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 HB 3

Huberty, Dan(R)
Taylor, Larry(R)

Relating to public school finance and public education.

Remarks: WLJ - Senate Version: Increases the basic allotment from \$5,140 to \$5,880. The House version raises it to \$6,030.

Creates an early education allotment for certain students in kindergarten through third grade to assist districts in funding full-day prekindergarten.

Recognizes how poverty differently affects students by creating a sliding scale of weights in the compensatory education allotment that will reflect varying levels of poverty.

Includes a \$5,000 across-the-board salary increase for teachers and librarians.

Creates outcomes-based funding programs for third-grade reading based on STAAR and college-, career-, and military-readiness in high school based on SAT, ACT, TSI and ASVAB.

Establishes a dyslexia weight of 0.12.

Increases the special education weight to 1.15.

Provides dual-language weights for English language learners (0.15) and English speakers (0.05).

Uses current-year values in school finance calculations.

Creates a 0.1 weight for campuses implementing accelerated campus excellence (ACE) turnaround plans.

Prohibits districts of innovation from starting prior to the third Monday in August.

Requires districts to administer kindergarten reading assessments to determine kindergarten readiness.

Requires state assessments to be administered electronically, in smaller chunks, and not on Mondays.

As introduced in the Senate Education Committee, the bill compresses tier I school property tax rates by 8 cents in the first year and 15 cents in the second year (second year cut contingent upon passage of a sales tax increase) and, in the third year, caps school district property tax revenue growth at 2.5 percent. It was suggested during the hearing Wednesday

that there were changes to the property tax reform section of the bill that would provide alleviation to the rollback rate in the event that inflation grew to certain levels.

Creates a \$40,000 homestead exemption, up from \$25,000 in current law if the sales tax increase bill passes.

Calls for a 60x30 progress report tracking the postsecondary outcomes of students enrolled in school districts or charters and by each high school.

Requires districts to create plans on 60x30 goals and early childhood literacy plans.

Requires that students complete a FASFA or TASFA before graduating.

Creates a blended learning program grant managed by the commissioner of education.

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: 5- 6-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

  **HB 37** Minjarez, Ina(D) Relating to the creation of the criminal offense of mail theft.

Companions: **SB 222** Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)
2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice



Remarks: CS - nonsubstantive changes WLJ - Mail theft if packages are taken from three or more persons. State jail felony for 10 or fewer pieces, third degree felony for 10-50 pieces and second degree felony for taking 50 or more pieces of mail.

Last Action: 5- 6-19 H Set on the House Calendar

  **HB 62** Zerwas, John(R) Relating to certain meetings of a commissioners court during a disaster or emergency.

Remarks: CS - Must provide reasonable public notice. Provision expires 9/1/2025 MGV - Authorizes a commissioners court to hold open or closed meeting solely to deliberate about disaster or emergency conditions during a disaster or emergency. Prohibits votes or final actions on a matter during a meeting.

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House County Affairs

  **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: ENG - possession of 1 oz or less is Class C with mandatory cite and release, mandatory deferred if no prior in previous 12 months, and auto expunction if deferred completed successfully.

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: 5- 1-19 S Received in the Senate



  **HB 97** Rodriguez, Eddie(D) Relating to the eligibility of land for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land.

Companions: **HB 231** Rodriguez, Eddie(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Requires the comptroller to develop property tax

appraisal guidelines for adjusted taxes for small-scale producers of agricultural products or animals on properties of less than ten acres.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Property Tax

  **HB 306** [Herrero, Abel\(D\)](#) [Hinojosa, Chuy\(D\)](#) 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: 5- 2-19 S Passed (Vote: Y: 19/N: 12)



  **HB 318** [Howard, Donna\(D\)](#) Relating to the Internet broadcast of certain open meetings.

Companions: [SB 838](#) [Paxton, Angela \(F\)\(R\)](#) (Identical)
 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: CS - Additional provision requires all other executive and legislative branch agencies to post audio recordings of open meetings to internet within 7 days.

