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- ☒ ☐ HB 6 Morrison, Geanie(R) Relating to developing a disaster recovery task force to assist with long-term disaster recovery.
- Remarks:** MGVS - Requires TX Division of Emergency Management to develop a disaster recovery task force to operate throughout the long-term recovery following natural, man-made disasters
- ☒ ☐ HB 7 Morrison, Geanie(R) Relating to disaster preparation for state agencies and political subdivisions.
- Remarks:** MGVS - Requires TX Division of Emergency Management, in consultation with the TX A&M AgriLife Extension Service, to develop a plan to assist political subdivisions with executing contracts for services that political subdivisions are likely to need post-disaster
- ☒ ☐ HB 11 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to transfer of the driver licensing program from the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles .
- Remarks:** aph - transfers the responsibilities for issuing driver's licenses from DPS to DMV.
- ☒ ☐ HB 2020 Kacal, Kyle(R) Relating to the judges authorized to release on bail a defendant charged with certain offenses, and the considerations for setting the amount of bail.
- Remarks:** JBD - Will require a district judge or associate judge appointed by district judge to magistrate all arrestees for felonies and sex offense misdemeanors. Governor to create a Bail Advisory Program to create a risk assessment tool that must be used, and to make recommendations on best practices for pretrial release.
- ☒ ☐ HB 2315 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to evidence of ownership of temporary housing provided by a government agency in response to a natural disaster or other declared emergency.
- Remarks:** MGVS - Requires DMV to establish a process to automatically issue a title to a government agency for a travel trailer used by the govt agency to provide temp housing in response to natural disaster or other declared emergency.
- ☒ ☐ HB 2320 Paul, Dennis(R) Relating to services provided during and following a disaster.



**Remarks:** MGTV - Requires TDEM to extent practicable include private wireless communication, Internet, and cable service providers in disaster planning process. Requires TDEM to submit a report on building trade services following disasters and consult with local govts, appropriate state entities, others.

  HB 3324 Zwiener, Erin (F)(D) Relating to groundwater impact contingency planning by pipeline operators.



**Remarks:** aph - authorizes RRC to require contingency plans for pipeline owners to be filed and list out plan to act in the event of a spill.

  HB 3326 Zwiener, Erin (F)(D) Relating to the authority of a municipality to require that an intrastate pipeline be buried to a certain depth.



**Remarks:** aph - authorizes cities to require hazardous material pipes to be buried at least 12 feet deep under the city.

  HB 3330 Gutierrez, Roland(D) Relating to the participation of certain large counties in the countywide polling place program.



**Remarks:** MJV-Requires the secretary of state to allow Bexar County to participate in the countywide polling place program.

  HB 3331 Frank, James(R) Relating to the procedures and grounds for terminating the parent-child relationship, for taking possession of a child, and for certain hearings in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship.



**Remarks:** JBD - Most of bill does not impact counties. But one provision appears to require appointment of attorney ad litem for parent and if the parent is found not to be indigent the attorney cannot be discharged until after a hearing that is required to be held no later than 14 days after filing of a petition by DFPS. Current law permits delay in proceedings while parent retains attorney, but that section is being repealed.

  HB 3333 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to a statement presented in a criminal case by a victim, close relative of a deceased victim, or guardian of a victim.

**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.



  HB 3335 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to extending the length of time for which an affidavit establishing probable cause for a search warrant may be sealed.

**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.



  HB 3336 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to the jurisdiction of, and practices and procedures in civil cases before, justice courts, county courts, statutory county courts, and district courts.

**Remarks:** JBD - Increases civil jurisdiction of statutory county courts to \$250,000. Supreme Court may establish pilot programs in up



to 10 counties, subject to state funding, to allow trial courts to experiment with procedures to reduce time to disposition and reduce costs.

  HB 3339 Dominguez, Alex (F)(D) Relating to requirements for programs of water conservation and water conservation plans.



**Remarks:** aph - companion to SB 2331 provides for rural water conservation plans for the purposes of receiving financial assistance from the TWDB for grant or loans under the Water Revolving Loan Fund. STRikes criteria that the rural system actually report water usage to the Board.

  HB 3340 Johnson, Julie (F)(D) Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, transportation, and delivery of medical cannabis for medical use by patients with post-traumatic stress disorder.



**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes possession of medical cannabis for patients with PTSD. Prohibits counties, municipalities from enacting a rule to prohibit medical cannabis.

  HB 3346 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to the classification of certain voter information as public information for a provisional or rejected vote by mail ballot.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Makes public information a rejected provisional ballot, the information is to be posted daily on the entity's website. Also to be posted is the persons who vote by mail while early voting is open.

  HB 3348 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the eligibility of land on which the Texas Animal Health Commission has established a temporary quarantine for ticks for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as agricultural or open-space land.

**Remarks:** aph - allows a land owner to maintain ag exemption on land that is subject to a temporary quarantine against ag activity because of a tick eradication program.

  HB 3349 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to certain drug tests administered to employees and independent contractors of state agencies and political subdivisions.



















**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits a state agency or a political subdivision from establishing a drug testing policy that requires an employee to submit to a drug test for marihuana.

  HB 3350 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to the reporting of voting history.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for electronic submission of daily records of each voter participating in elections within one day to the SOS. Requires an early voting roster made public on the SOS website.

  HB 3351 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to accepting voters with certain disabilities.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires allowing a person with an ambulatory disability to move ahead in a voting line. Requires a notice be posted in the entrance of the polling place.

-   HB 3352 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to accommodating a voter unable to enter a polling place.
- Remarks:** WIJ - Requires a specific parking place be reserved for a person to vote who has a disability that makes it difficult to enter the polling place. Must have a sign and phone number for a voter to request assistance from a voter official.
-   HB 3353 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to authorizing an optional county fee on vehicle registration in certain counties to be used for transportation projects.
- Remarks:** aph - adds Willco as an eligible county for optional vehicle registration fees paid to fund transportation projects.
-   HB 3354 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to the use of an accessible absentee mail system by certain voters.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for a disabled voter to utilize an electronic absentee mail system.
-   HB 3355 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to pledge certain tax revenue for the payment of obligations related to hotel projects.
- Remarks:** aph - adds Cedar Park as an eligible city to charge and collect a hotel occupancy tax.
-   HB 3356 Bucy, John (F)(D) Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue in certain municipalities.
- Remarks:** aph - allows Cedar Park to use the proceeds from a hotel tax to fund more venues in the city.
-   HB 3357 Collier, Nicole(D) Relating to certain technical violations of conditions of community supervision.
- Remarks:** MGJ - If after a hearing on alleged violation of community supervision for nonviolent offenses, judge determines defendant committed technical violations, prohibits judge from revoking supervision.
-   HB 3358 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to the repeal of the additional ad valorem taxes imposed as a result of certain changes in the use of certain land.
- Remarks:** aph - provides for land appraised as ag exempt be assessed at market value once the exemption has ended.
-   HB 3360 Miller, Rick(R) Relating to the use of the fund for veterans' assistance to provide pro bono legal services to veterans and active duty service members.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Permits the veterans assistance fund to provide grants to provide pro bono legal services to veterans, active duty members and members of the state military forces.
-   HB 3361 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to court reporter service fees in certain counties.
- Remarks:** WLJ - The clerk of a county with a population of 750k located on the border shall collect a \$30 court cost in each civil case

to maintain a court reporter.

  HB 3363 Sanford, Scott(R)

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

**Remarks:** aph - companions to SB 1924 and HB 3072 extends the ability of a city to negotiate projects eligible for funding from proceeds of a hotel tax by two years from 2019 to 2021.

