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Zerwas, John(R)  
Nelson, Jane(R)

General Appropriations Bill.

**Remarks:** WLJ - House version of the budget.

**Last Action:** 4- 8-19 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

☒ ☐ HB 2

Burrows, Dustin(R)

Relating to ad valorem taxation.

**Companions:** SB 2

Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)

4- 8-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

**Remarks:** MGV - CS Expands 2.5% revenue cap to most counties, cities. Includes certificates of obligation in the rollback tax rate calculation; Maintains the 8% rollback rate for hospital districts, emergency service districts, and community college districts; allows counties, cities that adopt rates below the rollback rate to "bank" the unused increment for future use.

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

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

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



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

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

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

**Last Action:** 4- 2-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means

  HB 3

Huberty, Dan(R)

Relating to public school finance and public education.

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - The bill allocates the bulk of its new funding through an increase in the basic allotment from \$5,140 to \$6,030 and creates a new early childhood allotment to fund full-day prekindergarten for eligible students. HB 3 also reduces recapture by almost 40 percent by reducing district payments from \$7.7 billion to \$4.7 billion.

In an effort to dedicate a portion of the funds to teacher pay raises, the House amended the bill to require 25 percent of any basic allotment increase going forward to be spent on equal pay raises for full-time, non-administrative staff.

Some of the amendments include:

Creating a summer CTE grant program for districts to offer CTE courses during the summer,

Requiring districts to report their G/T spending to TEA,

Ensuring districts don't limit the number of students districts may identify as gifted and talented,



Requiring districts to adopt a policy regarding the use of funds to support the district's G/T programs,

Allowing school districts to provide a salary bonus or other incentive to a teacher who completes training related to autism,

Requiring districts to report to the legislature every biennium salary increases of employees subject to the minimum salary schedule,

Requiring districts to adopt plans with specific annual goals regarding measures of student college, career, and military readiness,

Requiring the commissioner of education to provide funding to districts for students receiving special education to comply with federal maintenance of state financial support requirements (which TEA estimates to be around \$228 million),

Creating hold harmless provisions for certain small districts,

Allowing districts to use up to 20 percent of an academic services grant allotment to contract with private providers for supplemental academic services for students with dyslexia.

WLJ - 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:** 4- 4-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Education

 HB 5

Phelan, Dade(R)

Relating to debris management and other disaster recovery efforts.

**Remarks:** MGVS - CS Replaces TX A&M with any other state agencies selected by TDEM.

Requires TX Division of Emergency Management, in consultation with TX A&M to develop a catastrophic debris management plan, model guide for use by political subdivision in event of disaster. Establishes a work group on local restrictions that impede disaster recovery efforts under TDEM composed of representatives of local, state, fed govt entities and private entities who are appointed by the Lt Gov and Speaker.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

 HB 6

Morrison, Geanie(R)

Relating to developing a disaster recovery task force to assist with long-term disaster recovery.

**Remarks:** MGVS - CS Replaces A&M with any appropriate state agencies. 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. Allows task force to include TX A&M among others.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety



 HB 7

Morrison, Geanie(R)

Relating to disaster preparation for state agencies and political subdivisions.

**Remarks:** MGV - CS Replaces TX A&M with other state agencies 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

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

 HB 10

Thompson, Senfronia(D)

Relating to grants and programs for researching and treating behavioral health and psychiatric issues.

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - Rewrite, creating the Texas Mental and Behavioral Health Research Institute to create best practices, leadership, and vision for addressing child and adolescent behavioral health needs and to fund research for behavioral health issues.

WLJ - would establish the Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing Grant Program at the Higher Education Coordinating Board. The program would award grants to advanced practice registered nursing (APRN) programs at public or private institutions of higher education to support the salaries of a program's faculty and staff; increase the number of enrollments and graduations of students who seek to become APRNs specializing in child and adolescent psychiatric nursing; recruit child-adolescent psychiatrists to help provide clinical instruction; or establish or expand the number of postgraduate residency and fellowship training positions for APRNs to receive specialized training in child and adolescent psychiatry. Would also establish the Texas Behavioral Health Research Institute to address child and adolescent behavioral health needs. The institute would consist of thirteen health-related institutions of higher education (HRIs), the Health and Human Services Commission, a member of the public representing pediatricians, and a member of the public representing nonprofit organizations in the state with a focus on mental health care. The institute would provide grants or other funding to member HRIs and community mental health providers to provide direct mental health care and treatment; establish child psychiatry access lines for peer-to-peer consultation support for direct care providers who use tele-psychiatry; establish partnerships between behavioral health professionals from the member HRIs and direct care providers to encourage use of the child psychiatry access lines; educate direct care providers about services and supports that child-adolescent psychiatrists provide; create a program to provide students access to telepsychiatry through the access lines to support public school personnel who are assisting students with behavioral health concerns; and establish and provide grants to member HRIs through the Behavioral Health Research and Treatment Grant Program and Addiction Crisis Grant Program established by the bill. The institute would only be required to implement a provision of the bill if the legislature appropriates money for that purpose. The bill would also amend the existing graduate medical education expansion program.

**Last Action:** 4- 2-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House



## Public Health

  HB 25

Gonzalez, Mary(D)

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

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - substitute does not include provisions providing for medical transportation program services to certain eligible children and reimbursement for those services. The substitute instead includes provisions establishing a pilot program that allows for a managed transportation organization participating in the program to arrange for and provide medical transportation program services to a woman who is enrolled in the STAR Medicaid managed care program during the woman's pregnancy and after she delivers and to the woman's child who accompanies the woman.

