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3061** Allison, Steve (F)(R)

Relating to an interim study regarding the method by which certain trial and appellate judges are selected.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a study on the method judges and justices are selected for office.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3063** Smithee, John(R)

Relating to the transfer of a retired county or municipal law enforcement animal.

Companions: **SB 2100** Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: VRS - allows a county or municipality to enter into a contract for transferring ownership of a law enforcement animal to a former law enforcement animal handler, their family or other suitable person. Requires that the head of the law enforcement agency to determine whether the candidate is able to humanely care for the animal. The contract must stipulate that the new owner must humanely care for the animal and advise the commissioners court if they are no longer able to care for the animal.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3081** Noble, Candy (F)(R)

Relating to a person qualified to serve as a special or temporary justice of the peace.

Remarks: WLJ - amends requirements to serve as a special or temporary jp to include a person who served a judge of a county court of law for at least 4 years or a licensed attorney with experience in a justice court.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3082** Murphy, Jim(R)

Relating to investigating and prosecuting the criminal offense of operating an unmanned aircraft over or near certain facilities.

Companions: **SB 1996** Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: MGV - Specifies criminal negligence in offense of operating drone over a correctional facility, detention facility, or critical infrastructure

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3083 Zwiener, Erin (F)(D)

Relating to the regulation of certain low-volume poultry processing establishments.

Companions: SB 1341 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

Remarks: VRS - Allows low-volume poultry processing establishments (more than 1,000 but less than 20,000 processed in a year) to sell directly to consumers and restaurants and provides that they are not subject to additional state regulation.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3086 Cole, Sheryl (F)(D)

Relating to the sales and use tax exemption for property used in the production of motion picture, video, or audio recordings and broadcasts.

Companions: SB 1966 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for SB 1966 limits sales tax exemption from all audio and video recording equipment used in motion pictures to just the equipment used for master recording.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3087 Raney, John(R)

Relating to responsibility for defects in the plans, specifications, or other documents for the construction or repair of highways, bridges, or real property.

Remarks: aph - provides a shield to contractors engaged in highway or other construction projects for defects, accuracy, adequacy or specs on bids and plans submitted by a third party in building the project.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3088 Martinez, Armando(D)

Relating to an exemption for certain purchasing personnel of the Texas Department of Transportation from training on state purchasing.

Remarks: aph - removes state purchasing training requirements from TxDOT purchasing personnel.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

- ☒ **HB 3089** Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to payment of costs related to the relocation of certain political subdivision utility facilities for state highway projects.
- Companions:** **SB 1512** Flores, Pete(R) (Identical)
3- 5-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for SB 1512 allows for the state to pay for the relocation of utilities needing to be relocated because of the upgrade or expansion of a state highway. PUC would have to determine the costs and financial condition of the utility in question.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

- ☒ **HB 3090** Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to the disposition of certain amounts collected for rail safety.
- Remarks:** aph - moves fees collected for rail safety from GR to the state highway fund.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

- ☒ **HB 3092** Paul, Dennis(R) Relating to notice of an epizootic infectious disease occurring in an animal shelter.
- Remarks:** VRS - requires animal shelters to notify each person who adopts an animal of a case of an above normal incidence of infectious disease within 30 days of the person adopting the animal.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

- ☒ **HB 3097** Lucio III, Eddie(D) Relating to the right of one immediate family member of certain deceased peace officers to make an oral statement regarding the terms of a plea bargain agreement.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Allows one member of a police office killed in the line of duty to make an oral statement tot he court regarding the terms of a pleas bargain for the offender.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

- ☒ **HB 3098** Toth, Steve(R) Relating to ad valorem taxation.
- Remarks:** aph - comprehensive tax appraisal reform bill with changes to the way ARB's are set, puts tax assessor-collector in charge of appraisals, and gives state senators and representatives the ability to appoint members to the appraisal Board.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3099 Nevarez, Poncho(D) Relating to standards for water management in certain areas.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3100 Wray, John(R) Relating to the confidentiality of certain registered voters.

Remarks: WLJ - Makes confidential in voting records the address of a spouse of a peace officer.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3104 Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to the judicial duties in certain court proceedings.

Remarks: WLJ - Opens all proceedings of a court to the public with certain exceptions.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3105 Burns, DeWayne(R) Relating to the authority of a county to restrict sex offenders from child safety zones in the unincorporated area of the county.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows a commissioners court to restrict a registered sex offender from going in, on, or within a child safety zone in the unincorporated area of a county.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3106 Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to a requirement that law enforcement agencies enter into the Texas Data Exchange information related to investigations of sexual assault or other sex offenses.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires a law enforcement agency to enter into the Texas Data Exchange database a person who is a suspect in an sexual assault or other sexual offense.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3109 Murphy, Jim(R) Relating to certain entities' access to information in criminal justice information databases.

Remarks: WLJ - Expands who has access to the Criminal Justice Information Database to include: Criminal justice agencies, LBB, Leg Council; an individual or agency that has an agreement to provide administration.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

-  ☐ **HB 3112** Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to the regulation of solicitations of private security companies by political subdivisions.
- Companions:** **SB 1816** Whitmire, John(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed
- Remarks:** MGW - Allows a requirement by a political subdivision relating to time and manner of solicitations to apply to private securities companies
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
-  ☐ **HB 3113** Talarico, James (F)(D) Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to pledge certain tax revenue for the payment of obligations related to hotel projects.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
-  ☐ **HB 3116** White, James(R) Relating to the establishment of a task force to conduct a comprehensive study on best practice standards for the detention of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a taskforce to review detention of persons with IDD. Includes county members.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
-  ☐ **HB 3118** Schaefer, Matt(R) Relating to the titling of certain off-highway vehicles purchased outside this state.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits the registration of an all terrain vehicle or off highway vehicle until the person presents proof they paid the comptroller the use tax.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
-  ☐ **HB 3120** Bonnen, Greg(R) Relating to the punishment for certain felony offenses committed by an inmate released on parole or to mandatory supervision.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Increased punishment for a felony committed while the defendant was on parole.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-19 H Filed
-  ☐ **HB 3126** Herrero, Abel(D) Relating to county community and economic development programs.
- Remarks:** MGW - Clarifies that county community and economic development programs can be administered in the incorporated areas.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3127** Middleton, Mayes (F)(R) Relating to the maximum amount of the local option residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by a taxing unit.

Remarks: WLJ - Increases the percentage amount of homestead exemption a taxing unit can adopt from 20% to 100%.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3129** Middleton, Mayes (F)(R) Relating to the exemption of authorized emergency vehicles from vehicle safety inspections.

Remarks: MGJ - exempts authorized emergency vehicles from safety inspections and requires \$7.50 fee for those with an actual or registered gross weight of more than 4,500 lbs.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3135** Cain, Briscoe(R) Relating to affirmative defenses to prosecution for certain offenses involving material or conduct that is obscene or otherwise harmful to children.

Remarks: WLJ - eliminates educational, medical, psychological, psychiatric and judicial purpose defenses to prosecution for offenses involving material that's obscene or otherwise harmful to children.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3136** Cain, Briscoe(R) Relating to carrying a weapon on the premises of a government court or offices utilized by the court.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires to carry a weapon on the premises of a government court of office the person must get written consent from any court located on the premise.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3139** Bowers, Rhett (F)(D) Relating to service of a notice of an application for a protective order.

Companions: **SB 2023** West, Royce(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Requires a notice of an application for a protective order to be delivered to the person.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3143** Murphy, Jim(R) Relating to the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act.

Companions: **SB 1838** West, Royce(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for SB 1838 Extension of Chapter 312 for economic development agreements. Adds reporting requirements and notice disclosures and extend the Act to 2029.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3155** Deshotel, Joe(D) Relating to the applicability of certain laws to open-enrollment charter schools.

Companions: **SB 968** Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

Remarks: aph - companion to SB 968 prohibits a city, county, or other political subdivision from enacting or enforcing an ordinance, order, regulation, resolution, rule, or policy that impacts the operation of an open-enrollment charter school within any zoning district inside the entity.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3160** Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to an election in certain municipalities to convert all or a portion of a sales and use tax originally adopted for the purpose of sports and community venues to a sales and use tax for economic development purp

Companions: **SB 1798** Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - companion to SB 1798 allows cities to convert sales taxes used for sports venues to other economic development efforts after the bonds related to the original purpose is paid.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3161** Bailes, Ernest(R) Relating to the operation of a vehicle transporting equipment used to load timber.

Companions: **SB 1364** Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

Remarks:

aph - companion to SB 1364 exempts equipment used to load timber on a vehicle from getting an overweight permit if that equipment travels from a storage yard to a processing site in the county.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3163 Springer, Drew(R)

Relating to parking for persons with disabilities.

Remarks: aph - clarifies the standards and specifications for accessible parking spaces required by entities including information provided to drivers who may illegally park in a space.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3164 Clardy, Travis(R)

Relating to certain images captured by an unmanned aircraft.