WLJ - Requires state agency meetings be broadcast online if that agencies appropriations are greater than \$10m.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House State Affairs

  **HB 332** [Nevarez, Poncho\(D\)](#) Relating to the eligibility of a retired or former judge for assignment in certain proceedings.

Remarks: JBD - Tightens the requirements for a former judge to be eligible to serve by appointment by doubling the prior judicial experience required and prohibiting anyone charged with domestic violence or crime of moral turpitude.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Received in the Senate

  HB 342 Cortez, Philip(D)

Relating to the period of continuous eligibility for the medical assistance program.

Companions: [HB 1408](#) Cortez, Philip(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[SB 53](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[HB 829](#) Rose, Toni(D) (Identical)
 2-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services
[SB 637](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
 3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

Remarks: WLJ - revises a statutory requirement regarding executive commissioner rules that provide for continuous eligibility without additional review by HHSC and regardless of changes in the child's resources or income by removing the reference to the child's resources.

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

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Human Services

  HB 388 Murphy, Jim(R)

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of real property leased to and used by certain schools.

Companions: [SB 2345](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)
 4-30-19 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Property Tax

Remarks: MGV - CS Allows for exemption of portion of real property that is owned and leased to charter school if the portion is used exclusively by school for operation or administration of school . Has mechanism to ensure reduction of property taxes due to exemption is passed along to school through a monthly or annual credit. aph - Allows for the exemption of property taxes used by real property used by a Charter School. Owner of the property has to pass along the amount of the tax savings to the charter organization to qualify. HJR 31

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means

  HB 414 Flynn, Dan(R)

Relating to a defense to prosecution for and the civil liability of an educator who uses force to protect the educator's person, students of the school, or property of the school.

Remarks: JBD - Creates defense to prosecution and civil liability for an educator who uses force on school property, school bus, or at school event to defend self, students, or school property.

Last Action: 5- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Education



  HB 480 Schaefer, Matt(R)

Relating to a challenge to a grand juror.

Companions: [HB 1268](#) Schaefer, Matt(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

Remarks: JBD - Grants prosecutors the right to question prospective grand jurors to discern whether the jurors may be subject to challenge for qualifications.

Last Action: 5- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

  [HB 545](#) Nevarez, Poncho(D) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of unlawful transfer of a firearm.

Remarks: CS - nonsubstantive revisions JBD - Criminalizes giving gun to person known to be receiving mental health services.



Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

  [HB 720](#) Larson, Lyle(R) Relating to appropriations of water for use in aquifer storage and recovery projects.

Remarks: MGV - ENG N/A WLJ - creates rules for reuse of the aquifer.

aph - creates a water right permit amendment for aquifer storage recovery projects. Allows a permit holder to divert unused or excess flows into an ASR project. Allows TCEQ to adopt special conditions on a permit to account for the ASR project, but exempts the amendment from notice and hearing processes.



Last Action: 5- 2-19 S Received in the Senate

  [HB 741](#) Davis, Yvonne(D) Relating to the notice of rights provided to an injured employee under the Texas workers' compensation system.

Companions: [HB 3702](#) Davis, Yvonne(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[SB 229](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
 2- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: JBD - Notice of rights given to injured employees must include notice of the right to choose their own treating doctor.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Received in the Senate

  [HB 760](#) Wu, Gene(D) Relating to the punishment for the criminal offense of theft involving a package delivered to or collected from a residential or commercial property.

Remarks: CS - Class A misdemeanor instead of sjf JBD - Creates state jail felony for stealing packages left on doorsteps.



Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

  [HB 838](#) Deshotel, Joe(D) Relating to an agreement between the Department of Public Safety and a private vendor for the issuance of

renewal and duplicate driver's licenses and other identification certificate services.

Remarks: VRS - Allows private vendors to renew/issue drivers licenses.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  HB 888 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to creating the criminal offense of misrepresenting a child as a family member at a port of entry.



Remarks: WLJ - Creates a class b misdemeanor for intentionally misrepresenting to law enforcement at a port of entry that a child is a family member

Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Received in the Senate

  HB 914 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to the regulation of bingo games.