WLJ - Requires HHSC to allow a child under the age of 13 to travel in a medical services vehicle with their Medicaid eligible mother when the travel is related to pregnancy/postpartum care.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Human Services

  HB 26

Metcalf, Will(R)

Relating to the creation of an alert system to notify affected persons of certain releases of water from certain dams.

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - substitute does not include provisions providing for the creation of the Texas Dam Release Alert System, to be implemented by TCEQ and activated on behalf of dam operators to warn potentially affected persons of certain water releases from dams and possible flooding, but the substitute includes provisions providing for the required notification of affected local emergency operation centers and the public of certain water releases from certain dams and possible flooding.

Creates a notification system for water released during storm events. TxDOT would be the lead agency.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Natural Resources

  HB 53

Minjarez, Ina(D)

Relating to the transitional living services program for certain youth in foster care.

**Remarks:** VRS - CS - Adds that the program should be developed in collaboration with the Office of the Consumer Credit Commissioner and the State Securities Board. Adds budgeting and other financial literacy items to the program.

VRS - Adds tax filing process, applying for auto/property insurance, mental health services, and how to register to vote/civic engagement to the experiential life-skills foster care facilities are required to provide for foster children 14 years old or older.

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Human Services

  HB 63

Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to the civil and criminal penalties for



possession of certain small amounts of marihuana and an exception to prosecution for possession of associated drug paraphernalia.

**Companions:** SB 156 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical)  
2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

**Remarks:** WLJ - would make possession of up to 1 ounce of marijuana a civil penalty punishable by no more than a \$250 fine. Possession of this amount would become a Class C misdemeanor after 4th penalty.

**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

  HB 101 Canales, Terry(D)

Relating to the creation of the criminal offense of false caller identification information display.

**Remarks:** JBD - CS - new defense for private investigators. WLJ - would make it a Class A misdemeanor to provide false caller ID on phones. Exceptions for blocked numbers, law enforcement, and utility providers.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Criminal Justice

  HB 191 Stephenson, Phil(R)

Relating to the disposal of pesticides.

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - prohibits the TDA from increasing the amount of a pesticide registration fee for purposes of pesticide waste and pesticide container collection activities.

WLJ - would create the Pesticide Disposal Fund as a dedicated fund. The fund would consist of revenue from annual transfers of pesticide registration fees not to exceed \$400,000, as determined by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) to be necessary to administer pesticide waste and container collection activities. Interest earnings from money in the fund would be deposited to the credit of the fund. The fund would be administered by TDA and could be appropriated only for pesticide waste and container collection activities. TDA would coordinate pesticide disposal efforts with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), including contracting for disposal services.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Agriculture and Livestock

  HB 285 Springer, Drew(R)

Relating to work requirements and employment and training services for certain persons receiving benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program.

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - changes the persons who are to be ensured receipt of SNAP employment and training services and includes an exception for those eligible for an individual waiver. Requires persons age 18-50 who is not disabled to receive SNAP employment assistance.

WLJ - Prohibits HHSC from requesting federal exemptions for work requirements to qualify for SNAP.



**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Human Services

  HB 306 Herrero, Abel(D)

Relating to the creation of an open burn pit registry for certain service members and veterans.

**Companions:** HB 283 Herrero, Abel(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)  
 SB 158 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)  
 SB 131 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)  
 2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Veteran Affairs and Border Security

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - clarifies that the entries in and information obtained for the state registry may only be released or made public to the VA and includes a requirement for the memorandum of understanding with the VA to ensure that the VA will maintain the confidentiality of a service member or veteran's personally identifying information.

WLJ-Requires DSHS to establish an open burn pit registry. Military service members and veterans can participate in the registry if they were exposed to airborne hazards related to open burning. The department is to provide registrants with information on the health effects and treatment options associated with open burn pits.

**Last Action:** 4- 3-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Defense and Veteran's Affairs

  HB 344 Dutton, Harold(D)

Relating to the age of criminal responsibility and to certain substantive and procedural matters related to that age.

**Remarks:** HCS - Cleanup JBD - Raises the age of criminal responsibility from 17 to 18.

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues

  HB 431 Shaheen, Matt(R)

Relating to ineligibility to serve as a poll watcher.

**Companions:** HB 2138 Shaheen, Matt(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - substitute includes a requirement for the affidavit executed by a poll watcher and contained in the watcher's certificate of appointment to state that the watcher has not been finally convicted of a felony offense.

WLJ - Prohibits a person finally convicted of a felony from serving as a poll watcher.

**Last Action:** 4- 2-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Elections

  HB 433 Shaheen, Matt(R)

Relating to the disclosure of public money spent by certain political subdivisions for lobbying activities in a comprehensive annual financial report.



**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - substitute changes the requirement to disclose the total amount spent to directly or indirectly influence or attempt to influence the outcome of legislation and each person required to register as a lobbyist who was compensated for such purposes to a requirement to disclose the total amount spent to compensate such registrants to influence the outcome of legislation.

aph - Requires all political subdivisions to file an annual report on the amount of money spent directly or indirectly on attempting to influence the outcome of any pending legislation. Does not dictate a form or terms of the report.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House State Affairs

  HB 435 Shaheen, Matt(R)

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

**Remarks:** JBD - HCS - Original required debt be 20 years old. Sub reduces to 15 years.

JBD - Would permit courts to make findings that fees and costs in civil cases are uncollectible. Removes current population bracket to permit criminal courts in all counties to find fees and costs are uncollectible. The result would be that counties could remove this uncollectible debt from their financial statements.