  HB 3364 Springer, Drew(R)

Relating to sales and use taxes on electronic nicotine delivery system vapor products.

**Remarks:** aph - adds a \$.05 sales tax on each ML of vapor product sold. This is in addition to the sales tax already applicable.

  HB 3367 Thompson, Ed(R)

Relating to the creation of a business advisory council on disaster recovery and mitigation.

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

  HB 3368 Morrison, Geanie(R)

Relating to outdoor advertising signs regulated by the Texas Department of Transportation.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits billboards/signs from being over 42 1/2 feet tall. Retains the grandfather provision, repeals allowance to rebuild a sign over the height.

  HB 3371 Darby, Drew(R)

Relating to the regulation of certain battery-charged fences by municipalities and counties.

**Remarks:** MGv - Prohibits a county or city from adopting an ordinance that requires a separate permit for the installation, use of a battery-charged fence if an alarm system permit has already been issued; imposes additional installation, operational requirements for battery-charged fence; or prohibits the installation, use of a battery-charged fence.

  HB 3376 Klick, Stephanie(R)

Relating to the review of ballot proposition language for certain political subdivision elections.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires in a county of 120k or more for a ballot proposition election, the language on the ballot and a brief statement be reviewed 45 days before the election. Requires the language be clear to the common voter.

  HB 3378 Hernandez, Ana(D)

Relating to an advisory body on the security of the electric grid.



**Remarks:** WLJ - would create the Texas Electric Grid Security Council as an advisory body to facilitate the creation, aggregation, coordination, and dissemination of best security practices for the electric industry, including the generation, transmission, and delivery of electricity

  HB 3379 Klick, Stephanie(R)



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

MGv - Allows foster, homeless, or unaccompanied children



**Remarks:** and youth to request certified copies of birth records without fee or parental consent. Requires DFPS to ensure that the caseworker for a youth in the dept's custody, in consultation w/ the youth's attorney ad litem, develops a plan to expunge criminal or juvenile records.

  HB 3380 Johnson, Jarvis(D) Relating to the inclusion of certain public safety facilities in a tax increment financing reinvestment zone and the making of improvements to public safety infrastructure in a zone.



**Remarks:** MGV - Includes costs associated with improvements to fire and police stations in a TIRZ.

  HB 3383 Bell, Keith (F)(R) Relating to the definition of a tier 1 county for purposes of municipal annexation.



**Remarks:** aph - adds Kaufman Co as a Tier 1 county for the purposes of annexation

  HB 3384 Shine, Hugh(R) Relating to the authority of the comptroller to conduct a limited-scope review of an appraisal district located in an area declared by the governor to be a disaster area.



**Remarks:** MGV - In lieu of current reviews conducted every 2 years, authorizes the Comptroller to conduct a limited-scope review of a CAD located in area declared by Gov to be a disaster area.

  HB 3386 Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to the sales and use tax exemption for certain amusement services.



**Remarks:** aph - exempts amusement games at a livestock show from sales tax.

  HB 3387 Anchia, Rafael(D) Relating to abolishing a dissolution committee established to abolish certain county boards of education or boards of county school trustees and appointing commissioners courts to assume the duties of the dissolution comm

















**Remarks:** aph - companion for SB 2018 abolishes the Dallas Co board of county schools and transfers debts to the Dallas Co Commissioners Court.

  HB 3397 Bailes, Ernest(R) Relating to an appropriation of money from the emergency radio infrastructure account for the planning, development, and provision of an interoperable statewide emergency radio infrastructure.

**Remarks:** MGV - Appropriates \$23 million from the emergency radio infrastructure account for planning an interoperable statewide emergency radio infrastructure.

  HB 3402 Phelan, Dade(R) Relating to changing the criminal offense of conspiracy to circumvent the open meetings law.

**Remarks:** JBD - Creates new "walking quorum" offense. Requires member of government body knew that one or series of meetings with less than quorum would involve a quorum and constitute a deliberation if the communications had occurred at one time with all participants in the individual meetings.



-   HB 3404 Johnson, Jarvis(D) Relating to the issuance of a permit for a concrete plant located in an area of a municipality not subject to zoning regulations.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Permits TCEQ to issue a permit to a concrete plant in an incorporated in a city not under zoning regulations requires they follow hearing and posting requirement.
-   HB 3406 Rodriguez, Eddie(D) Relating to communications regarding the adoption of certain taxation rates.
- Remarks:** aph - clarifies that communication of factual information about the passage or defeat of an ad valorem tax rate by a political subdivision or elected official is not a violation of use of public money in a campaign.
-   HB 3409 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to requirements for training regarding trauma for judges, prosecuting attorneys, correctional officers, and law enforcement officers.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires 8 hours of trauma training for judges that hear criminal cases.
-   HB 3412 Miller, Rick(R) Relating to the creation of the Texas Veterans County Service Officer Task Force.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a Texas Veterans County Service Officer task force that consists of House Defense chair, Senate Veterans affair chair, Texas Veterans Commission, Officers from various regions, Texas Coalition of Veterans Organizations to review the role and duties of officers in each county, identify areas in need of officers, determine state assistance needed and submit a report by 2020.
-   HB 3416 Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to hiring and licensing certain persons as peace officers.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Permits a peace officer to only commission and employ a peace officer that is a legal permanent resident of the United States.
-   HB 3418 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to information and outreach regarding hurricane preparedness and mitigation.
- 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.
-   HB 3419 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to indefinite quantity contracts for the provision of certain services to declared disaster areas following a natural disaster.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Requires the GLO to annually enter into an indefinite quantity contracts for services after declared natural disasters includes services for information management, construction, and other services deemed necessary to construct, repair, or rebuild property or infrastructure.
-   HB 3423 Allison, Steve (F)(R) Relating to ad valorem and franchise tax credits for

donations to school districts to create or support career and technical education programs or courses.



**Remarks:** aph - provides an ad valorem and franchise tax credit to a business who donates money to a school district to create a career and technical education program in the district.

  HB 3424 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to postconviction forensic DNA testing.



**Remarks:** JBD - Defines "exculpatory results" for post-conviction DNA testing purposes.

  HB 3425 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to the consideration of a subsequent writ of habeas corpus in certain felony cases.



**Remarks:** JBD - Permits 2nd writ of habeas corpus if prosecutor consents.

  HB 3426 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to the procedure for an application for a writ of habeas corpus based on certain new evidence.


**Remarks:** JBD - Creates habeas relief for new evidence.

  HB 3427 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to an increase in the state sales and use tax rate for the purpose of reducing school district maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes.



**Remarks:** aph - increases sales tax rate to 6.5% and mandates the extra 1/4 goes to property tax relief.

  HB 3430 Hunter, Todd(R) Relating to the transfer of a retired county law enforcement dog.


**Remarks:** VRS - Allows a commissioners court to transfer a law enforcement dog to the dog's current or former handler or another law enforcement officer when the dog is retired.

  HB 3431 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to a prohibition on lottery advertisement and promotion in certain low income counties.



















**Remarks:** MGv - Prohibits lottery ads in a county with a per capita income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level.

  HB 3432 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to a requirement that candidates for municipal elective office declare a party affiliation.

**Remarks:** WLJ - requires that an applicant for a place on the ballot for a city office state with which party the candidate is aligned, or state that the candidate is not aligned with any party; and allow a candidate for city office to declare a party affiliation, which must appear on the ballot next to the candidate's name

  HB 3433 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to driver's licenses and personal identification certificates issued to legal permanent residents of the United States and refugees or asylees lawfully admitted into the United States.