Companions: SB 2034 Hall, Bob(R) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for SB 2034 ensures a picture captured by drone for a governmental entity or a contractor for such for the purposes of 9-1-1 or mapping services is lawful.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3167 Oliverson, Tom(R)

Relating to the procedure for approval of certain land development applications by a political subdivision.

Remarks: MG - Amends timely approval of plats section by changing to approval or disapproval of a plat application to no later than the 60th day after a completed application is filed with (currently, received by) the commissioners court or designee. Adds that a plat is considered approved unless it is disapproved within that 60 day period. If plat is rejected, increases notification requirements from giving applicant a complete list of reasons for disapproval to a written statement of disapproval and list each reason for disapproval related to applicable requirements; not be arbitrary or intended to delay approval. Allows applicant to submit a written response that remedies each reason for disapproval. Reduces the extension time from a reasonable period to 30 days. Requires commissioners court to make determination no later than 30 days from receipt of applicant's response. Establishes development permit application approval procedures for political subdivisions.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3168 Flynn, Dan(R)

Relating to the applicability of the prohibition on certain ad valorem tax incentives relating to wind-powered energy devices located near a military aviation facility.

Companions: HB 4180 Miller, Rick(R) (Identical)
3- 8-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - same as HB 4180 prohibits an economic development agreement under Chapter 312 from a wind-power facility if it is located within 25 nautical miles of a military installation.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3169 Guillen, Ryan(D)

Relating to continuation of land use for an area containing a permanent retail structure after municipal annexation.

Remarks: aph - prohibits a city from changing the use of a retail structure for at least 20 years after annexation of the area in which the structure is located.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3172 Krause, Matt(R)

Relating to the protection of religious beliefs and moral convictions, including beliefs and convictions regarding marriage.

Companions: SB 1978 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits a governmental entity from taking any adverse action against a person based on their religious belief or moral conviction. Allows for reasonable attorneys fees and waives governmental immunity.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3175 Deshotel, Joe(D)

Relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information of an applicant for disaster recovery funds.

Remarks: MGJ - Requires name, SS #, address, phone #, any other identifying information of an applicant for disaster recovery funds to be confidential

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3177 Smith, Reggie (F)(R)

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of continuous sexual abuse of a child or disabled individual.

Remarks:

WLJ - For the offense of continuous abuse of a child - adds in a disabled individual.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3183** Vo, Hubert(D)

Relating to the drawing for ballot order in a primary election.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows for a county chair designee to participate in the drawing to determine position on a ballot.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3191** Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to requiring a person who is the subject of a family violence protective order or arrested for or charged with an offense involving family violence to surrender firearms owned by the person.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires each county commissioners court to establish a task force for the surrender and return of firearms due to family violence. Allows a magistrate to order surrender of a firearm upon entering a protective order.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3195** Wu, Gene(D)

Relating to juveniles committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.

Remarks: WLJ - Revokes a juvenile probation dept from requiring a juvenile participate in various programs for a child at sanction level six. Only allows TJJD that authority.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3196** Landgraf, Brooks(R)

Relating to the grant program distributing money from the transportation infrastructure fund.

Companions: **SB 2260** Flores, Pete(R) (Identical)
3- 8-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - adds in-kind contributions as an appropriate method of meeting the local match portion for a project funded through the transportation infrastructure fund.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3197** Landgraf, Brooks(R)

Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue in certain municipalities.

Remarks:

aph - allows Odessa to use hotel taxes to build a sport and multipurpose convocation center.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3199** Calanni, Gina (F)(D) Relating to the cancellation of a ballot to be voted early by mail by voting by personal appearance at a polling place that uses an electronic signature roster.

Remarks: WLJ - For a person who requested an early voting mail ballot they may vote in person at a polling place that utilizes a signature roster in an electronic device that can indicate whether the applicant has returned the ballot by mail; and provides info to ensure the mail ballot is canceled and will not be counted.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3200** Calanni, Gina (F)(D) Relating to the submission by telephonic facsimile machine or electronic transmission of an application for a ballot to be voted by mail.

Remarks: WLJ - For a person that submits an application for a ballot by mail via fax, requires the application be submitted in the mail and be received by the early voting clerk no later than the deadline for ballots to be returned.

The clerk must confirm receipt of the electronic transmission and issue a statement that the applicant is required to submit the application by mail by the deadline.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3201** Calanni, Gina (F)(D) Relating to affiliation with a political party by voting by mail in a primary election.

Remarks: WLJ - Provides a person becomes affiliated with a party upon the return of an early voting application.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3202** Calanni, Gina (F)(D) Relating to the authority of a county to issue bonds to purchase a voting system or voting system equipment.

Remarks: WLJ - Permits a county to issue bonds to purchase election equipment.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3204** Sanford, Scott(R)

Relating to the form of ballot propositions in an election seeking authorization for the issuance of school district bonds supported by property taxes.

Companions: [HB 1910](#) Sanford, Scott(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - provides that a school bond election may not include more than one project in any proposition.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

[T](#) ☐ [HB 3205](#) Miller, Rick(R)

Relating to creating the criminal offense of delivery of a drug or device for an unlawful abortion.

Remarks: WLj - State jail felony for delivering a drug intended to be used to induce an unlawful abortion.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

[T](#) ☐ [HB 3206](#) Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D)

Relating to the prosecution and punishment of the offense of prostitution, to juvenile court referrals for conduct constituting prostitution, and to a court cost imposed on conviction of certain prostitution offenses.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a \$500 fine for the conviction of constituting prostitution to be deposited in a dedicated fund to be used for grants to counties to deter human trafficking. Prohibits juveniles from being prosecuted for prostitution.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

[T](#) ☐ [HB 3215](#) Darby, Drew(R)

Relating to the authority of a county auditor to oversee the expenditure of county funds.

Remarks: MGv - Adds requirement that the county auditor oversee the expenses for each budgeted item in the budget to ensure it doesn't exceed the appropriations.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

[T](#) ☐ [HB 3216](#) Israel, Celia(D)

Relating to 72-hour and 144-hour registration permits for commercial motor vehicles, trailers, semitrailers, and motor buses.

Remarks: aph - mandates the carrier keep short-term permits in the vehicle at all times while the over-weight permit is valid.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3231** Clardy, Travis(R)

Relating to the regulation of firearms, air guns, knives, ammunition, or firearm or air gun supplies or accessories by a county or municipality.

Companions: **SB 1927** Fallon, Pat (F)(R) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: MGV - Expands current prohibition on counties from adopting regulations of firearms to include enforcement of those regulations. Expands the current prohibition to include possession, carrying, ownership, storage of firearms or accessories. Creates civil remedy.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3234** Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D)

Relating to the deferral or abatement of the collection of ad valorem taxes on an appreciating residence homestead.

Companions: **SB 1280** West, Royce(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

Remarks: aph - companion for SB 1280 allows a person to defer property taxes on a homestead if the appraisal is less than 105% of the past year and provides the taxing entity can only charge up to 5% interest on the taxes deferred

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3238** Landgraf, Brooks(R)

Relating to a motion to transfer venue based on the joinder of certain defendants.

Remarks: WLJ - A court shall transfer an action to another county if a defendant join the action for the purpose to establish a venue in a county that would not otherwise be a proper venue; or the facts pleaded on the bases for establishing venue are false.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3241** Middleton, Mayes (F)(R)

Relating to the system for appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes.

Remarks: aph - extends the comptroller property tax study from one year to every two years and places the burden of proof for increasing the value in the off year on the chief appraiser.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3243** **Murphy, Jim(R)** Relating to the payment of certain ad valorem tax refunds.

Companions: **SB 1856** Paxton, Angela (F)(R) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for SB 1856 allows a person to request a tax refund be sent to an address different than the one on record.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3246** **Darby, Drew(R)** Relating to treating and recycling for beneficial use certain liquid or semiliquid waste arising out of or incidental to drilling for or producing oil or gas.

Remarks: aph - allows for the transfer of oil and gas wastes to a person for beneficial use. The transfer of the waste terminates the ownership by the producers.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3249** **Kacal, Kyle(R)** Relating to the use of Texas emissions reduction plan funds for a study conducted by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute.

Remarks: WLJ - Expands the use of up to \$250k of TERP to include a study by Texas A&M Transportation Institute regarding traffic congestion and ozone precursors and identify strategies in reducing NoX emissions from transportation sources.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3251** **Allen, Alma(D)** Relating to signature verification on an early voting ballot voted by mail.

Remarks: WLJ - Provides that in determining a signature verification they may only determine that the handwriting was executed by the same person, not that the name was errant ie: middle initial, nickname.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3252** **Allen, Alma(D)** Relating to the posting of certain notices in a primary election.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires during early voting period that a notice that details the date, hour and place for each precinct, county, senatorial, or stat convention that a voter in the precinct may attend be posted.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3253** Rodriguez, Eddie(D) Relating to a study regarding ad valorem tax relief through the use of a circuit breaker program.

Companions: **SB 1079** Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

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: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3255** Rodriguez, Eddie(D) Relating to a county sales and use tax in certain counties for transportation improvement projects.