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

  HB 501 Thompson, Senfronia(D)

Relating to the requirement and study of insurance coverage for serious emotional disturbance of a child.

**Companions:** SB 314 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
2- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** WLJ - changes the definition of "serious emotional disturbance of a child" to include a licensed marriage and family therapist and a licensed clinical social worker as licensed professionals who diagnose or identify the disturbance for purposes of the coverage requirements.

WLJ - Requires health plans cover serious mental illness for juveniles to prevent institutionalization.

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Insurance

  HB 548 Canales, Terry(D)



Relating to reporting certain truancy information through the Public Education Information Management System.

**Remarks:** JBD - HCS - minor change. Don't care JBD - requires schools to report to TEA certain information regarding truancy. requires school districts and charter schools to report to the Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS): the number of children who are required to attend school and fail to enroll; the number of children who have excessive unexcused absences; the number of students for whom the



district or school initiates a truancy prevention measure; and the number of parents against whom a school district has filed a complaint regarding attendance.

**Last Action:** 4- 2-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Education



  HB 558 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to court-ordered support for a child with a disability.

**Companions:** SB 262 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Identical)  
2- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

**Remarks:** WLJ - substitute makes the authority to designate a special needs trust applicable only with regard to adult children.

WLJ - Allows a special needs trust to receive court-ordered child support for a child with a disability.

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues

  HB 619 Neave, Victoria(D) Relating to damages in certain claims involving sexual assault or sexual harassment.

**Remarks:** JBD - HCS - Damages capped at tort limits JBD - Removes current cap on damages for unlawful employment practices based on sex or sex assault.

**Last Action:** 4- 3-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence



  HB 676 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the entitlement of spouses of certain veterans with disabilities to a veteran's employment preference.

**Companions:** SB 221 Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)  
2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Veteran Affairs and Border Security

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - substitute does not include the condition that the spouse of a veteran with a disability must have been married to the veteran at the time the veteran separated from the armed services in order for the spouse to qualify for a veteran's employment preference.

WLJ - Allows a spouse, of a 100% disabled veteran, employment preference.

**Last Action:** 4- 3-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

  HB 685 Clardy, Travis(R) Relating to immunity from liability of a court clerk and county for the disclosure or release of certain court documents and information contained in the court documents.

**Companions:** SB 2374 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)  
3-21-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs



**Remarks:** JBD - HCS - Expanded to cover appellate courts. Immunity conditioned on acting in good faith.

JBD - Grants immunity to county and district clerks for release of court records from the state's new centralized court repository.

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

  HB 726 Larson, Lyle(R)

Relating to the regulation of groundwater.

**Remarks:** aph - clarifies groundwater permit procedures from a district including grandfathered rules, export limitations, permit terms, and moratorium procedures.

**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Natural Resources

  HB 799 Landgraf, Brooks(R)

Relating to liability for certain damage caused by vehicles exceeding maximum height limitations.

**Remarks:** WLj - substitute includes exceptions to the liability and increases the penalty.

aph - establishes strict liability for the owner of a vehicle causing damage to a bridge or underpass due to height limits and creates a misdemeanor offense for hitting a bridge.

**Last Action:** 4- 3-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Transportation

  HB 833 Hernandez, Ana(D)

Relating to the creation of a statewide alert system for missing military members.

**Remarks:** MGv - CS - No amendments of interest. Creates a statewide alert system for any missing military member who suffers from a mental illness, including post-traumatic stress disorder, or a traumatic brain injury

**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Passed (Vote: Y:131/N: 6)

  HB 937 Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to health benefit plan coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs.

**Companions:** SB 795 Alvarado, Carol (F)(D) (Identical)  
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** Wlj - requires a health benefit plan to cover a 12 month contraceptive prescription (1 time RX)

**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Insurance

  HB 940 Davis, Sarah(R)

Relating to the unlawful restraint of a dog.

**Companions:** SB 295 Lucio, Eddie(D) (Identical)  
3-13-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar



**Remarks:** VRS - Creates a Class C misdemeanor offense for leaving a dog in an unlawfully restrictive manner (no shelter, short leash, improper collar, no access to water, etc). If previously convicted of this offense, the next offense is a Class B misdemeanor. If this offense constitutes an offense under any other law, then the offender can be prosecuted for this law, the other law or both. Does not preempt political subdivision requirements regarding dog restraint as long as it's comparable or more substantial than this requirement or relates to an issue not covered in this requirement.



**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

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

**Companions:** **SB 418** Miles, Borris(D) (Identical)  
2-14-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

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

**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

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



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

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted Licensing and Administrative Procedures

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

**Remarks:** WLJ - FA - recognizes the building may not have a name  
WLJ - would require a notice of a polling place location to include the building name, if any, and street address of the polling place.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 S Received in the Senate

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

**Remarks:** MGJ - CS Allows system to be used during and after disaster by persons elected by TDEM including person affected by disaster, city, county, HHSC, GLO, DSHS, DMV, Workforce Commission, TDI, Dept of Ag, appropriate fed agencies; other.

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

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House



## Homeland Security and Public Safety

  **HB 1318** Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to the provision of mental health services to persons younger than 18 years of age.

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

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - includes provisions instead regarding a process to petition for temporary authorization to consent to voluntary inpatient mental health services for a child by a certain person eligible to consent to medical, dental, psychological, or surgical treatment of a child and who has had actual care, custody, and control of the person for the six months preceding filing the petition.