**Remarks:** VRS - Requires DPS to put on drivers licenses/IDs issued to legal permanent residents, refugees, and those granted asylum that their license/id is not valid proof of identity for voting.

-   HB 3434 Oliverson, Tom(R) Relating to the regulation of motor vehicle towing, booting, and storage.
- Remarks:** aph - companion for SB 1671 regulates vehicle impoundment yards and towing companies to allow vehicle owners rights to their personal possession in the vehicle and notice of when are where the vehicle is transferred.
-   HB 3437 Murr, Andrew(R) Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to pledge certain tax revenue for the payment of obligations related to hotel projects.
- Remarks:** aph - companions for SB 1407 adds Kerrville to the list of cities that can charge a hotel tax.
-   HB 3439 Patterson, Jared (F)(R) Relating to the authority of a municipality or county to require a labor peace agreement as a condition of engaging in a commercial transaction with the municipality or county.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Prohibits a city or county from requiring a person to enter into a labor peace agreement with the person's employees as a condition of being considered for or award a contract or engaging in a commercial transaction with the city or county.
-   HB 3440 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the electronic submission of required jail reports
- Remarks:** WLJ - Allows the jail commission to accept all forms, data and documents via electronic means. The commission is permitted to collect a fee for non-electronic format submissions.
-   HB 3443 Springer, Drew(R) Relating to the rate of interest on certain tax refunds.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Changes the interest rate paid for state tax refunds from the "lesser of" to prime plus 1% or the annual rate for deposits in the state treasury.
-   HB 3446 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the enforcement of commercial vehicle safety standards in certain counties.
- Remarks:** aph - allows Jim Hogg county sheriff to enforce commercial vehicle safety standards.
-   HB 3447 Smithee, John(R) Relating to the content of detailed reports filed by lobbyists and to monetary limits on expenditures by lobbyists.
- Remarks:** JBD - Reduces by 1/2 the amount a lobbyist may provide to a legislator before it is reportable, and pulls in amounts spent for the benefit of a legislator's immediate family members.
-   HB 3448 Bernal, Diego(D) Relating to the application of whistleblower protection laws to certain appointed municipal officers.
- Remarks:** JBD - Expands who are "employees" to include certain independent contractors of cities. Just watch.
-   HB 3449 Smithee, John(R) Relating to employment protections for jury service.



**Remarks:** JBD - Expands protection for jurors to cover public employers, and prohibits intimidation and coercion in addition to termination.

  HB 3454 Toth, Steve(R) Relating to the release of extraterritorial jurisdiction by a municipality involving certain areas.



**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.

  HB 3455 Toth, Steve(R) Relating to municipal disannexation involving certain real estate subdivisions.



**Remarks:** aph - companion for SB 1327 allows a subdivision with a property owners' jurisdictional control over the entire subdivision to disannex by majority vote. Does not absolve the area from any bond indebtedness previously incurred.

  HB 3457 Smithee, John(R) Relating to the assessment of litigation costs and attorney fees in certain lawsuits under the public information law.



**Remarks:** JBD - Concerns award of costs in suit under Public Information Act. Defines what it means to "substantially prevail" which triggers award of fees against governmental body. Applies the fee provisions to intervenors.

  HB 3459 Coleman, Garnet(D) Relating to the creation and operations of health care provider participation programs in Harris County Hospital District.



**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates the Harris County LPPF.

  HB 3460 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to the route designation for the issuance of a permit for the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles in certain counties.

**Remarks:** aph - dictates overweight travel routes in Matagorda Co for vehicles going to the Port of Palacios.

  HB 3461 Wu, Gene(D) Relating to allowing TJJD to approve a small number of Regional Diversion Alternatives placements for youth with intense needs at a higher rate than the average daily cost of state secure facilities.

**Remarks:** JBD - Filed bill does not match caption. Filed specifies how TJJD may calculate costs savings (a requirement when setting reimbursement to counties for housing juveniles in regional facilities).

  HB 3463 Frullo, John(R) Relating to the authority of the Lubbock County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, to employ physicians.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Permits Lubbock County HD to employ physicians.

  HB 3469 Wilson, Terry(R) Relating to fees charged for the operation of certain

commercial motor vehicles on public highways.

**Remarks:** aph - established a pavement consumption fee for commercial vehicles traveling on state roads. TTI will be required to study and establish the initial fee not later than 9/1/2020.

  HB 3473 Perez, Mary Ann(D)

Relating to the fee for a permit authorizing the movement of certain vehicles transporting an intermodal shipping container.

**Remarks:** aph - increases the percentage of fees from overweight permits issued for shipping containers. Fees to counties and cities increase by 3 and 4% respectively. State Highway Fund contributions are decreased.

  HB 3474 Perez, Mary Ann(D)

Relating to increasing the fee for a permit authorizing the movement of certain vehicles transporting an intermodal shipping container.

**Remarks:** aph - increases the fee for overweight permits of shipping containers from \$6,000 to \$8,000.

  HB 3476 Perez, Mary Ann(D)

Relating to the movement of certain vehicles transporting an intermodal shipping container on a road or bridge for which a maximum weight or load has been established by a municipality.

**Remarks:** aph - provides cities similar authority to counties in the regulation of overweight vehicles operating within their territorial jurisdiction.

  HB 3486 Perez, Mary Ann(D)

Relating to the movement of certain vehicles transporting an intermodal shipping container.

**Remarks:** aph - increases the penalty for a violation of operating a commercial vehicle outside of the overweight permit requirements from a Class C to a Class B misdemeanor.

  HB 3487 Cole, Sheryl (F)(D)

Relating to the deadline for an early voting ballot board to determine whether to accept voters' ballots.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Extends from day 9 to day 10 days after an election, for the early voting ballot board to verify and accept provisional ballots. Requires the early voting ballot board to determine whether to accept a mail ballot no later than 10th day after an election.

  HB 3488 Cole, Sheryl (F)(D)



















Relating to selection of election officers for early voting.

**Remarks:** WLJ - permits the county clerk to select a sufficient number of presiding judges, alternates and other officers to enable election officers to serve in shifts. The judge or officer an serve at more than one polling place.



  HB 3490 Cole, Sheryl (F)(D)

Relating to the prosecution and punishment of the criminal offense of harassment.

**Remarks:** JBD - Expands harassment to include repeated social media posts.

-   HB 3491 Cole, Sheryl (F)(D) Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for taxable items used to assist persons with an intellectual or developmental disability.
- Remarks:** aph - exempts items used to assist persons with intellectual or developmental disability from sales tax.
-   HB 3492 Cole, Sheryl (F)(D) Relating to the eligibility of a first responder for workers' compensation benefits for mental trauma injuries, including post-traumatic stress disorder.
- Remarks:** WLj - Creates a presumption that PTSD occurred on the job for a first responder, based on a preponderance of evidence that the event occurred outside the course of their job or no event occurred in the scope of their employment.
-   HB 3494 Cole, Sheryl (F)(D) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of operation of an unmanned aircraft over certain facilities and to the regulation of unmanned aircraft by certain political subdivisions.
- Remarks:** JBD - Repeals the authority of counties and cities to regulate drones during special events and near facilities owned by county or city.
-   HB 3500 Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D) Relating to the representation of certain indigent applicants for a writ of habeas corpus.
- Remarks:** JBD - Relaxes the standard under which a defendant is entitled to appointment of counsel for habeas corpus. Current law requires prosecutor to assert defendant qualifies for habeas relief. Proposed relaxes that to defendant may potentially qualify for habeas relief.
-   HB 3502 Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D) Relating to the disposal of exhibits used in criminal proceedings.
- Remarks:** JBD - Extends the period of time that trial evidence in felony criminal case must be preserved. Current 1 - 5 years goes to 2 - 10 years.
-   HB 3503 Anderson, Doc(R) Relating to firearms training for county jailers.
- Remarks:** JBD - Mandates firearms training for jailers and requires jailers that pass be permitted to carry firearms while on duty and traveling to/from work. Firearms inside the jail??
-   HB 3504 Martinez Fischer, Trey(D) Relating to the minimum wage.
- Remarks:** JBD - sets minimum wage at \$10.10
-   HB 3510 VanDeaver, Gary(R) Relating to the intermodal shipping container permit in north Texas.
- Remarks:** MGv - Reduces fee for intermodal shipping container from an amount not to exceed \$2000 to \$400.
-   HB 3512 Pacheco, Leo (F)(D) Relating to community supervision.
- Remarks:** MGv - Expands conditions for modifying community supervision to include prioritization of conditions by the court