Companions: **SB 1526** Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
3- 5-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for SB 1526 allows a county to add a sales tax on eligible items for the funding of a transit system or other transportation improvement projects.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3256** Dean, Jay(R) Relating to the eligibility of an individual to be an employee of an appraisal district or to serve on the board of directors of an appraisal district.

Remarks: aph - prohibits an employee of a taxing unit from serving as a member of an appraisal review board or appraisal district.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3262** Buckley, Brad (F)(R) Relating to the offense of passing certain vehicles on a highway.

Companions: **SB 780** Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

Remarks: WLJ - Creates an offense for not slowing while passing, or not moving to the farthest lane - a garbage truck in operation of garbage collection.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3267** Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to the payment of certain costs associated with certain assignments of a statutory probate court judge.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows the county to be reimbursed for costs if a party to a probate proceeding files a motion for assignment of a statutory probate court judge. The party who requested the assignment shall reimburse the county for the amounts paid by the county.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3268 Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to testing possible controlled substance evidence for fentanyl.

Remarks: MGJ - Requires testing a possible controlled substance evidence for fentanyl if submitted to a lab

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3270 Miller, Rick(R)

Relating to the discharge of a prisoner from a county jail.

Companions: SB 1700 Whitmire, John(D) (Identical)
3- 6-19 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - For the release of a prisoner from a county jail requires discharge to be between 6am and 5pm. Allows for a credit of up to 18 hours and to release the defendant the preceding day of the defendants sentence. If a defendant agrees to a time after 5pm and between 6 am, the sheriff is allowed to release them after that time; is subject to transfer to another county, or transfer to another state; or being transferred to an inpatient facility.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3271 Harless, Sam (F)(R)

Relating to the removal of certain alcoholic beverages that become unfit for consumption after a natural disaster.

Companions: SB 1210 Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ HB 3273 Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D) Relating to the minimum wage.

Companions: [HB 285](#) Alonzo, Roberto(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[HB 475](#) Reynolds, Ron(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[HB 992](#) Walle, Amando(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[HB 194](#) Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical)
 2-25-19 H Committee action
 pending House International
 Relations/Economic Dev

Remarks: JBD - sets \$15 minimum wage in Texas

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 3277](#) Wu, Gene(D) Relating to the sealing of juvenile records.

Remarks: WLJ - Lowers the age for juvenile records to be sealed from 18 to 17. Allows it for all ages if the person was discharged without adjudication.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 3278](#) Wu, Gene(D) Relating to the creation of the criminal offense of predatory theft.

Remarks: WLJ - New offense, third degree felony, that creates predatory theft where a person follows another to steal from them.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 3281](#) Hinojosa, Gina(D) Relating to a limitation on the use of a victim's gender identity or sexual orientation as the basis for a defense in the trial of a criminal offense.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits the justification of use of force against another due to the gender identity or sexual orientation of the victim.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 3282](#) Hinojosa, Gina(D) Relating to the confidentiality of certain home address information in ad valorem tax appraisal records.

Companions: [SB 2059](#) Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)
 3- 7-19 S Filed

Remarks: aph - companion to SB 2059 adds employees or contractors of abortion providers to the list of persons eligible to redact home addresses from appraisal roles.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3283** White, James(R) Relating to the release of certain defendants on bail.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows judges of the court trying criminal cases in a county to create a standing order of bail amounts for any offense which they have jurisdiction. The defendant may waive their right to magistration and pay the bail to be released. A person unable to pay can file an affidavit declaring what they can pay and then are entitled to a hearing within 48 hours.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3285** Sheffield, J.D.(R) Relating to programs and initiatives to prevent opioid addiction, misuse, and abuse in this state.

Remarks: MGJ - From available funds, requires HHSC to establish an opioid antagonist program and, under program, to provide opioid antagonists to EMS, first responders, law enforcement, public schools, community centers, others.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3286** Sheffield, J.D.(R) Relating to Medicaid reimbursement for medication-assisted treatment for opioid or substance use disorder.

Remarks: MGJ - Requires HHSC to provide medical assistance reimbursement for medication-assisted opioid or substance use disorder treatment with requiring a recipient to obtain prior authorization.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3291** Cortez, Philip(D) Relating to the eligibility for grants for alternative fueling facilities.

Remarks: WLJ - In a county of 1m or more and owned by a transit authority the prohibition does not apply for eligibility for grants for alternative fuel facilities.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3294** Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to reimbursing a commissioners court for the reasonable cost of transporting a body for the purpose of an autopsy.

Companions: [SB 1150](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)

3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred
to committee on Senate Criminal
Justice

Remarks: MGJ - 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: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 3296](#) Allen, Alma(D)

Relating to the award of diligent participation credit to defendants serving a sentence for a state jail felony offense.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires a sheriff to record the number of days a defendant participated in an educational, vocational, treatment or work program while in county jail and send a certification to the state jail felony facility upon transfer of the inmate.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 3297](#) Allen, Alma(D)

Relating to the revocation of community supervision for a violation of a condition of community supervision involving the commission of an offense.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits a court revoking the probation of a person for an offense unless they are finally convicted or the offense is criminal homicide or certain felonies.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 3298](#) Dutton, Harold(D)

Relating to a periodic review and expiration dates of state and local tax preferences.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a select commission on periodic tax preference. They are to review all state and local tax preferences, develop a review schedule once every 6 years.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HB 3300](#) Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to an award of costs and attorney's fees in a motion to dismiss for certain actions that have no basis in law or fact.

Companions: [SB 1946](#) Hughes, Bryan (F)(R)

(Refiled
from 85R
Session)

Remarks: JBD - Bill makes mandatory award of attorney fees and costs permissive when suit dismissed for having no basis in fact or law.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3302** Ramos, Ana-Maria (F)(D) Relating to designating the first Tuesday in September as Texas Voter Registration Day.

Remarks: WLJ - The first Tuesday in September is Texas Voter Registration Day.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3303** Bowers, Rhett (F)(D) Relating to the revocation of community supervision for a violation of a condition of community supervision committed by a defendant who is the primary caretaker of a child or is pregnant.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits the revocation of probation for a violation if the defendant is the primary caretaker of a child under 18 and the violation is not for a class b or higher offense.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3305** Smithee, John(R) Relating to personal information that may be omitted from certain property records and political reports and to other court security measures.

Companions: **SB 489** Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
3- 4-19 S Voted favorably from
committee as substituted Senate
State Affairs

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

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3307** White, James(R) Relating to the authority of an emergency services district to provide public health services.

Remarks: VRS - Allows a public health district to contract with the state or a local government and may charge a reasonable fee for providing public

health/emergency services to the state/local government.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3311** Romero, Ramon(D)

Relating to the verification of the veteran status of inmates and prisoners.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires in jail and TDCJ that after verifying the veterans status of an inmate the county/Dept is required to mail any related paperwork, applications or other correspondence at no charge.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HB 3313** Romero, Ramon(D)

Relating to information provided on an application for a ballot to be voted by mail.

Remarks: WLJ - Adds that an early voting application include the full date of the persons birth, the drivers license number, the last four digits of the social security number.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HJR 92** Reynolds, Ron(D)

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Companions: **HJR 40** Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)
2-12-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
HJR 46 Bucy, John (F)(D) (Identical)
2-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
SJR 34 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) (Identical)
2-14-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

Remarks: aph - Constitutional Amendment implementing Disaster reappraisal for HB 492.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ **HJR 93** Lucio III, Eddie(D)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the assessed value of a residence homestead.

Remarks: WLJ - Consitutional amendment that provides a tax exemption for a portion of the appraised value

of the individual's residence homestead in an amount of 10-25% of the average appraised value in the current tax year of all residence homesteads that are located in the same county as the individual's homestead and that qualify for an exemption; and require the chief appraiser to determine the average appraised value of the residence homesteads according to the appraisal records as of August 1st.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HJR 94 Button, Angie Chen(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property consisting of food or food products held by the owner of the property for sale at retail.

Companions: HJR 60 Button, Angie(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Amends the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt from property taxation tangible personal property consisting of food or food products held by the owner of the property for sale at retail.

Last Action: 2-28-19 H Filed

 ☐ HJR 95 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the authorization to exempt from ad valorem taxation precious metals.

Remarks: aph - constitutional amendment that exempts the value of precious metals held in the state depository from property taxation.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HJR 96 Tinderholt, Tony(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the transfer of a law enforcement animal to a qualified caretaker in certain circumstances.

Remarks: VRS - allows a county/political subdivision to transfer a law-enforcement dog, horse or other animal to the animal's handler or other qualified caretaker at any time of life that is in the best interest of the animal.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HJR 97 Springer, Drew(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation by a school district a

portion of the appraised value of an individual's residence homestead.

Remarks: aph - constitutional amendment for HB 2915 changing the homestead exemption to implement the bill.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 H Filed

 ☐ HJR 100 Gutierrez, Roland(D)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the operation of 12 casinos in this state by licensed persons in counties that have approved casino gaming.

Remarks: WLJ - Constitutional Amendment that authorizes the operation of 12 casinos.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HJR 101 Reynolds, Ron(D)

Proposing a constitutional amendment creating a presumption that nonviolent criminal defendants will be released on personal bond unless good cause is shown otherwise.