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

**Last Action:** 4- 3-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

  **HB 1364** Wu, Gene(D)

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

**Remarks:** HCS - 10 and up still subject to juvenile system fro 2nd degree felony and above. Must not be held in custody unless poses a risk to community. Court may waive jurisdiction after hearing and dismiss charges.

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

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues

  **HB 1482** Lozano, Jose(R)

Relating to the offense of hazing.

**Companions:** **SB 38** Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
4- 8-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

**Remarks:** JBD - HCS - technical changes WLJ - would expand "hazing" to include coercing a student to consume alcohol or take drugs. Would make voluntary reporters of hazing immune from prosecution unless they did the hazing.

**Last Action:** 4- 2-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education

  **HB 1535** Flynn, Dan(R)

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

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



## Commerce

**Remarks:** CS - Duty to notify does not apply if it may affect a law enforcement investigation.

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

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Pensions/Investments/Financial Services

  HB 1655 Hunter, Todd(R)

Relating to the availability of dates of birth under the public information law.

**Companions:** SB 1318 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) (Identical)  
4- 9-19 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.012,  
Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - Adds HIPPA compliance to reasons to withhold.  
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:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House State Affairs

  HB 1755 Thompson, Ed(R)

Relating to the titling, registration, and inspection of assembled vehicles.

**Companions:** SB 1462 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)  
3-14-19 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Transportation

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - changes the definition of "assembled vehicle."  
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:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Transportation

  HB 1842 Thompson, Senfronia(D)

Relating to the application of the limit on appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes to an improvement that is a replacement structure.

**Companions:** SB 812 Lucio, Eddie(D) (Identical)  
4- 5-19 H Received in the House

**Remarks:** WLJ - substitute removes the requirement for a qualifying disaster recovery program to be administered by the General Land Office.

aph - companion for SB 812 provides a limit on the assessed value of a structure built to replace a structure that was damaged by wind or water in a declared disaster area. Structure has to be same size but can have upgraded exterior material to improve the construction standards.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means



  HB 1895 Nevarez, Poncho(D)

Relating to the investigation of fire fighters employed by certain municipalities and districts.

**Remarks:** JBD - HCS - Limited to municipal firefighters WLJ - except in a city with a population of 1.5 million or more, an administrative investigation of alleged misconduct by a firefighter employed in a city's fire department or by an emergency services district that could result in punitive action must substantially comply with certain requirements. If an investigation does not result in punitive action against the firefighter but results in a written reprimand or adverse finding the reprimand, finding or determination may not be placed in the firefighter's personnel file unless the firefighter is first given an opportunity to read and sign the document; and the firefighter may respond in writing to the reprimand or adverse finding not later than the 10th day after the firefighter is asked to sign the document, and such response shall be placed in the firefighter's personnel file. A firefighter who receives a punitive action may elect to appeal the action by filing a written response not later than the 10th day after the date the firefighter receives written notice of the punitive action from the department head. An investigation of a firefighter that directly relates to the facts and circumstances of an offense for which the firefighter has been convicted is exempt from the requirements of the bill if the investigation: (a) involves family violence; and (b) is punishable as a felony or Class A or B misdemeanor.

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Urban Affairs

  HB 1936 Rose, Toni(D)

Relating to the applicability of the death penalty to a capital offense committed by a person with severe mental illness.

**Remarks:** JBD - Bans death penalty for persons with severe mental illness.

**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

  HB 1953 Thompson, Ed(R)

Relating to reducing the volume of wastes disposed of in landfills by promoting the beneficial conversion of plastics and other recoverable materials using pyrolysis and gasification processes.

**Remarks:** WLJ - cs - substitute revises language for the definitions added and amended by the bill and includes certain amended definitions for "solid waste," "processing," and "solid waste facility."

aph - exempts post-use polymers recovered and processed through pyrolysis or gasification from solid waste requirements as long as the products are converted into usable products or fuel.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Environmental Regulation

  HB 1965 Thompson, Senfronia(D)

Relating to the sales and use tax exemption for certain amusement services.



**Companions:** SB 1273 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)  
3-19-19 S Recommended for  
Local/Uncontested Calendar

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

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means

  HB 2006 Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to locations, terms, sessions, and procedures for conducting court proceedings.

**Companions:** SB 40 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
3-28-19 H Referred to House Committee on  
House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** JBD - HCS - if alternate location is in another judicial region, the presiding admin judge of the alternate region must approve.

JBD - In disaster, would permit Presiding administrative judge to designate alternate location for conducting court that is outside of the county. No requirement to consult with commissioners court.

**Last Action:** 4- 3-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

  HB 2305 Morrison, Geanie(R)

Relating to a work group on enhancing the training and credentialing of emergency management personnel.

**Remarks:** MGv - CS Replaces TX A&M with institutions of higher ed  
Creates a work group under TX Division of Emergency  
Management to enhance training of emergency personnel,  
includes consultation w/ TX A&M

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  HB 2320 Paul, Dennis(R)

Relating to services provided during and following a disaster.

**Remarks:** MGv - CS Replaces TX A&M with other appropriate entities.  
Requires TDEM, in collaboration w/ TX A&M 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.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  HB 2325 Metcalf, Will(R)



Relating to providing information and communication regarding and during a disaster.

**Remarks:** MGv - CS Requires an emergency management director to develop a local registry plan using data from the emergency assistance registry





Requires Tx Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to coordinate state, local government efforts to make 911 capable of receiving texts from a cell phone.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  HB 2340 Dominguez, Alex (F)(D) Relating to emergency and disaster management, response, and recovery.