according to risk assessment and defendant's progress. Modifies conditions for community supervision including the removal of avoidance of injurious or vicious habits and limiting avoidance of disreputable persons or places to the extent indicated by the risk assessment. Adds the community supervision and corrections dept as an entity able to develop the continuum of care treatment plan under the substance abuse felony program. Replaces reimbursement of a county for legal services with paying in one or more amounts all court costs, regardless of whether a fine is assessed for purposes of community supervision condition. Requires court to inquire as to whether defendant has sufficient resources to pay, rather than consider defendant's ability to pay, under community supervision. Reduces standards for reduction or termination of community supervision period to defendant's time served on community supervision plus time credits that equal 1/3 of original period or two years. Expands time credits for completion of certain conditions of community supervision to defendants granted community supervision, regardless of whether being delinquent in payment and has fully satisfied paying restitution. For payment of state aid, requires Community Justice Assistance Division to adopt provisions to award addtl per capita funding based on each discharged felony defendant who successfully completed community supervision or applicable early termination.

-   HB 3513 Martinez Fischer, Trey(D) Relating to a right of first refusal applicable to the sale of housing developments that have received certain financial assistance administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.



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

-   HB 3514 Fierro, Art (F)(D) Relating to the use of preferential voting in certain elections.



**Remarks:** WLJ - Sets up preferential voting by rank of favorite to least favorite.

-   HB 3515 Fierro, Art (F)(D) Relating to the requirement that a veterans county service office report to the commissioners court or the county's chief administrator.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows the VCSO to report to the County Administrator instead of directly to the Commissioners Court.

-   HB 3518 Gutierrez, Roland(D) Relating to the authority of a county to require a permit for certain food service establishments.

**Remarks:** VRS - Allows a county to require a permit for food service establishments, food stores, mobile food units and roadside food vendors if they are located on county property or in an unincorporated area of the county.

-   HB 3520 Murphy, Jim(R) Relating to the calculation of the penalty for filing a late application for certain ad valorem tax exemptions and

allocations.

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

  HB 3525 Rose, Toni(D)

Relating to the destruction of juvenile records of victims of sex trafficking.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires destruction of juvenile records for offense of prostitution if juvenile was victim of trafficking.

  HB 3526 Rose, Toni(D)

Relating to the duties of and training for certain officers and jailers regarding the child safety check alert list.

**Remarks:** WLJ - require peace officers and reserve law enforcement officers, as part of the minimum curriculum training, to complete an education and training program related to the Texas Crime Information Center's child safety check alert list.

  HB 3527 Rose, Toni(D)

Relating to inclusion of instruction on the trafficking of persons in the basic training curriculum for peace officers.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires all law enforcement officers to complete a basic training program on human trafficking.

  HB 3529 Gutierrez, Roland(D)

Relating to a domestic violence pilot program

**Remarks:** JBD - Filed bill is incomplete.

  HB 3531 Shine, Hugh(R)

Relating to the disqualification of a prosecuting attorney or judge in a case investigated by the public integrity unit of the Texas Rangers.

**Remarks:** JBD - Adds provisions to address disqualification of judge and prosecutor that may be subject of public integrity charge.

  HB 3532 Rose, Toni(D)

Relating to the creation of a countywide alert system for missing adults.

**Remarks:** MGv - Requires DPS to create a countywide alert system for missing adults

  HB 3534 Shine, Hugh(R)















Relating to the disclosure to a law enforcement agency of confidential information relating to a complaint filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.



















**Remarks:** JBD - Permits Ethics Commission to disclose information to law enforcement.

  HB 3536 Rose, Toni(D)

Relating to the admission, examination, and discharge of a person for voluntary mental health services.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a person be discharged from a 72 hour hold immediately if the physician determines the person does not meet clinical standards for a hold. For admission on a hold requires the physician perform an exam 72 hours before admission or 24 hours after admission.

-   HB 3539 Rose, Toni(D) Relating to the appointment of a local public defender's office to represent indigent defendants in criminal cases.
- Remarks:** JBD - Would require courts to give priority to appointing public defender rather than private attorneys.
-   HB 3540 Burns, DeWayne(R) Relating to the authority of a peace officer to release in lieu of arrest certain persons with an intellectual or developmental disability.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires an officer consider if it is in the best interest to arrest a person with IDD who lives in a group home. Requires consultation with the persons guardian.
-   HB 3543 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to guardianships, management trusts, and certain other procedures and proceedings for persons who are incapacitated.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Regarding rights of wards, deletes attorney ad litem from eligible entities able to investigate complaints received by the court from the ward or any person about the guardianship. For guardianship proceeding costs, allows for payment out of the county treasury if a guardianship of the estate has been created for the ward and court determines it's not in ward's best interest to pay. Requires notice for an application for creation of management trust
-   HB 3551 Sheffield, J.D.(R) Relating to requirements for and the transparency of epidemiological reports and certain immunization exemption information and reports.
- Remarks:** VRS - Requires the Dept. of State Health Services to produce an annual de-identified immunization exemption report, and to make it available on both their website and to parents/legal guardians upon request. The report should contain how many students were not current on their vaccinations, how many cases of vaccineable diseases occurred in the district that year, and how many students requested an exemption from vaccinations for religious reasons.
-   HB 3554 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to the admissibility of certain forensic analyses and associated testimony regarding physical evidence in a criminal case.
- Remarks:** JBD - Qualifies the statutes forbidding certain forensic evidence to evidence offered by the state. So defendant would not be prohibited from offering such evidence.
-   HB 3555 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of sexual assault.
- Remarks:** JBD - expands manner of proving lack of consent in sex assault case.
-   HB 3560 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to the authority of a county to implement a pilot program to reuse wastewater at county facilities.
- Remarks:** aph - creates a pilot program in Harris Co to reuse wastewater at a county facility under the rules passed by TCEQ for such a program.