Remarks: WLJ - Constitutional Amendment that a person charged with a nonviolent offense shall be released on personal bond unless there is convincing evidence.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HJR 102 Toth, Steve(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the appraisal of certain real property for ad valorem tax purposes based on its purchase price, exempting all tangible personal property

Remarks: WLJ - amend the Texas Constitution to exempt tangible personal property from property taxation; authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of residential property consisting of not more than four individual dwelling units, including a single-family home, or of a tract of unimproved land for property tax purposes to the lesser of (a) the market value of the property; or the sum of the amount the property owner paid for the property and the initial market value of each new improvement to the property; and repeal the Freeport and Super Freeport property tax exemptions, among others.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 H Filed

 ☐ HJR 103 Cain, Briscoe(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring certain tax bills to be approved by

two-thirds of all the members elected to each house of the legislature.

Companions: [HJR 63](#) Shaheen, Matt(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[HJR 32](#) Shaheen, Matt(R) (Identical)
 2-12-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Remarks: The constitutional amendment would allow require a two-thirds vote of all members of the Senate and House on the final consideration of a bill that imposes a new state tax or increases the rate of an existing state tax. The state tax does not include a tax or other levy by a political subdivision.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HJR 104](#) Raymond, Richard(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing Webb County to delegate its authority to manage and dispose of county school land and invest and manage the proceeds from the county permanent school fund.

Remarks: WLJ - Constitutional Amendment to permit Webb County to sell, lease, manage, dispose, develop, sell the rights to natural resources or minerals, invest and manage of land held in a trust. The proceeds to be held in a trust for the isd.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ [HJR 106](#) Dutton, Harold(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the periodic review of state and local tax preferences and the expiration of certain tax preferences if not reauthorized by law.

Remarks: WLJ - Constitutional amendment requiring the legislature to provide for a periodic review of state and local tax preferences and providing for the expiration of certain tax preferences six years after the effective dates of the laws enacting or reauthorizing the preferences, or at another time prescribed by the legislature.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 H Filed

 ☐ [SB 11](#) Taylor, Larry(R) Relating to policies, procedures, and measures for school safety and mental health promotion in public schools; making an appropriation.

Remarks:

WLJ - establish various new programs and requirements related to improving public school safety and student mental health.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Committee action pending Senate Education

 ☐ SB 1258 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to the prosecution of limited liability companies and other business entities under the Penal Code.

Companions: HB 2361 Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)
3- 6-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

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

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

 ☐ SB 1259 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of sexual assault.

Companions: HB 3705 Klick, Stephanie(R) (Identical)
3- 7-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Creates the offense of a state jail felony of sexual assault for not using approved reproductive material in an assisted reproductive procedure.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

 ☐ SB 1261 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the eligibility of a person to serve as the chief appraiser for an appraisal district.

Remarks: WLJ - restrict that a person may not be employed as the chief appraiser if the person is an elected or appointed officer of a taxing unit located wholly or partly in the appraisal district.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

 ☐ SB 1265 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to health benefit coverage provided by certain health benefit plans for telemedicine medical services and telehealth services.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires a health benefit plan that covers telehealth/telemental services to not deny a claim based on the vendor.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

 ☐ SB 1266 Buckingham, Dawn(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: HB 2439 Phelan, Dade(R) (Identical)
2-25-19 H 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: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

 ☐ SB 1268 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to a statement presented in a criminal case by a victim, close relative of a deceased victim, or guardian of a victim.

Companions: HB 3333 Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)
3- 6-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - During the sentencing stage of a case prohibits a court from imposing a limit on the number of victims, relatives who may present victim impact statements.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

 ☐ SB 1269 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to extending the length of time for which an affidavit establishing probable cause for a search warrant may be sealed.

Companions: HB 3335 Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)
3- 6-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Allows an affidavit to be sealed if the suspect has not been apprehended or indicted and the affidavit contains information tat if released may jeopardize the states ability to apprehend the suspect or continue the investigation.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

 ☐ SB 1273 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the sales and use tax exemption for certain amusement services.

Companions: HB 1965 Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Identical)
3- 5-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Remarks: aph - exempts touring theatrical productions from sales tax as long as they meet contracting criteria with a nonprofit corporation.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

 ☐ SB 1280 West, Royce(D) Relating to the deferral or abatement of the collection of ad valorem taxes on an appreciating residence homestead.

Companions: HB 3234 Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D) (Identical)
3- 5-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for HB 3234 allows a person to defer property taxes on a homestead if the appraisal is less than 105% of the past year and provides the taxing entity can only charge up to 5% interest on the taxes deferred

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

 ☐ SB 1281 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to assessments for water and energy improvements in certain municipalities and counties.

Remarks: JBD - Says any "public agency" - entity with authority to operate waste facilities - may not enter into a contingent fee contract with a lawyer unless the attorney general reviews and approves the contract.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

 ☐ SB 1283 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the availability under Medicaid of certain drugs used to treat human immunodeficiency virus and prevent acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Companions: HB 4055 Wu, Gene(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - prohibits prior authorization under Medicaid for the prescribing of an HIV drug.

Last Action:

3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee
on Senate Health and Human Services

 ☐ SB 1286 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Relating to whom certain violations of the law by a state or local governmental entity may be reported.

Companions: HB 1001 Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)
3- 6-19 H Committee action
pending House State Affairs

Remarks: JBD - Provides whistleblower protection to an employee that reports violation of law to (1) employee's supervisor; (2) a person or office designated by the employer for such reports; or (3) any member of the employer's HR staff.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee
on Senate State Affairs

 ☐ SB 1291 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to training for certain individuals who provide care for or services to children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

Remarks: MGV - Requires Tx Judicial Commission for Children, Youth, and Families to develop training materials for guardians ad litem, attorneys ad litem, and judges who represent cases involving children in DFPS conservatorship concern health of those children

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee
on Senate Health and Human Services

 ☐ SB 1293 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the authority of the commissioners court of a county to employ attorneys as mental health public defenders and to the reimbursement of an attorney who represents an indigent proposed patient in certain mental h

Companions: HB 2938 Hinojosa, Gina(D) (Identical)
3- 4-19 H Filed

Remarks: JBD - Authorizes counties to create public defender positions to represent persons in commitment proceedings in lieu of private appointed counsel.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee
on Senate State Affairs

 ☐ SB 1294 Powell, Beverly (F)(D) Relating to water-related exemptions from sales and use taxes.

Remarks:

WLJ - would exempt equipment, services, or supplies used solely for rainwater harvesting from sales and use taxes.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

 ☐ SB 1295 Powell, Beverly (F)(D) Relating to the inclusion of water filling stations in the sales and use tax exemption for water-efficient products.

Remarks: WLJ - would exempt water filling stations from sales and use taxes if the sale takes place on Memorial Day weekend.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

 ☐ SB 1298 Powell, Beverly (F)(D) Relating to the acceptance of certain voters at a polling place.

Companions: HB 611 White, James(R) (Identical)
2-21-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

Remarks: WLJ - Allows an election officer to allow a uniformed first responder priority at the polling location.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

 ☐ SB 1299 Powell, Beverly (F)(D) Relating to the powers of certain regional transportation authorities.

Companions: HB 2531 Romero, Ramon(D) (Identical)
2-26-19 H 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: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

 ☐ SB 1301 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to limited-purpose annexation under strategic partnership agreements for certain districts.

Remarks: WLJ - an area may not be annexed for limited purposes pursuant to a strategic partnership agreement, unless a majority of the voters voting in an election approve the proposed agreement; an agreement that provides for limited-purpose annexation must be for a term not to exceed six years, unless voters approve an extension at an

election; and existing agreements must be ratified by voters at an election.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

 ☐ SB 1302 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to certain areas exempt from municipal annexation.

Remarks: WLJ - for purposes of a law, including a municipal charter or ordinance, relating to municipal authority to annex an area adjacent to the city, an area that is not adjacent or contiguous to the city but is adjacent or contiguous to an area that is the subject of a development agreement is considered adjacent or contiguous to the city only if the area subject to the agreement is adjacent or contiguous to the city.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

 ☐ SB 1303 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to maps of the actual or proposed boundaries and extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality and certain notices related to expanding the boundaries.

Remarks: WLJ - requires a city of maintain a map with its boundaries and extraterritorial jurisdiction that is easily accessible to the public and on its website, if it has one. A home-rule city shall create or contract for a digital map to be available without charge to the public and in a format widely used by common GIS software. A home-rule city shall give written notice to each property owner in an area to be annexed 90 days before the city adopts or amends its annexation plan. A property owner is the owner indicated in the appraisal district records for the area.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

 ☐ SB 1304 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to notice of proposed changes to municipal zoning classifications.

Remarks: WLJ - require a zoning commission to give written notice of a public hearing on a proposed zoning change to each real property owner wholly or partly located in an unincorporated area of the county if the nearest property line is located not more than two miles from the nearest boundary of the area for which the zoning change is proposed; and require the notice be provided by U.S. mail to the property owner, as indicated on the most recently approved county tax roll, not later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

 ☐ SB 1305 Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for assault of a pregnant woman.