**Remarks:** MGVS - CS Replaces TX A&M with institutions of higher ed. Establishes an unmanned aircraft study group under TDEM to study issues related to use of drones in responding to and recovering from disaster. Establishes information sharing working group to develop recommendations for improving how electronic information is stored by and shared among state agencies including TX A&M

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  HB 2345 Walle, Armando(D) Relating to resources to facilitate disaster mitigation, response, and recovery.

**Remarks:** MGVS - CS - Replaces cities with local governments. Requires TWDB to inventory flood mitigation and resiliency projects. Creates a Flood Event Partnership Options Study Committee to represent flooding-related interests of state and federal agencies, and cities.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  HB 2794 Morrison, Geanie(R) Relating to the administration of emergency management in this state.

**Companions:** SB 1668 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)  
3-14-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Water and Rural Affairs

**Remarks:** MGVS - CS Requires DPS for employer contribution for cost of retiree insurance

Moves TX Division of Emergency Management from DPS to Texas A&M University System and all plans and benefits related to TDEM Director are continued

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

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

**Remarks:** MGVS - CS Replaces DPS with Office of Gov. Establishes loan program, administered by DPS, for statewide emergency radio infrastructure.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

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



**Remarks:** MGV - CS non-substantive changes 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:** 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  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:** 4- 5-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Energy Resources

  HB 3459 Coleman, Garnet(D)

Relating to the creation and operations of health care provider participation programs in Harris County Hospital District.

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS = Reduces the administrative charge, requires annual reporting.

WLJ - Creates the Harris County LPPF.

**Last Action:** 4- 2-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

  HB 3463 Frullo, John(R)

Relating to the authority of the Lubbock County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, to employ physicians.

**Companions:** SB 1690 Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)  
4- 1-19 S Recommended for  
Local/Uncontested Calendar

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - substitute changes the services that the board may employ physicians to provide from facility-based services to hospital-based services and removes a health care facility other than a hospital as a location at which services may be provided.

WLJ - Permits Lubbock County HD to employ physicians.

**Last Action:** 4- 2-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

  HB 3896 Martinez Fischer, Trey(D)

Relating to the creation and operations of a health care provider 2 participation program by the Bexar County Hospital District.

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - Changes use of funds. WLJ - Bexar County LPPF

**Last Action:** 4- 2-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

  HJR 5 Thompson, Senfronia(D)

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Public Finance Authority to fund research, treatment,



and access to services in this state for behavioral health, mental

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - substitute does not specify addressing the shortage of mental health professionals with respect to rural areas of the state and places limits on the amount of bonds.

WLJ - Allows the Texas Finance Authority to issue GO bonds for the research of behavioral health issues, substance abuse use and addiction issues for adults and children. Address mental health professional in the state, increase access to programs and increase the use of telemedicine. Proceeds from the sale of the bonds shall be deposited in the treasury to be used by HHSC to be used for grants to Universities, state agencies or other governmental entities.

**Last Action:** 4- 2-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Health

 SB 9

Hughes, Bryan(R)

Relating to election integrity.

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - False Statement on Application is a state jail felony, rather than a Class B misdemeanor.

A person commits a Class B misdemeanor if the person impedes a walkway, sidewalk, parking lot, or roadway within 500 feet of a polling place in a manner that hinders a person from entering the polling place.

It is sufficient for the purposes the offense of illegal voting to establish that the person had knowledge of the person's ineligibility to vote if the person was aware of the facts or circumstances causing the person's ineligibility under this code.

Unlawful Assistance is a state jail felony rather than a Class A misdemeanor.

Requires a registration application to require the applicant to affirmatively indicate all information provided on the application. Prohibits an application from being accepted if any box or space on the application was filled at the time the applicant received the application.

to be eligible to participate in the appointment under Appointment for Write-In Candidate of a watcher for an early voting polling place, the meeting place of an early voting ballot board or signature verification committee, or a central counting station, to be a registered voter of the territory served by that facility.

require a certificate of appointment as a watcher to contain an affidavit executed by the appointee stating that the appointee will not use a device capable of recording images or sound while serving as a watcher

Prohibits a watcher serving at the meeting place of an early voting ballot board from leaving during voting hours on election day without the presiding judge's permission if the board has recorded any votes cast on voting machines or counted any ballots, unless the board has completed its duties and has been dismissed by the presiding judge.

A watcher serving at the meeting place of an early voting ballot board or signature verification committee is entitled to inspect a form.



A watcher serving at a polling place is entitled to inspect any identifying documentation presented by a person assisting a voter.

Prohibits a watcher or election officer from being present at the voting station when a voter is preparing the voter's ballot or is being assisted by a family member, rather than being assisted by a person of the voter's choice.

Provides that a watcher or election officer is entitled to be present at the voting station when a voter is being assisted by a person who is not a family member, rather than being assisted by an election officer, and entitles the watcher or election officer to examine the ballot before it is deposited in the ballot box to determine whether it is prepared in accordance with the voter's wishes.

prohibit a person, other than a watcher solely recording the counting of ballots, from using any mechanical or electronic means of recording images or sound within 100 feet of a voting station.

Requires a person who assists at least three voters unable to enter a polling place at the same time by providing the voters with transportation to the polling place.

require an application for a ballot to be voted by mail on the ground of disability to require the applicant to affirmatively indicate that the applicant agrees with a specified statement

require the oath of a person assisting a voter and the form described by Section 64.0322(a) to be included on the official carrier envelope as part of the certificate

allow a person who is a watcher to be present in a room where a recount is conducted

Provides that the venue of an election contest for a statewide office is in Travis County or any county where a contestee resided at the time of the election.