Remarks: MGV - ENG non-substantive to MGV - On a quarterly basis, requires 50% of amount collected as prize tax to be remitted to the Commission and the remaining 50% to a county or municipality that imposed the prize tax. Creates an appeals process for a county or municipality to challenge the termination of entitlement to the prize tax share.

Last Action: 5- 1-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate State Affairs

  HB 934 Shaheen, Matt(R) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of trafficking of persons.

Remarks: CS - nonsub changes JBD - Makes "johns" guilty of trafficking if they engage in sex with person who is trafficked, without any requirement that johns know person is victim of trafficking.



Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

  HB 970 Walle, Armando(D) Relating to notice requirements for leased residential property, manufactured home lots, or commercial property located in a flood zone.

Companions: SB 640 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

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

Last Action: 5- 2-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

  HB 993 Coleman, Garnet(D) Relating to notice to a prospective residential tenant regarding a dwelling that is located in a floodplain or that has been damaged by flooding.

Remarks: MGV - CS Requires landlords to give written notice regarding

flooding and flood insurance.

Requires landlords to notify tenants in residential property if property is located in a flood zone or has been subjected to flooding in the past

Last Action: 5- 6-19 H Set on the House Calendar

  HB 997 Collier, Nicole(D)

Relating to testing for lead contamination in public school drinking water.

Remarks: VRS - Mandates charter schools and public schools conduct lead testing to determine if the lead levels in the potable water are safe for human consumption. Requires the schools to submit the results from their testing and any lead remediation efforts to their municipal local health authority or county the school is located in. Requires that this report be publicly posted on the schools website and that the record be kept for a minimum of 12 years.

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Education

  HB 1067 Ashby, Trent(R)
Schwertner, Charles(R)

Relating to the omission of a deceased candidate from the ballot in certain elections.

Remarks: WLJ - Provides that if a candidate dies after the second day of the deadline to file an application for a place on the ballot, the authority may omit the candidate on the ballot.

Last Action: 5- 6-19 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

  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: ENG - technical changes JBD - Prohibits death penalty if defendant has an intellectual disability.

Last Action: 5- 1-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Criminal Justice

  HB 1152 Bernal, Diego(D)

Relating to the deceptive trade practice of charging exorbitant or excessive prices for necessities during a declared disaster.

Remarks: MGV - Creates limited authority of district and county attorneys to investigate and prosecute deceptive acts or practices of price gouging during a declared disaster

Last Action: 5- 2-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

  HB 1185 Cyrier, John(R)

Relating to adjudication of claims arising from certain written contracts with state agencies.

Companions: SB 737 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: CS - still applies only to state JBD - Covers state agencies only. The current waiver of immunity for breach "of an express provision" of a contract is amended to drop that limitation. So state can be sued for breach of contract even if breach not related to express provision. State also subject to delay damages and attorney fees even if not provided in the contract.



Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

  **HB 1198** Shine, Hugh(R) Relating to employee-owned companies.

Companions: **SB 1650** Powell, Beverly (F)(D) (Identical)
3-14-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce


Remarks: CS - Added provisions address HUBs and do not impact counties. JBD - Permits the state and local governments to give preference in purchasing to employee-owned Texas companies if other considerations are equal.

Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House State Affairs

  **HB 1201** Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of real property owned by a charitable organization for the purpose of renting the property at below-market rates to low-income or moderate-income individuals or families.



Remarks: MGV - CS Expands charitable organization to include those that provide services as a HUD-approved housing counseling agency and those providing rental housing to low-income and moderate-income households at below-market rates. MGV - Exempts property owned by a charitable organization for purposes of renting at below-market rates to low-, moderate-income people

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

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

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

Last Action: 5- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

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

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

Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Received in the Senate

  HB 1323 Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to bail proceedings and related duties of a magistrate in a criminal case.

Companions: SB 628 Whitmire, John(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

Remarks: CS - The risk assessment provisions are deleted. What's left is that a magistrate may deny bail for any offense for which probation is not an option, and defendant is then given a bail review hearing by trial judge at which a risk assessment is one consideration.