-   HB 3561 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to the creation of the criminal offense of continuous sexual assault.
- Remarks:** JBD - Creates new offense of continuous sex assault.
-   HB 3563 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to creating the criminal offense of tampering with an electronic monitoring device.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Creates offense of tampering with an electronic monitoring device for a person who is required to submit to electric monitoring
-   HB 3565 White, James(R) Relating to the creation of certain pilot programs to encourage economic and educational opportunities in certain regions of this state.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Allows counties to create special economic zones under a newly established special economic zone pilot program if they meet criteria, during the preceding five years including school district in region performing lower than state avg; % of population with bachelor's degree lower than state avg; median household income was lower than state avg; number of persons living in poverty was higher than state avg for communities of same size; and stagnant or increasing unemployment.
-   HB 3566 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to the forensic examination of a victim of an alleged strangulation assault or sexual assault.
- Remarks:** JBD - creates new forensic medical exam for strangulation. Paid for by law enforcement agency or AG using victim compensation fund (same as rape kit).
-   HB 3567 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to protective orders.
- Remarks:** MGJ - To facilitate settlement, allows the parties to a family violence proceeding to agree to a protective order applying to the person who committed family violence.
-   HB 3568 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to the salary paid to an official court reporter in certain counties.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Applies to Harris County. Expands current official court reporter annual increase limit to no greater than the avg percentage increase to all other employees of the county, unless approved by commissioners court.
-   HB 3569 Farrar, Jessica(D) Relating to the dissemination of eviction case information.
- Remarks:** Limiting the dissemination of eviction case information for certain eviction cases and rulings
-   HB 3570 Ramos, Ana-Maria (F)(D) Relating to continuing judicial training regarding family violence victims.
- Remarks:** JBD - Mandates training for judges on effects of being victim of family violence.
-   HB 3576 Klick, Stephanie(R) Relating to a voter registrar's investigation of a voter's current eligibility to register to vote.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the registrar to investigate whether each registered voter is eligible for registration in the county.

  HB 3578 Klick, Stephanie(R)

Relating to a requirement that a registrar receive a court order to cancel the voter registration of a person finally convicted of a felony.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a judge upon conviction of a person for a felony offense, order the persons voter registration cancelled and send the order to the SOS. Prohibits cancelling a persons order on the grounds of a felony without the court order.

  HB 3580 Klick, Stephanie(R)

Relating to the revision or repeal of certain obsolete provisions related to restrictions on political advertising, political contributions, and political expenditures.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits corporations to contribute to direct expenditure committees. Repeals limitations on funding speaker election efforts.

  HB 3582 Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to the punishment for certain intoxication offenses and the eligibility for deferred adjudication community supervision of defendants who committed certain intoxication offenses.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits deferred adjudication for DWI.

  HB 3584 Metcalf, Will(R)

Relating to the emergency management training of certain officials.

**Remarks:** MGv - Expands emergency management training curricula to include info on using 911 system and internet for communicating effectively w/ public during, post-disaster.

  HB 3585 Sanford, Scott(R)

Relating to the repeal of certain eligibility requirements for a license to carry a handgun.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals provision that requires a person not be delinquent on child support or taxes for qualification for a handgun license.

  HB 3586 Metcalf, Will(R)

Relating to a report of projects requiring federal funding as a result of a disaster.

**Remarks:** MGv - By 90th day after a disaster declaration, requires emergency management council (if one in place) or Gov's office to prepare and submit to Gov, Lt Gov, Comptroller, Leg a report identifying all projects related to disaster that that require fed funding.

  HB 3587 Hunter, Todd(R)

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of aggravated kidnapping.

**Remarks:** JBD - Agg kidnapping if victim younger than 18.

  HB 3588 Hunter, Todd(R)

Relating to increasing the criminal penalties for the offenses of producing, directing, or promoting a sexual performance by a child and possessing child pornography.

**Remarks:** JBD - Increases all penalties one level.

  HB 3589 Sanford, Scott(R)

Relating to credit toward payment of certain fines, costs, fees, and surcharges imposed on certain offenders before, during, or after a period of confinement for another offense.

**Remarks:** JBD - Defendants to be given credit for jail/prison time between date of offense and disposition. Courts to notify DPS within 15 days of granting credit of the total amount of credit a defendant is entitled to, even if it exceeds amount owed in the case. DPS to credit any balance to driver responsibility surcharges.

  HB 3590 Hunter, Todd(R)

Relating to the prosecution of and punishment for certain trafficking and prostitution offenses and certain other consequences of those offenses.

**Remarks:** JBD - Increases penalty levels for trafficking and promotion of prostitution.

  HB 3591 Zwiener, Erin (F)(D)

Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons who are younger than 26 years of age.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Medicaid coverage for everyone that is under 26 years of age if federal funds are available.

  HB 3592 Zwiener, Erin (F)(D)

Relating to qualifying projects for public-private partnerships.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Expands qualifying projects for public-private partnerships to include information technology infrastructure

  HB 3594 Thompson, Senfronia(D)

Relating to certain ongoing duties of an attorney representing the state that relate to exculpatory, impeachment, or mitigating evidence in a criminal case.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Clarifies prosecutors' responsibility to disclose exculpatory evidence.

  HB 3600 White, James(R)

Relating to Texas Commission on Environmental Quality adoption of a streamlined regulatory program for certain aggregate production operations.

**Remarks:** WLJ -Would allow TCEQ to create a small aggregate production schedule.

  HB 3605 Sanford, Scott(R)

Relating to appointment of an attorney ad litem to represent an unborn child during a judicial bypass proceeding for an abortion for a pregnant minor.



**Remarks:** JBD - When a minor petitions a district court for authorization for abortion, court may appoint an attorney ad litem for the unborn child.

  HB 3610 Walle, Armando(D)



Relating to local control of the employment matters of officers of the sheriff's department in certain counties.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Applies to Harris County. Authorizes creation of a meet and confer team consisting of sheriff's officer employee



groups in a county to negotiate with the county to reach agreement on employment concerns.

-   HB 3611 Davis, Yvonne(D) Relating to the number of persons authorized to reside in certain homes and facilities for persons with disabilities.



**Remarks:** WLJ - Removes assisted living centers from limitation of number of persons living in one home.

-   HB 3615 Murphy, Jim(R) Relating to a task force to expedite permitting and funding following certain disasters.



**Remarks:** MGv - Requires TDEM to establish a task force to expedite permitting and funding following a state of disaster declaration by the Gov.

-   HB 3617 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to the creation of a mental health jail diversion and crisis stabilization unit pilot program.



**Remarks:** WLJ - Provides for the creation of a Fort Bend County jail diversion and crisis pilot program for up to 50 individuals. Requires 50% matching funds from the county/state.

-   HB 3620 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to the creation of a mental health treatment for incarceration diversion pilot program.



**Remarks:** WLJ - Pilot program for Fort Bend to create a mental health diversion court.

-   HB 3624 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to a reduced licensing fee for certain former license holders.



**Remarks:** WLJ - Provides for a discounted occupational license for a new parent.

-   HB 3626 Schaefer, Matt(R) Relating to the comptroller's administration of federal money and certain general revenue and to the use of certain general revenue for property tax relief.



**Remarks:** aph - mandates the Comptroller to deposit federal funds in a separate fund outside of GR to direct the funds to the program to which the funds are directed.

-   HB 3627 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to qualifications of licensed court interpreters.

**Remarks:** WLJ - require a court interpreter appointed by the court for an individual who can hear, but does not comprehend or communicate in English, to hold a license issued by the director of the Office of Court administration of the Texas Judicial System.

-   HB 3634 Meza, Terry (F)(D) Relating to the authority of political subdivisions to establish election precincts.

**Remarks:** WLJ - the city shall submit voter ID numbers of those who case votes in the elections office by precinct.

-   HB 3635 Turner, John (F)(D) Relating to financial assistance paid to the survivors of certain law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other public employees killed in the line of duty.

**Remarks:** MGV - Modifies state payment to eligible surviving spouse, child, or parents from \$500,000 to a lump sum payment of \$5000,000 until September 1, 2020 of certain law enforcement officers, firefighters, public employees killed in line of duty. Effective September 1 of each following year, requires ERS to adjust lump sum payment by an amount equal to percentage change in CPI.