Requires the statewide computerized voter registration list to make no changes to the subdivisions and be available to any election official in the state including the AG through electronic access.

Requires state or local officials to provide technological security measures to prevent unauthorized access to the registration list.

Authorizes the SOS to disclose a voter's SSN.

Requires a commissioners court of 1m or more to designate a sufficient number of locations as countywide polling places to ensure no voter has to travel more than three miles from their residence.

Requires the county clerk, within 24 hours after completing county returns, to post on the county internet website, if they have a website, the number of votes that were cast in the county and the number of registered voters.

Requires an automatic recount if the results of an election show that the number of votes cast in an election precinct exceed the number of registered voters in the precinct.



After 8/31/2024 at a statewide election an audible voting system must be used. Requires the SOS to conduct a pilot program with the election on November 3, 2020 a risk-limiting audit program.

WLJ - provide a five year statute of limitations for a felony offense under the Election Code; provide that Titles 1 through 4 of the Texas Penal Code apply to offenses prescribed by the Election Code; make it a Class B misdemeanor offense to impede a walkway, sidewalk, parking lot, or roadway within 1,000 feet of a polling place in a manner that hinders a person from entering; make it a state jail felony to unlawfully assist a voter in marking a ballot; provide that it is a defense to prosecution of an offense under the Election Code that a person employed by a law enforcement agency in the commission of the offense is engaged in: (a) the investigation or prosecution of a violation of the Election Code; or (b) official activities investigating a weakness in the electoral process; provide that an election officer is entitled to be present at the voting station when a voter is being assisted by a person who is not a family member, and is entitled to examine the ballot before it is deposited, but prohibit an election officer from being present at the voting station when a voter is preparing the voter's ballot; require a person assisting a voter to provide certain information on a form prescribed by the secretary of state, which in some instances, must submitted to an election officer; make the statewide computerized voter registration list available to any election official responsible for compliance with the election laws, and require local officials to provide security measures to prevent unauthorized access to the list; require an automatic recount if the results of an election show the number of votes cast in an election precinct exceed the number of registered voters in the precinct; require risk-limiting audits for an election that occurs after August 31, 2025, and in which an auditable voting system (a voting system that uses a paper record or produces a paper receipt) is used; for an election that occurs after September 1, 2024, prohibit the use of a direct recording electronic voting machine unless the system is an auditable voting system (a voting system that uses a paper record or produces a paper receipt); provide that an authority that purchased a voting system that is not auditable after September 1, 2014, and before September 1, 2019, may use federal funding or available state funding to retrofit the system; and repeal current law that prohibits an entity that owns or controls a public building that is being used as a polling place from prohibiting electioneering on the building's premises outside of a 100 foot area.

**Last Action:** 4- 8-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

  SB 14

Nichols, Robert(R)

Relating to use of an electric cooperative's easements or property for broadband service.

**Companions:** HB 1446 Kuempel, John(R) (Identical)  
3-25-19 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR  
ADJ., JHR 140, House State Affairs

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - adds in a pole component. Would allow electric cooperatives to construct, operate and maintain broadband cables.

**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Received in the House



  SB 29

Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to expenditures for lobbying activities made by certain entities.

**Remarks:** SCS - Complete re-write. Local government cannot spend money to influence legislation unless requested by member of the legislature. Local governments cannot join any association unless it does not lobby and only if it is for the benefit of all local officials.

JBD - Defines "external service provide" as an entity that receive funds from political subdivision for purpose of representation before legislature or public entity. Prohibits external service providers from paying lobbyists and lobby expenses.

**Last Action:** 4- 3-19 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs

  SB 30

Birdwell, Brian(R)

Relating to ballot language requirements for a proposition seeking voter approval for the issuance of bonds.

**Companions:** HB 3909 Phelan, Dade(R) (Identical)  
3-21-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions/Investments/Financial Services

**Remarks:** SCS - Separate propositions required only for ISD bonds. Requirement to include the tax rate has been dropped.

JBD - Will require bond propositions to include a single specific purpose and the rate of any tax that will be assessed or increased to pay the bonds. Each specific purpose must be a separate proposition.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  SB 38

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the offense of hazing.

**Companions:** HB 1482 Lozano, Jose(R) (Identical)  
4- 2-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Higher Education

**Remarks:** JBD - SCS - no impact to counties WLJ - would expand "hazing" to include coercing a student to consume alcohol or take drugs. Would make voluntary reporters of hazing immune from prosecution unless they did the hazing.

**Last Action:** 4- 8-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

  SB 59

Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to certain images captured by an unmanned aircraft.

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - stipulates the image can not be made public WLJ - Expands allowable use of drones for the delivery of consumer goods purchased online if they are authorized by the FAA.

**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Received in the House

  SB 86

Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to the regulation of raising or keeping six or fewer chickens by a political subdivision.



**Companions:** [HB 2596](#) White, James(R) (Identical)  
4- 4-19 H Reported favorably from  
committee on House Agriculture and  
Livestock

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - Specifies a single family residence also allows  
ordinances on various things like roosters.

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

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate  
Intergovernmental Relations

  [SB 285](#) Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to information and outreach regarding  
hurricane preparedness and mitigation.

**Companions:** [HB 3418](#) Thompson, Ed(R) (Identical)  
3-18-19 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Homeland Security and  
Public Safety

**Remarks:** MGJ - CS minor amendment to list of state agencies  
Requires the Gov to issue annual proclamation before  
hurricane season instructing municipalities and counties, to  
extent practicable, conduct community outreach b/w May 25 -  
31; among other instructions to individuals and state  
agencies. Requires General Land Office to conduct annual  
public information campaign before, during hurricane season  
regarding housing assistance that may be available in the  
event of major hurricane or flooding event.