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

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

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

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

  HB 1333 Krause, Matt(R)

Relating to the administration of the ad valorem tax system.

Remarks: MGV - CS Requires notice to include eligibility of an exemption. Requires chief appraiser to send an email to provided address confirming the owner's request. For CADs w/ websites, requires provision of a form on website that property owner may use to electronically request to receive notice via email. WLJ - requires the chief appraiser to send by email, rather than mail, to the property owner each notice related to a change in value of the property; or the grant, denial, cancellation, or other change in the status of an exemption or exemption application applicable to the property; prohibits an officer or employee of a taxing entity from serving on an appraisal district board or being employed by the district; establishes a list of individuals who will provide free assistance to an owner of residential property for real estate or appraisal services; requires the chief appraiser to send to the property owner a specific notice informing the property owner of the eligibility of the property for a homestead exemption; and requires a chief appraiser to deliver a clear and understandable written notice to a property owner if an exemption or partial exemption approved for the preceding year was cancelled or reduced for the current year.

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means

  HB 1356 Button, Angie Chen(R)

Relating to the requirements for meetings of certain special districts.

Companions: SB 239 Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)

5- 3-19 H Received in the House

Remarks: WLJ - CS - include for each applicable district a link to a certain TCEQ website with a plain language description of how a resident may petition to require that board meetings of certain special purpose districts be held not further than 10 miles from the boundary of the district.

WLJ - Requires water districts with a population of 500 or more to provide video of regular meetings.

Last Action: 5- 7-19 H Set on the Local Calendar

  [HB 1359](#) Wu, Gene(D)

Relating to an attorney's entrance into a building that houses a court by presentation of the attorney's state bar membership card.

Remarks: CS - Permits State Bar to issue security cards after conducting background checks. Fee of at least \$50 will be paid to county where each attorney has primary practice.

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

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

  [HB 1381](#) Wray, John(R)

Relating to enhancing the criminal penalty for aggravated assault committed in or on school property or on a passenger transportation vehicle of a primary or secondary school.

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

Last Action: 5- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

  [HB 1422](#) Paddie, Chris(R)
Buckingham, Dawn(R)

Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Historical Commission.

Companions: [SB 605](#) Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)
2-21-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

Remarks: MGV - SCS No amendments of interest. MGV - CS Increases allotment of sporting goods sales tax proceeds to the Historical Commission from 6% to 6.6%.

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

Last Action: 5- 2-19 S Passed (Vote: Y: 31/N: 0)

  [HB 1445](#) Rosenthal, Jon (F)(D)

Relating to prohibiting carrying a firearm while intoxicated.

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

Remarks: CS - Dropped to Class C. Excludes carrying in private motor vehicle or in yard of one'r residence.

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

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

  [HB 1477](#) Price, Four(R)

Relating to the use of grants under the emergency medical services assistance program and the distribution of certain revenue received by the comptroller.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a scholarship that would benefit emergency service personnel for Eligible medical and emergency coursework.

Last Action: 5- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Health

  [HB 1493](#) Krause, Matt(R)

Relating to weight limitations for over-the-road buses.

Companions: [SB 809](#) Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

Remarks: MGV - Allows over-the-road bus to operate on a public highway if the gross weight and tires of the bus conform to current weight limitations for vehicle operated on public highways and single axle weight is less than 24,000 lbs or tandem axle weight is no more than 20% of 34,000 lbs.

WLJ - Excludes from overweight requirements over the road busses. "The term "over-the-road bus" means a bus characterized by an elevated passenger deck located over a baggage compartment."

Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Transportation

  [HB 1543](#) Springer, Drew(R)

Relating to methods to enhance the enforcement of the collection of the use tax due on certain off-highway vehicles purchased outside this state.

Remarks: MGV - ENG N/A MGV - Prohibits a county assessor-collector from issuing a title receipt for an off-highway vehicle purchased from an out of state retailer unless applicant shows evidence: of payment to the comptroller of applicable use tax or that applicant isn't required to pay any taxes due to a nonrepairable vehicle

Last Action: 5- 1-19 S Received in the Senate

  [HB 1619](#) Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to court reporters and shorthand reporting firms.