  HB 3637 Guillen, Ryan(D)

Relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information of a person protected by a magistrate's order for emergency protection.

**Remarks:** WLJ - allows a court issuing emergency protection orders to keep the address of the person protected by the order confidential. A magistrate issuing orders to a defendant who is charged with an offense involving family violence may prohibit the defendant from going in a general geographic area that is of a sufficient size that it would be difficult for the defendant to locate the victim.

  HB 3640 Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to the creation and operations of a health care provider participation program by the El Paso County Hospital District.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates the El Paso County LPPF

  HB 3642 Krause, Matt(R)

Relating to the jurisdiction of county courts at law in Tarrant County.

**Remarks:** JBD - Gives all statutory county courts in Tarrant both civil and criminal jurisdiction.

  HJR 107 Sanford, Scott(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment repealing the provision that subjects land designated for agricultural use to an additional tax when the land is diverted to a purpose other than agricultural use or sold.

**Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment to repeal land designated for ag use to addtl tax when land is diverted another purpose or sold

  HJR 109 Allison, Steve (F)(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a credit against ad valorem taxes imposed by a school district on the property owned by a business entity.

**Remarks:** aph - constitutional amendment for HB 3243 providing a franchise and property tax credit for businesses that donate money to create a career and technical education program at a public school.

  HJR 110 Wilson, Terry(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes is the market value of the property for the first year that the owner q

**Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment providing the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes is the market value of property for 1st year owner qualified for

exemption or if owner purchased property, the purchase price.

  HJR 111 Wilson, Terry(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing that a residence homestead is not subject to seizure or sale for delinquent ad valorem taxes.

**Remarks:** aph - constitutional amendment protecting a residence qualified as a homestead from foreclosure or sale to pay delinquent taxes or penalties.

  HJR 112 King, Tracy(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:** aph - provides for Webb Co to hold in trust proceeds, minerals, and natural resources of land held for Webb Co schools and manage those assets for all county schools.

  SB 7 Creighton, Brandon(R)

Relating to flood control planning and the funding of flood planning, mitigation, and infrastructure projects.

**Remarks:** MGV - Senate Proposed Language: Limits grant or loan to 75% of the portion of project cost that is paid w/ money other than fed money. By September 1, 2031, transfers remaining balance of account to be transferred to the flood plan implementation account.

Amends Floodplain Management Account as a special fund, administered by TX Water Development Board, used for grants, data collection for flood control planning and renames it the TX Infrastructure Resiliency Fund (TIRF). Creates four subaccounts: Floodplain Management, Harvey Recovery, Flood Plan Implementation, Army Corps Projects. Prioritizes projects based on TDEM recommendations, emergency need, funded partially by fed matching funds, increase water supply. Defines flood project as drainage, flood mitigation, or flood control project. Establishes TIRF Advisory Committee (existing members of SWIFT and TDEM). Requires quarterly reports from state agencies that disburse fed dollars for flood-related activity. Adds TWDB transparency requirements - post info on website re: use of resiliency fund.

  SB 8 Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to state and regional flood planning.

**Remarks:** MGV - CS: Expands the role of Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) to centralize and approve all regional flood prevention plans. Charges TWDB with developing a state flood plan by September 1, 2024 and every 5 years after. Charges TWDB with creating a 10-year dam repair and maintenance plan.

Requires that a state flood plan must include a statewide, ranked list of ongoing and proposed flood control projects; evaluation of flood control infrastructure; analysis of development in the 100 year floodplain areas and legislative recommendations; and incorporate regional plans. Establishes a State Flood Plan Implementation Advisory Committee. Creates a "regional flood planning" process in which a regional flood planning group jointly plans for overall regional priorities. The planning group is composed of representatives of governing body of each county located


wholly or partially in the flood planning region. In voting on final version of regional flood plan, entitles each county to one vote. Requires each plan to include condition and functionality of flood control infrastructure; land use changes and population growth; and highlight flood prone areas and flood control solutions. Requires participating counties to hold public meetings and publish notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in each county at least 30 days before date of meeting, acceptable online media, and mail notice to mayor of each municipality of more than 1,000 in region, commissioners court in each county and each special purpose district. Sets January 10, 2023 as the deadline to submit regional plans.

Requires TWDB, TX Dept of Emergency Management, and State Soil and Water Conservation Board to adopt guiding principles.

  SB 1599 Hall, Bob(R)

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

**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.

  SB 1601 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to ensuring election integrity, including through periodic voter registration.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Provide that an election officer commits a Class A misdemeanor if the officer knowingly permits a person to cast a vote in an election precinct other than the precinct in which the person resides. Shorten the period for early voting by personal appearance to the 10th day before election day through the day before election day. Requires 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. For an election ordered by a city, reduce the time that early voting by personal appearance at the main early voting place must be conducted to at least 12 hours on only one weekday (instead of 12 hours on two weekdays under certain circumstances). Provides that 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. Establishes that removing a voting machine used for early voting from the polling place before the polls close on election day is a state jail felony. Requires one or more early voting polling places, other than the main early voting polling place, be established in each election precinct in the territory covered by an election. Provides that a temporary branch polling place may be located in a movable structure but may not change locations during the early voting period; and (9) provide that early voting by personal appearance at each permanent or temporary branch polling place shall be conducted on the same days and during the same hours as voting is conducted at the main early voting polling place

  SB 1602 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to election integrity.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Provide that an election officer commits a Class A misdemeanor if the officer knowingly permits a person to cast

a vote in an election precinct other than the precinct in which the person resides. Shorten the period for early voting by personal appearance to the 10th day before election day through the day before election day. Requires 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. For an election ordered by a city, reduce the time that early voting by personal appearance at the main early voting place must be conducted to at least 12 hours on only one weekday (instead of 12 hours on two weekdays under certain circumstances). Provides that 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. Establishes that removing a voting machine used for early voting from the polling place before the polls close on election day is a state jail felony. Requires one or more early voting polling places, other than the main early voting polling place, be established in each election precinct in the territory covered by an election. Provides that a temporary branch polling place may be located in a movable structure but may not change locations during the early voting period. Provide that early voting by personal appearance at each permanent or temporary branch polling place shall be conducted on the same days and during the same hours as voting is conducted at the main early voting polling place. Beginning on September 1, 2023, a voting system may not be used in an election unless the system produces a paper record that can be used to verify the tabulation of electronic voting system results; and an election authority may not adopt a voting system that uses direct recording electronic voting machines.

  SB 1603 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to election integrity.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Provide that an election officer commits a Class A misdemeanor if the officer knowingly permits a person to cast a vote in an election precinct other than the precinct in which the person resides. Shorten the period for early voting by personal appearance to the 10th day before election day through the day before election day. Requires 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. For an election ordered by a city, reduce the time that early voting by personal appearance at the main early voting place must be conducted to at least 12 hours on only one weekday (instead of 12 hours on two weekdays under certain circumstances). Provides that 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. Establishes that removing a voting machine used for early voting from the polling place before the polls close on election day is a state jail felony. Provide that early voting by personal appearance at each permanent or temporary branch polling place shall be conducted on the same days and during the same hours as voting is conducted at the main early voting polling place; and Provides that a member of an early voting ballot board commits a state jail felony if the person accepts an early voting ballot voted by mail until after all ballots cast in person for the election have been counted.