**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Received in the House

  [SB 289](#) Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to natural disaster housing recovery.

**Companions:** [SB 1673](#) Lucio, Eddie(D) (Refiled from 85R  
Session)

**Remarks:** MGJ - CS Limits eligible entities authorized for developing a  
plan to county, city, or COG that has jurisdiction in a first tier  
coastal county. Removes "natural" from bill to expand  
coordination for long-term disaster recovery. To be certified,  
require local housing recovery plans to maintain a number of  
standards.

Designates the General Land Office (GLO) (or a Governor-  
designated state agency) to coordinate long-term natural  
disaster recovery and be the recipient of any federal, state  
funds appropriated for this purpose.

Authorizes local governments (county, city, or COG) to  
develop a local housing recovery plan for certification by  
Texas A&M, review by GLO, and approval by the Governor.  
Once approved, GLO would assist with pre-procurement -  
seeking prior approval from FEMA and HUD for immediate  
post-disaster implementation of local housing recovery plans.  
Validates the approved plan for four years.

**Last Action:** 4- 8-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

  [SB 300](#) Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to indefinite quantity contracts for the  
provision of certain services to declared disaster areas



following a natural disaster.

**Companions:** HB 3419 Thompson, Ed(R) (Identical)  
3-18-19 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Homeland Security and  
Public Safety

**Remarks:** MGV - CS Increases timeframe for GLO to enter into  
contracts from annually to every four years.

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.

**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Received in the House

  SB 325 Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to establishing a protective order registry and  
the duties of courts in regard to the registry.

**Companions:** HB 629 Landgraf, Brooks(R) (Identical)  
4- 2-19 H Voted favorably from committee as  
substituted House Homeland Security and  
Public Safety

**Remarks:** SCS - Clerks have 24 hours to enter data into registry. JBD -  
The Office of Court Administration is to create a protective  
order registry. Courts to provide copies of applications and  
protective orders no later than 12 hours after filing or  
issuance.

**Last Action:** 4- 8-19 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

  SB 384 Nelson, Jane(R)

Relating to the reporting of health care-associated  
infections and preventable adverse events at health  
care facilities.

**Remarks:** VRS - CS - Stipulates that this program is only mandatory if  
money is appropriated for it, otherwise it is optional.

VRS - Removes the exemption from pediatric and adolescent  
hospitals to report healthcare-associated infections. Adds the  
requirement that healthcare associated infections be reported  
through the federal Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network. Mandates  
that healthcare facilities submit this report regardless of the  
participation in Medicare. Repeals the definition of a pediatric  
and adolescent hospital and its associated reporting  
requirements. Repeals the ability of the executive  
commissioner to modify what is included in these reports.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate  
Health and Human Services

  SB 421 Kolkhorst, Lois(R)

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

**Companions:** HB 991 Burns, DeWayne(R) (Identical)  
2-25-19 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Land and Resource  
Management



**Remarks:** JBD - CS - All entities required to make initial offers that are 145% of the market value of the property.

JBD - As filed, applies only to private entities with eminent domain authority. Requires offers to be based on appraisals (which counties already do). Requires public hearings regarding projects before offers can be made. Creates a penalty if the amount awarded by special commissioners exceeds the initial offer by a certain percent, with penalty increasing as that delta increases.

**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Received in the House

  SB 443    Hancock, Kelly(R)

Relating to the period for which a property owner may receive a residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for property that is rendered uninhabitable or unusable as a result of a disaster.

**Companions:** SB 540    Kolkhorst, Lois(R)    (Identical)  
3-19-19 S Committee action pending Senate Property Tax

**Remarks:** MGv - CS Specifies that the owner, to continue to receive the exemption, is required to begin active construction of replacement residence not later than first year or fifth year if owner ceases to occupy as principal residence.

authorizes five year period for exemption for property rendered uninhabitable or unusable due to disaster.

**Last Action:** 4- 8-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

  SB 462    Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to ballot propositions authorizing certain political subdivisions to issue debt obligations.

**Remarks:** JBD - SCS - New requirement to express current debt tax rate as percentage of the adopted tax rate at beginning of fiscal year in which election is held.

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

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  SB 483    Campbell, Donna(R)

Relating to permits for certain injection wells that transect a portion of the Edwards Aquifer.

**Companions:** HB 1044    Zwiener, Erin (F)(D)    (Identical)  
3-26-19 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Natural Resources

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

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  SB 555    Schwertner, Charles(R)

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





**Companions:** [SB 1979](#) Schwertner, Charles(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)  
[HB 1247](#) Ashby, Trent(R) (Identical)  
 2-26-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management

**Remarks:** JBD - SCS - Carve-out for ROW 200 ft or less in width if rest of property remains ag exempt.

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



**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Received in the House

  [SB 601](#) Hall, Bob(R) Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Veterans Commission.

**Companions:** [HB 1327](#) Flynn, Dan(R) (Identical)  
 3-11-19 H Committee action pending House Defense and Veteran's Affairs

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

**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Received in the House



  [SB 812](#) Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the application of the limit on appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes to an improvement that is a replacement structure.

**Companions:** [HB 1842](#) Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Identical)  
 4- 4-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS Requires GLO and each political subdivision that administers a disaster recovery program to prep a list of each replacement structure that has been constructed since January 1, 2018 under a disaster recovery program administered by the entity and provide to CAD. Requires CAD to correct appraisal records, notify homeowner and notify assessor-collector. Then requires collector to provide refund. Applies to appraisals beginning on January 1, 2019.