Companions: HB 902 Landgraf, Brooks(R) (Identical)
3-11-19 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M., E2.012, House Criminal Jurisprudence

Remarks: JBD - Assault is felony if victim is pregnant.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

 ☐ SB 1309 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to the assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes imposed by a school district.

Companions: HB 4335 Huberty, Dan(R) (Identical)
3- 8-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - A school district's taxes would have to be assessed and collected by the county TAC. A district could not employ its own TAC. If a school district extended into more than one county, it would use the services of each county's TAC.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

 ☐ SB 1311 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to the electronic transmission of an invoice or notice of toll nonpayment by a toll project entity.

Companions: HB 4398 Raney, John(R) (Identical)
3- 8-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Allows a county to provide an electronic toll bill notice.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

 ☐ SB 1312 Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to certain programs to prevent vector-borne and zoonotic diseases in border counties.

Remarks: VRS - Requires the Dept. of Agriculture to issue a noncommercial applicator license to use restricted-use/state-limited-use pesticides to control mosquito populations in Texas-Mexico border counties. Requires the Dept. to minimize fees for this license. Requires DSHS to work with the Dept. of Agriculture to study ways to address

and mitigate the incidence of zoonotic and vector-borne diseases in border counties.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

 ☐ SB 1313 Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to demonstration programs for childhood obesity and chronic disease prevention in certain border counties.

Remarks: VRS - Requires DSHS to establish a childhood obesity prevention demonstration program and a chronic disease prevention program in Hidalgo County.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

 ☐ SB 1315 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to periodic zero-based budgeting for certain political subdivisions.

Remarks: requires cities and counties with a population of 225,000 or more (and ISDs with 50,000 or more students) to prepare and post (internet website) a zero-based budget every 12 years; the initial zero-based budget shall be prepared for the fiscal year beginning on or after September 1, 2021

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

 ☐ SB 1317 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D)

Relating to maintenance and production of electronic public information under the public information law.

Companions: HB 4132 Rodriguez, Eddie(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - prohibits a governmental body from refusing to provide electronic public information on the grounds that exporting the information or redacting the information requires inputting certain commands or instructions into the computer system if those commands or instructions can be executed with software used by the governmental body in the ordinary course of business.

Allows a requestor to ask for electronic public information in the format maintained by the governmental body, or in a standard export format if the body's computer programs support exporting information in that format, and require the body provide the information in the requested format.

Prohibit a governmental body from entering into a contract for the creation or maintenance of

electronic public information that impairs the public's ability to inspect or copy the information.

Makes the requirements applicable to information for which a third party is the custodian for the governmental body.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

 ☐ SB 1318 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Relating to the availability of dates of birth under the public information law.

Companions: HB 1655 Hunter, Todd(R) (Identical)
3- 4-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits a governmental body from withholding a date of birth in a public information request unless it is otherwise excepted by law.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

 ☐ SB 1319 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to an annual report submitted to the comptroller by a county that imposes certain hotel occupancy taxes.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires counties that impose a hotel occupancy tax to report annually to the comptroller.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

 ☐ SB 1320 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the eligibility of certain criminal defendants for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information.

Companions: HB 4511 Johnson, Jarvis(D) (Identical)
3- 8-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Allows for a person to apply for a nondisclosure for certain felonies 180 days after completing deferred adjudication if they don't commit another offense in that time.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

 ☐ SB 1321 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to a "Texas solution" to reforming and addressing issues related to the Medicaid program, including the creation of

an alternative program designed to ensure health benefit plan coverage.

Remarks: WLJ - Provides for a block grant funding system for the Texas Medicaid program. Allows for sliding scale subsidies; eligibility includes persons under the age of 65, income of 133% of fpl, not eligible for other Medicaid programs.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

 ☐ SB 1322 Taylor, Larry(R)

Relating to a temporary local option exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster.

Companions: HB 492 Shine, Hugh(R) (Identical)
2-20-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Remarks: MGV - Creates option for taxing units to adopt a temporary exemption for a portion of appraised value of tangible personal property used for production of income or improvements to real property damaged by a disaster if the property is at least 15% damaged by the disaster, as determined by the chief appraiser. Establishes four level of damages correlating to an exemption between 15% for a slightly damaged property to 100% for a total loss.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

 ☐ SB 1325 Hinojosa, Chuy(D)

Relating to occupational licensing of certain military service members, military veterans, and military spouses by state agencies and political subdivisions.

Remarks: MGV - Applies current extension of state agency occupational license renewal deadlines for military service members to political subdivisions that issue licenses.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Veteran Affairs and Border Security

 ☐ SB 1326 Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to the release of extraterritorial jurisdiction by a municipality involving certain areas.

Companions: HB 3454 Toth, Steve(R) (Identical)
3- 6-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - apply to an area that constitutes a portion of a real estate subdivision that is subject to a

legal determination that the city failed to provide or agree to provide adequate services to the area. On petition of a majority of registered voters in the area, the city shall disannex the area.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

 ☐ SB 1327 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to municipal disannexation involving certain real estate subdivisions.

Companions: HB 3455 Toth, Steve(R) (Identical)
3- 6-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ- Applies to an area that constitutes a portion of a real estate subdivision that is: located in and contiguous to the boundary of a city; under the jurisdiction of a property owners' association that governs the entire real estate subdivision; and either subject to a legal determination that the city failed to provide or agree to provide adequate services to the area or adjacent to such an area. On petition of a majority of registered voters in the area, the city shall disannex the area. The the area is not released from its pro rata share of certain indebtendness.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

 ☐ SB 1328 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the application of the open meetings law to the board of directors of certain tax reinvestment zones.

Remarks: WLJ - The board of directors of a reinvestment zone created for purposes of tax-increment financing would be subject to the Open Meetings Act.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

 ☐ SB 1331 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the regulation of individuals and entities that conduct forensic analyses, examinations, and tests.

Remarks: WLJ -- Requires the Texas Forensics Commission to adopt a cod of professional responsibility to oversee forensic tests that are exempt from accreditation.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

 ☐ SB 1332 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Relating to sales and use taxes on e-cigarette vapor products.

Companions: [HB 4013](#) Miller, Rick(R) (Identical)
3- 7-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - an additional state sales tax of five percent is imposed on each milliliter or fractional part of a milliliter of vapor product sold in this state.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

 [SB 1339](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to road specifications and safety standards for access to a solid waste facility.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires TCEQ to adopts rules that specify uniform road specifications to a solid waste facility. Must include flood protections and weight and load limits. Permit holder must be financially responsible for route improvements and maintenance and reimburse a local gov. for any costs incurred for such.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

 [SB 1341](#) Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Relating to the regulation of certain low-volume poultry processing establishments.

Companions: [HB 3083](#) Zwiener, Erin (F)(D) (Identical)
3- 4-19 H Filed

Remarks: VRS - Allows low-volume poultry processing establishments (more than 1,000 but less than 20,000 processed in a year) to sell directly to consumers and restaurants and provides that they are not subject to additional state regulation.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

 [SB 1342](#) Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the use of certain data collected by the Texas Workforce Commission to determine general prevailing wage rates for certain public work contracts.

Remarks: MGW - Allows wage data collected by TX Workforce Commission to be used by a public body determining general prevailing rate of per diem wages for public work contracts.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

 [SB 1350](#) Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the creation and operations of a health care provider participation program by a certain hospital district.

Companions: [HB 3649](#) Hinojosa, Gina(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Travis County LPPF.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee
on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

 ☐ [SB 1353](#) Powell, Beverly (F)(D) Relating to addressing adverse childhood experiences and developing a strategic plan to address those experiences.

Companions: [HB 822](#) Parker, Tan(R) (Identical)
2-25-19 H Introduced and referred
to committee on House Public
Health

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a taskforce to evaluate, identify,
and develop a five year strategic plan to prevent
adverse childhood experiences.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee
on Senate Health and Human Services

 ☐ [SB 1354](#) Powell, Beverly (F)(D) Relating to employment and referral services
for veterans and military service members.

Companions: [HB 696](#) Blanco, Cesar(D) (Identical)
3- 4-19 H Committee action
pending House Defense and
Veteran's Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the Workforce Commission to
create a program to help military and veterans
into the workforce. Will collaborate with federal,
state, county, municipal and private agencies.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee
on Senate Veteran Affairs and Border Security

 ☐ [SB 1360](#) West, Royce(D) Relating to the date on which certain persons
placed on deferred adjudication community
supervision are eligible to file a petition for
an order of nondisclosure of criminal history
record information.

Companions: [HB 1452](#) Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Identical)
2-27-19 H Introduced and referred
to committee on House Corrections

Remarks: WLJ - Decreases the waiting period after
completing deferred adjudication before a person
may apply for order of nondisclosure for the
offense.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee
on Senate Criminal Justice

 ☐ SB 1361 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the public resale by means of a public auction using online bidding and sale of property purchased by a taxing unit at an ad valorem tax sale.