  SB 1604 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to election integrity, including periodic voter registration.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Provide that an election officer commits a Class A misdemeanor if the officer knowingly permits a person to cast a vote in an election precinct other than the precinct in which the person resides. Shorten the period for early voting by personal appearance to the 10th day before election day through the day before election day. Requires 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. For an election ordered by a city, reduce the time that early voting by personal appearance at the main early voting place must be conducted to at least 12 hours on only one weekday (instead of 12 hours on two weekdays under certain circumstances). Provides that 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. Requires one or more early voting locations other than the main place to be established in each precinct.

  SB 1605 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to election integrity.

**Remarks:** WLJ - authorize the signature verification committee to compare the signatures on the carrier envelope certificate and ballot application with any known signature of the voter on file with the county clerk or voter registrar to determine whether the signatures are those of the voter; an early voting ballot voted by mail may be accepted only if the person determining whether to accept the ballot has confirmed that the voter did not cast a ballot in person for the election; a member of an early voting ballot board commits a state jail felony if the person accepts an early voting ballot voted by mail until after all ballots cast in person for the election have been counted; require ballots voted by mail to be tabulated separately from the ballots voted by personal appearance and shall be separately reported on the returns; require the early voting electronic system ballots counted at a central counting station, the ballots cast at precinct polling places, and the ballots voted by mail to be tabulated separately and separately reported on the returns; provide that if the list of registered voters for the precinct is electronic, a paper copy must be kept at the polling place and must be used to accept voters if the electronic copy malfunctions; an election officer commits a state jail felony if the officer intentionally indicates a reason for a person voting a provisional ballot other than the actual reason on a provisional voting affidavit; an election officer commits a state jail felony if the officer accepts a voter for voting under the regular procedure for accepting a voter if the voter is only permitted to vote a provisional ballot; an election officer commits a state jail felony if the officer knowingly accepts or permits the same person to vote more than one ballot in the same election; a person commits a state jail felony if the person knowingly provides assistance, or offers to provide assistance, to a voter who has not requested assistance, indicated that the person is eligible for assistance, or selected the person to assist the voter; beginning on September 1, 2023, a voting system may not be used in an election unless the system: uses a paper record or produces a paper receipt that can be used to verify the tabulation of electronic voting system results; and an election authority may not adopt a voting system that uses direct recording electronic voting machines.

  SB 1609 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to the precedence of election contests in district and appellate courts.

**Remarks:** WLJ - in an election contest for which the district court has jurisdiction, the election contest shall have precedence in the court, and the court shall, to the extent reasonably possible, ensure that the contest is brought to final disposition before the expiration of the term of the contested office.

  SB 1611 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to a voter registrar's compliance with certain laws and secretary of state rules.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the SOS to quarterly monitor each registrar for compliance with rules implementing the statewide computerized voter registration list. State jail felony for a registrar that fails to correct a violation within 30 days.

  SB 1613 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to turnout requirements for certain elections authorizing the issuance of bonds or an increase in taxes by a political subdivision.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Void a bond election if 25% or less registered voters of the political subdivision vote.

  SB 1614 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to the disclosure and recording of information on the use of money by certain public entities for lobbying activities.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires all political subdivisions receiving state funds to annually report to Ethics Commission and post on website amount spent to influence legislation and names of all lobbyists paid during the year. Special votes required before spending money. Misdemeanor offense if person designated by governing body fails to make required reports.

  SB 1615 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to the required disclosure of certain information by persons testifying before a legislative committee.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a witness that testifies before a legislative committee to disclose whether the witness or any organization the witness represents is a recipient of any public money or revenue

  SB 1617 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to the eligibility of certain property for certain ad valorem tax incentives if certain renewable energy devices are installed or constructed on the property.

**Remarks:** aph - prohibits a taxing entity from entering into a tax freeze agreement for abatement of property taxes on renewable energy devices.

  SB 1633 Kolkhorst, Lois(R)

Relating to a program within the Office of Court Administration of the Texas Judicial System to provide reimbursement for legal representation in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires OCA to establish a grant program to reimburse counties for providing legal representation for CPS cases.

  SB 1634 Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to the authority of a municipality or county to require a labor peace agreement as a condition of

engaging in a commercial transaction with the municipality or county.

**Remarks:** MGCV - Prohibits a city or county from requiring a person to enter into a labor peace agreement with the person's employees as a condition of being considered for or award a contract or engaging in a commercial transaction with the city or county.

  SB 1637 Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the administrative, civil, and criminal consequences, including fines, fees, and costs, imposed on persons arrest for, charged with, or convicted of certain criminal offenses.

**Remarks:** JBD - New provision requires court to make determination of ability to pay fines and fees in criminal case based only on the defendant's present ability to pay unless otherwise expressly stated in another provision. Will permit defendant's to notify court of "difficulty paying" fines and fees, and that triggers an obligation for the court to hold a hearing to determine if requiring payment imposes an "undue hardship" on the defendant. Courts may require alternatives to payments (such as community service), or may waive fines and fees.

  SB 1638 Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to early voting procedures.

**Remarks:** WLJ- Requires the reporting of the total number of early voting votes past in person and by mail to be included in mandated reporting.

  SB 1640 Watson, Kirk(D)

Relating to changing the criminal offense of conspiracy to circumvent the open meetings law.

**Remarks:** JBD - Creates new "walking quorum" offense. Requires member of government body knew that one or series of meetings with less than quorum would involve a quorum and constitute a deliberation if the communications had occurred at one time with all participants in the individual meetings.

  SB 1647 Campbell, Donna(R)

















Relating to the administration, duties, and operation of the Edwards Aquifer Authority.

















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

  SB 1649 Kolkhorst, Lois(R)

Relating to assistance with the establishment and oversight of public defenders' offices and a review of criminal defense attorney's fees by the Texas Indigent Defense Commission.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires Indigent Defense Commission to offer assistance to counties under 50,000 in establishment and oversight of public defender offices. Assistance cannot be given to larger counties unless PD office exists in all counties under 50,000. TIDC to issue policies and procedures for operation and administration of all PD offices. TIDC to annually review all criminal defense fees - private and appointed - to ensure fees are equitable, fair and consistent.

-   SB 1650 Powell, Beverly (F)(D) Relating to employee-owned companies.
- Remarks:** JBD - Permits the state and local governments to give preference in purchasing to employee-owned Texas companies if other considerations are equal.
-   SB 1663 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the removal, relocation, alteration, or construction of certain monuments or memorials located on public property.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires legislative approval to remove, move or alter a monument for cities, counties, the state and schools.
-   SB 1668 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the administration of emergency management in this state.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Moves TX Division of Emergency Management from DPS to Texas A&M University System
-   SB 1671 Taylor, Larry(R) Relating to the regulation of motor vehicle towing, booting, and storage.
- Remarks:** aph - companion for SB 1671 regulates vehicle impoundment yards and towing companies to allow vehicle owners rights to their personal possession in the vehicle and notice of when are where the vehicle is transferred.
-   SB 1674 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the amount credited in a state fiscal year to the judicial fund to provide basic civil legal services.
- Remarks:** JBD - Doubles the amount for basic civil legal services from \$50 million / biennium to \$50 million annually.
-   SB 1676 West, Royce(D) Relating to suits affecting the parent-child relationship and the enforcement of child support.
- Remarks:** JBD - Would require political subdivisions, before paying court judgment, to investigate whether the judgment holder owes child support, and to re-direct payments to state to satisfy past-due support.
-   SB 1686 West, Royce(D) Relating to the eligibility of certain criminal defendants for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information.
- Remarks:** JBD - Creates right of nondisclosure for persons that successfully complete probation. 10 year waiting period for misdemeanors; 15 for felonies.
-   SB 1688 West, Royce(D) Relating to access to certain litigation, law enforcement, corrections, and prosecutorial records under the public information law.
- Remarks:** JBD - Currently public records don't have to be released if related to anticipated litigation. Bill defines when litigation is anticipated (written demand for compensation or written threat of legal action). Also says law enforcement exception for closed investigations does not apply to the subject of the information or that person's spouse, child, executor, or attorney if deceased.