Clarifies the definition "disaster recovery program" for the replacement value of a homestead for property tax purposes to be money authorized by the federal government.

**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Received in the House

  [SB 892](#) Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to the exhaust emission systems of diesel-powered motor vehicles.

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - Only applies to passenger vehicles. WLJ - Prohibits modifying the exhaust of a diesel vehicle and requires them to be inspected same as a regular gas vehicle.

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  [SB 976](#) Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the notification of a peace officer through



an indication associated with vehicle registration that a person has a health condition that may impede communication.

**Companions:** HB 2644 Martinez, Armando(D) (Identical)  
3-11-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS- clarifies a disability that prohibits effective communication and allows for a license plate that indicates a disability on the persons request.

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

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

 SB 981 Kolkhorst, Lois(R)

Relating to the disaster supplemental nutrition assistance program.

**Remarks:** MGJ - CS Revises MOU standards to documenting roles, responsibilities of HHSC and each local govt agency regarding determination of need and location of sites.

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

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

 SB 982 Kolkhorst, Lois(R)

Relating to awareness of and access to health care service programs available during a disaster or emergency.

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

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Health and Human Services

 SB 1010 Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to rules adopted by groundwater conservation districts overlying a common aquifer.



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



**Last Action:** 4- 5-19 H Received in the House

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

**Companions:** HB 2319 Parker, Tan(R) (Identical)  
3-26-19 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Transportation



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

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  SB 1114 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the sale or donation of certain school district property for the development of affordable housing for school district personnel.

**Remarks:** WLJ -CS- Bracketed to El Paso County. WLJ - Allows school districts to sell below market value or donate real property for the use of affordable housing for school district staff



**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  SB 1234 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to the provision of food service, laundry service, and lawn care to certain mental health facilities and state supported living centers.

**Companions:** HB 3675 Murr, Andrew(R) (Identical)  
3-19-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - makes it optional. WLJ - Requires the LMHA to contract with Kerrville State Hospital for food, laundry, and lawn services for the crisis stabilization unit on the Kerrville grounds.

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  SB 1238 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) Relating to the admission, examination, and discharge of a person for voluntary mental health services.

**Companions:** HB 3536 Rose, Toni(D) (Identical)  
3-18-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - Prohibits the facility from billing a person released due to not meeting clinical standards for admission.

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

**Last Action:** 4- 8-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

  SB 1253 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to a public database maintained by the



comptroller of information about certain political subdivisions.

**Remarks:** SCS - technical changes only WLJ - The comptroller's Special Purpose District Public Information Database would be expanded to include information about all political subdivisions. That information would include the e-mail address of every member of a political subdivision's governing body. Every political subdivision would have to provide information to the comptroller's office.

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  SB 1402 Rodriguez, Jose(D)

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

**Remarks:** MGJ - CS Doesn't apply to property that was subject of a settlement agreement that was effective on or before May 1, 2017.

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

**Last Action:** 4- 8-19 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

  SB 1510 Schwertner, Charles(R)

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

**Remarks:** MGJ - CS Removes apportionment of infrastructure. 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. Establishes apportionment of infrastructure costs if an electric cooperative requires as a condition of approval.

**Last Action:** 4- 8-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

  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)  
3-13-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

**Remarks:** WLJ - limits total cost to \$10m ap - 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:** 4- 4-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar



  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 - CS - Governors language added. WLJ - Creates the Bexar County HD LPPF.

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  SB 1640 Watson, Kirk(D)

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

**Companions:** HB 3402 Phelan, Dade(R) (Identical)  
4- 4-19 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House State Affairs

**Remarks:** SCS - "Deliberation" amended to include exchange of writings. Other technical changes.

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.

**Last Action:** 4- 8-19 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

  SB 1676 West, Royce(D)

Relating to suits affecting the parent-child relationship and the enforcement of child support.

**Companions:** HB 2264 Dutton, Harold(D) (Identical)  
4- 3-19 H Committee action pending House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues

**Remarks:** SCS - changes do not impact counties JBD - Would require political subdivisions, before paying court judgment in work comp case, to investigate whether the judgment holder owes child support, and to re-direct payments to state to satisfy past-due support.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  SB 1690 Perry, Charles(R)

Relating to the authority of the Lubbock County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, to employ physicians.

**Companions:** HB 3463 Frullo, John(R) (Identical)  
4- 2-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS- specifies what work the employees can do. WLJ - Permits Lubbock County HD to employ physicians.

**Last Action:** 4- 1-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  SB 1728 Huffman, Joan(R)

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

**Remarks:** SCS - Commission makeup changed to 4 senators, 4 reps, 4 gov appointees, and 1 each appointed by S Ct, CCA, and State Bar.



JBD - Creates commission - 6 senators and 6 reps - to study method of selection of judges and issue report by end of 2020.

**Last Action:** 4- 4-19 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs

  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.

**Companions:** HB 3640 Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)  
3-21-19 H Committee action pending House County Affairs

**Remarks:** WLJ - CS - Governors language added. WLJ - Creates the El Paso County LPPF

**Last Action:** 4- 8-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

  SB 1887 Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to jurisdiction over certain child protection and juvenile matters involving juvenile offenders.

**Companions:** HB 3741 Murr, Andrew(R) (Identical)  
4- 3-19 H Committee action pending House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues

**Remarks:** SCS - non-substantive change JBD - Permits a juvenile court to transfer a case to a court with jurisdiction over the child with regard to CPS / foster care matters.

**Last Action:** 4- 3-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

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