Companions: HB 1652 Huberty, Dan(R) (Identical)
3- 4-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Remarks: WLJ - if directed by the commissioners court of the county, a public resale of property by a taxing unit must be conducted using online bidding and sale.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

 ☐ SB 1364 Nichols, Robert(R) Relating to the operation of a vehicle transporting equipment used to load timber.

Companions: HB 3161 Bailes, Ernest(R) (Identical)
3- 5-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - companion to SB 1364 exempts equipment used to load timber on a vehicle from getting an overweight permit if that equipment travels from a storage yard to a processing site in the county.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

 ☐ SB 1365 Kolkhorst, Lois(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: HB 2685 Bailes, Ernest(R) (Identical)
2-27-19 H 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: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

 ☐ SB 1366 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to airport police forces and security vehicles, including the authority to commission peace officers and the rights, privileges, and duties of those officers.

Companions: HB 2801 Goldman, Craig(R) (Identical)
2-28-19 H Filed

Remarks:

WLJ - Expands the definition of a peace officer to include airport security personnel, commissioned by a governing body.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1369 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to state programs not funded by appropriations.

Companions: HB 4159 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Identical)
3- 8-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Permits a state agency program mandated by statute to not implement the program not funded in the appropriations act, nor in the last two years.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1372 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to requirements for maintaining and decommissioning certain wind-powered generation facilities.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a wind generation decommissioning fund for facilities to maintain wind powered equipment to protect the environment and the property owners interests.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1373 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to loss of continuing, exclusive jurisdiction of a court in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

Companions: HB 1854 Dutton, Harold(D) (Identical)
3- 5-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues

Remarks: JBD - Court that issued order regarding parent-child relationship loses jurisdiction to modify the ocourt signs an adoption order for the child.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1379 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to a requirement that certain recipients of financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board adopt certain restrictions on water use by their customers.

Companions: HB 2957 Zwiener, Erin (F)(D) (Identical)
3- 4-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - waives the requirement of specific water providers to have a water conservation program as part of the package needed to receive funding

from the TWDB for loans sought during an emergency situation.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1380 Rodriguez, Jose(D)

Relating to the analysis of inspection and maintenance requirements for air quality permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for certain oil and gas facilities.

Companions: HB 2753 Reynolds, Ron(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
HB 225 Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical)
2-19-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

Remarks: WLJ - requires TCEQ to examine such rules and requirements governing inspection and maintenance programs for the detection and repair of leaks from all valves, pump seals, flanges, compressor seals, pressure relief valves, open-ended lines, tanks, and other process and operation components of a facility that could result in fugitive emissions; the use of venting and flaring; emissions of volatile organic compounds from storage tanks that have the potential to emit more than one ton of volatile organic compounds per year; emissions of nitrogen oxides from compressor engines with more than 100 horsepower; maintenance requirements and best practices for compressor stations; and emissions from and maintenance of pneumatic devices and controllers between a wellhead and a natural gas processing plant.

Requires TCEQ to prepare a report that addresses issues raised concerning the rules or requirements and suggests options for improving safety, preventing air emissions from oil and gas equipment, and reducing emissions from the applicable facilities

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1381 Rodriguez, Jose(D)

Relating to a biennial report on stormwater infrastructure in this state.

Companions: HB 1059 Lucio III, Eddie(D) (Identical)
2-26-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

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

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1384 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to the incorporation of a municipality in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of an existing municipality.

Remarks: aph - amends the annexation procedures for San Antonio in northern Bexar Co. Limited to this area of the county.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1386 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the authority of the Texas Water Development Board to consider certain financial matters in a closed meeting.

Companions: HB 3462 Phelan, Dade(R) (Identical)
3- 6-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - allows the TWDB to discuss financial terms of bonds, interest, and securities in a closed setting as long as the action taken related to these issues is finalized in an open meeting.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1389 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the period for which a person may be committed to a facility or a jail-based or outpatient program for restoration of competency.

Remarks: WLJ - Limits the length of time a person can be committed to an outpatient competency program from 120 days to 60 days - regardless of offense. Permits one 30 day extension (currently 60)

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1390 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to suicide prevention in public school curriculum and certain educational programs concerning suicide prevention and substance abuse prevention.

Companions: HB 4193 Allison, Steve (F)(R) (Identical)
3- 8-19 H Filed

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1391 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to an increase in the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district and the increase of the exemption amount in subsequent years to reflect inflation.

Remarks: aph - sets a \$50,000 rate for a homestead exemption and allows the rate to increase with

inflation as determined by the comptroller each year.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1393 Seliger, Kel(R)

Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue in certain municipalities.

Remarks: aph - allows Odessa to use hotel taxes to build a sports facility on land owned by UTPB for use in the community.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1395 Seliger, Kel(R)

Relating to voter approval of a proposed ad valorem tax rate that exceeds the rollback tax rate.

Companions: HB 1144 Davis, Sarah(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Subjects all taxing entities to the current provision applicable to schools for mandatory ratification election for tax rate exceeding rollback rate.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1396 Flores, Pete(R)

Relating to claims for financial assistance for survivors of certain public employees killed in the line of duty.

Companions: HB 1926 Herrero, Abel(D) (Identical)
3- 5-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions/Investments/Financial Services

Remarks: MGJ - Authorizes the AG to use any means authorized by law to compel the employing entity of a peace officer, other public employee killed in the line of duty to furnish to ERST proof of death if the entity fails to do so for the purposes of a financial assistance claim for a survivor.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1397 Flores, Pete(R)

Relating to exempting certain honorably retired peace officers from continuing education requirements.

Companions: HB 1011 Sanford, Scott(R) (Identical)
2-26-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

Remarks: JBD - Expands list of honorably retired peace officers not required to get continuing education. Does not include any local agency officers.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1401 Rodriguez, Jose(D)

Relating to a procedure in a justice or municipal court for rendering certain judgments and sentences.

Remarks: WLJ - would clarify that, when a defendant enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere in a fine-only misdemeanor case, the criminal action is considered adjudicated for purposes of appeal and the judgment is considered rendered if: the defendant enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere and pays the fine and costs owed the state; the court accepts the payment as payment in full for the amount owed; and the court creates a record of acceptance of the plea and payment, regardless the form of the record or whether it contains the judge's signature.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1402 Rodriguez, Jose(D)

Relating to regulation by certain counties of lots in platted subdivisions that have remained undeveloped.

Remarks: MGJ - Applies to El Paso County. Authorizes a commissioners court to implement infrastructure requirements to lots undeveloped for 25 years or more.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1403 Rodriguez, Jose(D)

Relating to the jurisdiction of a court to hear and determine issues regarding a child seeking special immigrant juvenile status.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows for a district court to hear and determine issues and make a finding to a child seeking immigrant juvenile status.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1405 Buckingham, Dawn(R)

Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to pledge certain tax revenue for the payment of obligations related to hotel projects.

Remarks: aph - adds Blanco to list of cities allowed to issue bonds based on hotel taxes within the city limits.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 Buckingham, Dawn(R)

☐ SB 1407

Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to pledge certain tax revenue for the payment of obligations related to hotel projects.

Companions: HB 3437 Murr, Andrew(R) (Identical)
3- 6-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for HB 3437 adds Kerrville to the list of cities able to issue bonds using hotel taxes as a revenue source.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

☒ ☐ SB 1410 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to election integrity.

Remarks: WLJ - Provides that an election officer commits an offense if the officer knowingly permits a person to cast a vote in an election precinct other than the one in which the person resides. shorten the period for early voting by personal appearance to the tenth day before election day through the day before election day. Require the election notice to state that a voter is only permitted to vote at the main early voting polling place if it is located within the voter's election precinct. The authority ordering an election may order early voting by personal appearance at the main early voting polling place to be conducted on a Saturday or Sunday during the early voting period. Removing a voting machine during early voting, prior to polls closes, is a state jail felony. Requires one or more early polling places, other than the main polling location, to be established in each precinct. A temporary branch may not move during early voting. Early voting shall be the same days and hours as main voting polling place. A person must determine a person didn't vote in person prior to accepting an early voting mail in ballot. State jail felony for/ an /early voting board to accept an early mail in ballot before in person polls are closed. Mail in ballots must be tabulated separately on the returns. Presiding election judge must confirm each voting machine has the public counter reset to zero before opening the polls. Third degree felony for any person that knowingly causes a legally cast vote not to be counted. Requires a machine uses a per record, produces a paper received as of 9/1/2023. Mandates a DRE machine. State jail felony for removing any document from the central counting station until after the count is completed. Prohibits electronic devices capable of being connected to the internet in the counting station. State jail felony if the election custodian fails to complete a manual count to verify tabulation of electronic voting system results. Any correspondence between a political subdivision and a vendor of voting systems/equipment is

public information. Abolishes countywide polling places.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1417 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Relating to phasing out the tax reduction for certain high-cost gas.

Remarks: aph - ends the high cost gas tax exemption on wells drilled after 9/1/2019.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1418 Fallon, Pat (F)(R) Relating to the early voting period.