-   SB 1690 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the authority of the Lubbock County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, to employ physicians.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Permits Lubbock County HD to employ physicians.
-   SB 1698 Whitmire, John(D) Relating to the eligibility of certain juvenile offenders to be transferred to criminal court.
- Remarks:** JBD - Juveniles cannot be certified to be tried as adults for state jail felonies or 3rd degree felonies.
-   SB 1699 Whitmire, John(D) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of indecency with a child.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Expands Romeo and Juliet law to same sex relationships. (relationships within three years difference)
-   SB 1700 Whitmire, John(D) Relating to the discharge of a prisoner from a county jail.
- 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.
-   SB 1701 Whitmire, John(D) Relating to the operation of unmanned aircraft over certain facilities.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits flying a drone over a school.
-   SB 1703 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the authority of the governing body of a taxing unit to waive penalties and interest on the delinquent ad valorem taxes of certain federal employees if the delinquency is the result of a federal government shutd
- Remarks:** aph - allows taxing entities to waive penalties and interests on late taxes due to a shutdown of the federal government if the taxpayer missed paychecks due to the shutdown.
-   SB 1711 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to a study of the legalization of gambling in certain communities.
- Remarks:** aph - provides for the Lottery Commission to study the legalization of gambling on economic and tax impacts and present the study to the LBB for review prior to the 87th Session.
-   SB 1712 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation and a regional mobility authority to enter into a comprehensive development agreement for a project in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties.
- Remarks:** aph - allows TxDOT and a regional mobility authority to enter into a comprehensive development agreement to design and build a FM project in Cameron County.

  SB 1715 Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to a study on the need for infrastructure improvements or designations of oversize and overweight vehicle corridors in certain counties.

**Remarks:** aph - provides for TxDOT to study the impacts of overweight and oversized trucks on infrastructure in Cameron and Hidalgo Counties and report the findings to the legislature prior to the 87th Session.

  SB 1717 Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to the issuance of a permit by certain port authorities for the operation and movement of oversize vehicles.

**Remarks:** aph - limits the Brownsville Port Authority from issuing overweight and oversized permits to vehicles unless they can be operated without doing material damage to the highway.

  SB 1718 Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to Texas Department of Transportation and regional mobility authority comprehensive development agreements.

**Remarks:** aph - authorizes TxDOT to enter into several comprehensive development agreements with regional mobility authorities across the state.

  SB 1719 Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to the allocation of certain state hotel occupancy tax revenue.

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

  SB 1720 Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to the threshold contract amount at which a county is required to engage in a competitive purchasing procedure for certain purchases.

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

  SB 1721 Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to the creation of regional transit authorities.

**Remarks:** aph - Allows for the creation of a Regional Transit Authority for Cameron, Willacy, and Hidalgo counties. Authority would have jurisdiction over buses, light rail, commuter rail, and HOV lanes.

  SB 1726 Buckingham, Dawn(R)

Relating to a study by the Texas Water Development Board of groundwater conditions in certain counties.



















**Remarks:** aph - companion for HB 3264 mandates a study by the TWDB on the Trinity and Edwards Aquifers in Bell and Williamson Co as well as others. Study is to examine the productive nature of the aquifers and present findings by 9/1/2020

  SB 1728 Huffman, Joan(R)

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

**Remarks:** JBD - Creates commission - 6 senators and 6 reps - to study method of selection of judges and issue report by end of

2020.

-   SB 1729 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of aggravated kidnapping.
- Remarks:** JBD - Agg kidnapping if victim younger than 18.
-   SB 1730 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to increasing the criminal penalties for the offenses of producing, directing, or promoting a sexual performance by a child and possessing child pornography.
- Remarks:** JBD - Increases all penalties one level.
-   SB 1732 Paxton, Angela (F)(R) Relating to a requirement that certain water districts make audio and video recordings of open meetings available on the Internet.
- Remarks:** aph - adds a requirement for a water district, river authorities, groundwater districts, WCIDs, and others to post audio and video recordings of their meetings.
-   SB 1733 Paxton, Angela (F)(R) Relating to financial reporting requirements for toll projects.
- Remarks:** aph - adds reporting requirements for an entity operating a toll project to report financial each year and post those revenues, expenses, and debt on the entity's website.
-   SB 1738 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to an education and training program on interacting with and supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for certain public transportation vehicle operators.
- Remarks:** JBD - Increases all penalties one level.
-   SB 1745 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to complaints filed against certain law enforcement officers, peace officers, detention officers, county jailers, and fire fighters.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Expands complaint filing process to include a law enforcement officer appointed or employed by a law enforcement agency.
-   SB 1751 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to the creation and operations of a health care provider participation program by the El Paso County Hospital District.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Creates the El Paso County LPPF
-   SB 1752 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to all persons for whom federal matching money is available.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Medicaid expansion for all persons whom federal funds are available.
-   SB 1754 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of taking or attempting to take a weapon from certain officers, investigators, employees, or officials.

**Remarks:** JBD - Removes the element that defendant tried to take officer's weapon with intent to harm someone.

  SB 1763 Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to surety bonds for deputy clerks and other employees of county and district clerks.

**Remarks:** JBD - Grants flexibility to bond clerks with either one bond or multiple bonds.

  SB 1764 Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to emergency contact and medical information maintained by the Department of Public Safety.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for a process to update emergency contact or medical information electronically on the DMV website.

  SB 1766 West, Royce(D)

Relating to requiring a person who is the subject of a family violence protective order to surrender firearms owned by the person.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires all counties to establish task forces to accept the surrender of firearms from a person charged with family violence or subject to a protective order and that is ordered by the court to surrender firearms. Each task force to develop policies and forms related to surrender, receipt, storage, return, and disposal of firearms. Regional task forces permitted.

  SB 1771 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to the ad valorem taxation of a leasehold or other possessory interest in certain property owned by a municipality.

**Remarks:** JBD - Real property owned by government is tax exempt, except the property is subject to tax if leased to a private entity. However, leases in certain enumerated facilities are not subject to taxation. The bill says a lease in a convention center, sports facility, etc owned by a city is subject to tax by other taxing jurisdictions unless the governing bodies of those taxing jurisdictions vote to approve the exemption.

  SB 1772 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

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

**Remarks:** aph - companion for 4433 provides for a temporary exemption on tangible personal property and improvements to real property damaged at least 15% during a disaster.

  SB 1774 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to the maintenance of information entered into a fee record.

**Remarks:** JBD - Removes the Collin County-only bracket so that all counties can declare old court costs in criminal matters uncollectable and pull them from financial statements.

  SB 1775 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires Texas State Library and Archives to adopt rules for the storage of original documents in digital format. Requires a strategic plan regarding archives. Allows a member of the legislature to apply to place records of their office in a depository outside of the library and archives.

  SB 1781 Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the repeal of the motor fuel taxes on compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas and the exemption from sales and use taxes of natural gas used as a motor fuel.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Would exempt natural gas (both compressed and liquefied) from taxation if used in a motor vehicle.

  SJR 57 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Constitutional amendment providing temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of portion of appraised value of property damaged by disaster

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