Remarks: WLJ - Stipulates the hours the main early voting polling place and general election polling place must be open from 7am - 7pm. Early voting begins on the 10th day before the election day - currently 17th.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1424 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the composition of the port commission of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas.

Companions: HB 2925 Lozano, Jose(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 H Filed

Remarks: MGJ - Authorizes San Patricio County to appoint members to the Port of Corpus Christi Authority along with Nueces County and City of Corpus Christi. Currently, appointments authority lies with Nueces and Corpus Christi.

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1425 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the composition of the port commission of the Port of Corpus Christi Authority of Nueces County, Texas.

Companions: HB 2924 Lozano, Jose(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 H Filed

Remarks: MGJ - Increases commissioners from seven to nine on port commission of Port of Corpus Christi authority

Last Action: 3- 1-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1426 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the establishment by a county of public guardians for certain incapacitated persons, funding for guardianships by public guardians and related services, and

compensation deductions in certain guardianships.

Remarks: MGJ - Allows a commissioners court to establish an office of public guardian to provide guardianship services to incapacitated persons. Alternately, permits commissioners court to enter into an agreement with a person to act as a public guardian to provide guardianship services. Permits two or more counties to collectively enter into an agreement to create and fund an office. Expands supplemental guardianship fees to include public guardianship and related services fee and these fees go towards funding the office.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1427 Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the immunization data included in and excluded from the immunization registry.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates an opt out procedure to the immunization registry. Currently its an opt in.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1428 Hancock, Kelly(R)

Relating to the authority of a property owner or owner's agent to bring suit to compel an appraisal district, chief appraiser, or appraisal reviewboard to comply.

Companions: HB 1745 Geren, Charlie(R) (Identical)
3-13-19 H Meeting set for 8:00
A.M., JHR 140, House Ways and
Means

Remarks: MGJ - Authorizes a property owner or owner's agent to bring a limited suit to compel a CAD or ARB to comply with a procedural requirement related to a tax protest. Allows property owner or agent to bring suit by filing a petition or application in district court.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1429 Hancock, Kelly(R)

Relating to the deadline for filing a request for binding arbitration of certain appraisal review board orders.

Companions: HB 1802 Bohac, Dwayne(R) (Identical)
3-13-19 H Meeting set for 8:00
A.M., JHR 140, House Ways and
Means

Remarks: aph - extends the ability to appeal an appraisal review board's findings from 45 days to 60 days.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1430 Hancock, Kelly(R) Relating to clarifying certain terminology, including terminology applicable to tax rate calculations, in relation to the ad valorem tax system.

Remarks: WLJ - Rename the “rollback” tax rate as the “voter approval” tax rate.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1432 Fallon, Pat (F)(R) Relating to eliminating distinctions in the application of consent annexation requirements.

Companions: HB 347 King, Phil(R) (Identical)
3- 5-19 H Committee action
pending House Land and Resource
Management
SB 745 Schwertner, Charles(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred
to committee on Senate
Intergovernmental Relations

Remarks: MGJ - Would essentially eliminate most unilateral annexations by any city. Repeals distinction between Tier 1 and Tier 2 cities and counties for application of consent annexation requirements. For an area that contains less than 100 separate tracts of land on which there is at least 1 residential dwelling on each tract, explicitly requires the municipality to give written notice of its intent to annex to municipality, county, fire protection service provider, EMS provider, and special districts that provide services in the proposed area.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1434 Taylor, Larry(R) Relating to the composition of the board of pilot commissioners for the ports of Galveston County.

Remarks: Adds to the Port of Galveston Board - two ex commissioners who are the port directors of the two ports in Galveston.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1435 Taylor, Larry(R) Relating to the notice and public hearing requirements relating to a major modification of an existing transmission line.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires notice to an affected property owner and one public meeting for a utility to replace with a higher capacity transmission line.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1447 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Relating to the execution of a search warrant for taking a blood specimen from certain persons in certain intoxication offenses.

Remarks: WLJ - Permits a warrant for a blood specimen on suspicion of an intoxicated offense to be executed in an adjacent county and by any law enforcement officer authorized to make an arrest.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1456 Flores, Pete(R) Relating to the requirement for performance bonds from certain public work contractors.

Remarks: WLJ - Increases the bond for a public work contract with a prime contractor from \$100k to \$150k.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1457 Flores, Pete(R) Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for the offense of manufacture or delivery of a substance in Penalty Group 1 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

Remarks: WLJ - Increases the penalty for the offense of manufacturing or distributing a substance in Penalty Group 1 from a state jail felony to a class C Felony.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1462 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the titling, registration, and inspection of assembled vehicles; imposing fees.

Companions: HB 1755 Thompson, Ed(R) (Identical)
3- 4-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

Remarks: WLJ - Requires DMV create a procedure for the issuance of a title and registration for an assembled vehicle. Requires an owner present Id and apply for the title in the county where the car is domiciled. Allows the Dept to refuse to issue a registration for an unsafe vehicle.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1469 Powell, Beverly (F)(D) Relating to municipal regulation of game rooms and amusement redemption machines.

Companions: HB 1972 Collier, Nicole(D) (Identical)

3- 5-19 H Introduced and referred
to committee on Licensing and
Administrative Procedures

Remarks: MGV - Allows a county to enter into an interlocal
agreement with a municipality to regulate game
rooms or amusement redemption machines.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1470 Powell, Beverly (F)(D) Relating to a political subdivision's adoption
of zoning regulations for certain coin-
operated machines.

Companions: HB 1533 Collier, Nicole(D) (Identical)
3- 4-19 H Introduced and referred
to committee on Licensing and
Administrative Procedures

Remarks: WLJ - Authorizes a political subdivision to adopt
zoning regulations to govern the exhibition of a
music or skill or pleasure coin-operated machine.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1471 Powell, Beverly (F)(D) Relating to imposing an additional fee for the
registration of electric and hybrid vehicles.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires an electric vehicle pay an
addition fee upon registration as calculated by
TTI.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1472 Powell, Beverly (F)(D) Relating to the collection of state, municipal,
and county hotel occupancy taxes by a
short-term rental marketplace.

Companions: HB 3779 Button, Angie Chen(R) (Identical)
3- 7-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for HB 3779 allows short-term
marketplace owners to collect and remit hotel
taxes for the owner.

Last Action: 3- 4-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1475 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to an authorization to increase the
sales and use tax collected in an advanced
transportation district of a metropolitan rapid
transit authority.

Companions: HB 3258 Minjarez, Ina(D) (Identical)
3- 5-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for HB 32858

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1479 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Relating to the prosecution of, criminal penalties for, and other consequences of possession of one ounce or less of marihuana.

Remarks: WLJ - Mandates Cite and Release for possession of 1 ounce of marijuana or less.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1483 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the proof required to impose payment holds in certain cases of alleged fraud by Medicaid providers.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1484 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the required earnings statement provided by employers.

Remarks: MGJ - Expands earnings statement requirement to include electronic earnings statements. Creates civil liability and administrative penalty for employer who fails to give a written or electronic earnings statement.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1485 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the payment of wages by an employer through a payroll card account.

Companions: HB 2240 Murphy, Jim(R) (Identical)
3- 6-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev

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

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1492 Whitmire, John(D) Relating to grand jury proceedings.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows a witness in a grand jury proceeding to have an attorney present. Prohibits the recording of grand jury deliberations. Prohibits a grand jury investigation for a person previously found no bill of indictment unless new evidence is found. State attorney must present evidence that is favorable to the accused or in possession of the state.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1494 Paxton, Angela (F)(R) Relating to the confidentiality of personal information of certain employees and contractors of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

Remarks: WLJ - Adds anyone involved or previously involved with a CPS investigation to those that can elect confidential personal information. Includes contractors. Expands to include all officials performing sensitive government functions.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1497 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the registration and regulation of brokers by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Companions: HB 3645 Parker, Tan(R) (Identical)
3- 7-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Requires electricity brokers to register with PUC.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1500 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to repeal of the waiver of the right to judicial review of a wage claim.

Companions: HB 1975 Vo, Hubert(D) (Identical)
3- 5-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Remarks: JBD - Currently the losing party to a wage dispute decided by Workforce Commission may appeal to coudeposit the amount owed with the Commission or file an affidavit of indigency with the court within pay or file the affidavit waives the right to appeal. The bill eliminates that provision, so a failuthe affidavit has no impact on the right to appeal.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1503 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to civil works projects and other construction projects of governmental entities.

Companions: HB 2585 Leach, Jeff(R) (Identical)
2-27-19 H Filed

Remarks: MGJ - 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.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1505 Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to designating the Texas Division of Emergency Management as the state liaison to the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Remarks: MGV - Designates TX Division of Emergency Management as state liaison to Army Corps of Engineers except regarding the planning of water resource development projects.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1510 Schwertner, Charles(R)

Relating to the apportionment of infrastructure costs in regard to certain property development projects.

Remarks: MGV - If a county requires as a condition of approval for a property development project that the developer bear a portion of costs of county infrastructure improvements by the making of dedications or fees, requires that the developer's portion may not exceed the required amount for infrastructure improvements that are roughly proportionate to the proposed development. Allows developer to dispute amount by appealing to commissioners court. Requires commissioners court to make determination within 30 days of the final submission of testimony. Allows developer to appeal determination to a county or district court within 30 days of final determination. Allows for applicable costs, reasonable attorney fees if developer prevails.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1512 Flores, Pete(R)

Relating to payment of costs related to the relocation of certain political subdivision utility facilities for state highway projects.

Companions: [HB 3089](#) Martinez, Armando(D) (Identical)
3- 4-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for SB 1512 allows for the state to pay for the relocation of utilities needing to be relocated because of the upgrade or expansion of a state highway. PUC would have to determine the costs and financial condition of the utility in question.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1516 Birdwell, Brian(R)

Relating to liability for obtaining improper unemployment compensation benefits.

Companions: [HB 1976](#) Vo, Hubert(D) (Identical)
3- 5-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

Remarks: JBD - Expands definition of "improper benefit" in unemployment claim to include benefits incorrectly Workforce Commission. So a recipient will be responsible for repayment.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ [SB 1520](#) Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to the calculation of penalties and interest resulting from the final determination of an ad valorem tax appeal that changes a property owner's tax liability.

Companions: [HB 861](#) Anchia, Rafael(D) (Identical)
2-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Remarks: JBD - Currently, if a taxpayer has an unpaid tax obligation at conclusion of tax appeal, penalties & interest apply to that balance beginning on original delinquency date. Bill gives taxpayer an opportunity to pay the balance by a new due date before those penalties & interest would apply. The result will be that taxpayers will just pay \$0 until appeal is decided.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ [SB 1521](#) Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the funding of flood planning, mitigation, and infrastructure projects; making an appropriation.

Remarks: MGW - Appropriates \$3.26 billion from ESF to the flood infrastructure fund for loans, grants for flood projects to be administered by TX Water Development Board. Adds to current eligibility criteria for flood control planning money that gives greater importance to a county that has a median household income that is not greater than 85% of the median state household income. Allows funds only to be used for loans at or below market interest rates for a flood project; to make grant or loan for a flood project to serve an area outside of a MSA or a flood projects to serve an economically distressed area; to make loan for planning and design costs; make grants to provide matching funds; source of revenue for payment of bonds issued by TWDB; and to pay for administering the fund.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1524 Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the creation of an offense for failing to secure certain children in a rear-facing child passenger seat system.

Companions: HB 519 Turner, Chris(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
 SB 278 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
 HB 448 Turner, Chris(D) (Identical)
 3- 6-19 H Voted favorably from committee on House Transportation

Remarks: JBD - Creates new offense for operating vehicle if child under 2 is not in rear-facing car seat.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1525 Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to the application of the sales and use tax to certain property and services.

Companions: HB 3787 Sanford, Scott(R) (Identical)
 3- 7-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for HB 3787 clarifies various products and services subject to sales tax exemptions.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1526 Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to a county sales and use tax in certain counties for transportation improvement projects.

Companions: HB 3255 Rodriguez, Eddie(D) (Identical)
 3- 5-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - companion for SB 1526 allows a county to add a sales tax on eligible items for the funding of a transit system or other transportation improvement projects.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1528 Buckingham, Dawn(R)

Relating to taxes imposed on vinous liquor.

Companions: HB 2720 Kuempel, John(R) (Identical)
 2-28-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Provides for an alcohol make from a grape, apple or berry that is under 16% alcohol it will be

taxed at 16 cents/gallon. Currently it is 20.4 cents a gallon.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1541 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to reporting requirements regarding child abuse and neglect, including the offense of failure to report abuse or neglect of a child.

Remarks: WLJ - Defines immediate for mandated reporters for suspected child abuse to mean 72 hours within suspecting. Creates a state jail felony for failing to do so if the child is subsequently significantly injured.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1542 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to the punishment for the offense of injury to a child, elderly individual, or disabled individual and creating the offense of continuous injury to a child.

Remarks: WLJ - Increases the penalty to a second degree felony for injuring a child, elderly person or disabled person if the conduct was intentional or with excessive force; and the victim was younger than 6 or the person was previously convicted of the same offense. Creates the offense of continuous injury to a child if the assault was a period of 30 days to 5 years.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1543 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to providing notice of the right to record Department of Family and Protective Services investigative interviews.

Remarks: WLJ - An investigator who conducts an interview during the course of an investigation must provide oral notice at the beginning of an interview that they have a right to record using an audio device.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1545 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to the creation and operations of a health care provider participation program by the Bexar County Hospital District.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates the Bexar County HD LPPF.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1547 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to a body worn camera pilot program for certain Department of Family and Protective Services employees

investigating a report of child abuse or neglect.

Remarks: WLJ - Pilot program in Bexar County for CPS workers to wear body cameras while investigating possible child endangerment.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1553 Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to the process for establishing speed limits on roads near certain schools.

Remarks: MGJ - Expands a commissioners court's authority to declare a lower speed limit of 20 miles per hour on a county road or highway that is located within 500 ft of a school. Adds open-enrollment charter school to the locations in which a commissioners court is required to hold a public hearing regarding speed limit on county road that is within 500 ft of the school that is not in a city.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1554 Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to the consideration of the views of a close relative of a deceased victim regarding the imposition of the death penalty in a capital case.

Companions: HB 3938 Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the consideration of the views of the deceased person when considering imposition of the death penalty.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1563 Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to identification and development of mental health resources for students.

Companions: HB 4414 Allison, Steve (F)(R) (Identical)
3- 8-19 H Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Requires HHSC create a rubric for schools to identify resources to help children with mental health issues.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1564 West, Royce(D)

Relating to access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder under Medicaid.

Remarks: WLJ - Amends the Medicaid policy manual to authorize prescribing of buprenorphine for opioid addiction.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1566 Fallon, Pat (F)(R)

Relating to the elections for which countywide polling places may be used.

Remarks: MGJ - Removes each general election for state and county offices from countywide polling places.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1567 Fallon, Pat (F)(R)

Relating to mandatory disclosure of third-party litigation financing agreements.

Companions: HB 2096 Krause, Matt(R) (Identical)
3- 6-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Remarks: JBD - Requires S Ct to adopt rules for disclosure of 3rd-party financing of civil lawsuits. As filed, excludes contingency attorney-client fee arrangements.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1568 Fallon, Pat (F)(R)

Relating to organized election fraud activity.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a civil penalty for engaging in organized election fraud.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1578 Alvarado, Carol (F)(D)

Relating to the collection, remittance, and administration of certain taxes on motor vehicles rented through a marketplace rental provider.

Companions: HB 2872 Burrows, Dustin(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - establishes taxing procedures for marketplace rental providers of motor vehicles and allows providers to add sales taxes, rental taxes, and pay gross receipts taxes for the owner of the vehicle through the rental agreements.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1582 Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to benefits for peace officers relating to certain diseases or illnesses.

Remarks: WLJ - Adds peace officers to firefighters presumption legislation that requires the political subdivision prove the person didn't receive the illness on the job. Includes tuberculosis, cancer, heart attack and stroke.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1585 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the authority of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to issue permits for the discharge into water of this state of produced water, hydrostatic test water, and gas plant effluent.

Companions: HB 2771 Lozano, Jose(R) (Identical)
2-28-19 H Filed

Remarks: aph - provides the TCEQ with authority to permit water used in testing, gas plants, and energy production rather than leaving this authority in the RRC.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1588 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the intermodal shipping container permit in north Texas.

Companions: HB 3510 VanDeaver, Gary(R) (Identical)
3- 6-19 H Filed

Remarks: MGW - Reduces fee for intermodal shipping container from an amount not to exceed \$2000 to \$400.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1590 Whitmire, John(D) Relating to a franchise or insurance tax credit for low-income housing developments.

Companions: HB 1937 Goldman, Craig(R) (Identical)
3-13-19 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., JHR 140, House Ways and Means

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a state low-income housing tax credit program based on franchise and insurance tax credits.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SB 1592 Fallon, Pat (F)(R) Relating to the authority of an appraisal district to use public money for lobbying activity.

Companions: SB 1812 Taylor, Van(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits an appraisal district from using public money to influence legislation.

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

 ☐ SJR 49 Taylor, Larry(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary local option exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster.

Companions: [HJR 34](#) Shine, Hugh(R) (Identical)
2-12-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Remarks: aph - Constitutional Amendment implementing Disaster reappraisal for HB 492.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

 ☐ SJR 50 Menendez, Jose(D)

Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes, providing for the increase of the exemption amount.

Remarks: aph - constitutional amendment implementing SB 1391 setting a \$50,000 homestead exemption and creating an inflation trigger for that amount.

Last Action: 3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Property Tax

 ☐ SJR 51 Hinojosa, Chuy(D)

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the flood infrastructure fund to assist in the financing of drainage, flood mitigation.

Companions: [HJR 81](#) Phelan, Dade(R) (Identical)
3- 5-19 H Committee action pending House Natural Resources

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

Last Action: 3- 5-19 S Filed

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