Companions: [SB 2094](#) Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)
3-21-19 S Introduced and referred to

committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: CS - A provision requiring fee disclosure has been dropped.
 MGV - Creates apprentice certification and provisional certification classes to allow a person to provide court reporting services. Allows a shorthand reporting firm to pay a registration or renewal fee equal to fee for court reporter certification in lieu of fee required registration fee if firm is owned 50%+ by a certified court reporter and reporter maintains control of firm.

Last Action: 5- 1-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate State Affairs

  HB 1628 Morrison, Geanie(R)
 Kolkhorst, Lois(R)

Relating to the authority of coastal counties to adopt certain rules for island parks, beach parks, and public beaches.

Companions: SB 665 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)
 4- 1-19 S Committee action pending Senate Water and Rural Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - CS - includes a specification that the rules the applicable commissioners courts may adopt under the bill be consistent with Natural Resources Code provisions relating to dunes and the use and maintenance of public beaches and consistent with the rules adopted under those provisions.

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

Last Action: 5- 1-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  HB 1644 Martinez, Armando(D)

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

Remarks: MGV - CS Prohibits TXDOT from disbursing money from state highway fund or the TX mobility fund to pay all or part of actual cost of construction for a project developed under a comprehensive development agreement. Doesn't preclude expenditures for activities related to a project ultimately developed under CDA incl environmental review; ROW acquisition; traffic estimates; preliminary engineering; feasibility studies; necessary admin, legal, other expenses.

MGV - Authorizes TXDOT to enter into a comprehensive development agreement with regional mobility authorities for projects in Tarrant, Travis, Williamson, Harris, Dallas, Denton, Bexar, Cameron, Hidalgo, and Smith Counties

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Transportation

  HB 1647 Deshotel, Joe(D)

Relating to Medicaid reimbursement for dental services provided to adults with disabilities.

Companions: SB 556 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)
 2-21-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human

Services

Remarks: WLJ - CS - doesn't use medicaid. WLJ - Requires HHSC include preventative dental for disabled adults under Medicaid.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Human Services

  [HB 1649](#) [Kuempel, John\(R\)](#)

Relating to vehicle eligibility for the light-duty motor vehicle purchase or lease incentive program.

Companions: [SB 486](#) [Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#) (Identical)
3-20-19 S Committee action pending Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

Remarks: WLJ - allows a motorcycle to be funded under light-duty program

Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

  [HB 1737](#) [Holland, Justin\(R\)](#)

Relating to the statutes of limitation and repose for certain claims involving the construction or repair of an improvement to real property or equipment attached to real property.

Remarks: MGJ - Reduces the statute of repose for a claim against a registered or licensed architect, engineer, interior designer, or landscape architect from 10 to 8 years arising out of a defective or unsafe condition of real property, an improvement to real property, or equipment attached to real property.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

  [HB 1791](#) [Krause, Matt\(R\)](#)

Relating to the carrying of handguns by license holders on property owned or leased by a governmental entity.

Companions: [SB 1900](#) [Fallon, Pat \(F\)\(R\)](#) (Identical)
3-18-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - CS - a state agency or a political subdivision may not take any action, including posting notice, that would state or imply that a licensed gun owner who is carrying a handgun is prohibited from entering or remaining on the premises of the governmental entity unless carrying a handgun on the premises is prohibited pursuant to preexisting law.

WLJ - Amends the law allowing the attorney general to investigate the improper posting of a so-called 30.06 sign (trespass by license holder with a concealed handgun) by providing that the attorney general may also investigate the improper posting of a 30.07 (trespass by license holder with an openly-carried handgun) sign; for various minor changes to the complaint process to initiate an investigation.

Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  HB 1908 Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to the indigent status of a person for purposes of the driver responsibility program.

Remarks: WLJ - requires as soon as the court determines a person is indigent to tell DPS.

Last Action: 4-28-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  HB 1917 Murphy, Jim(R)

Relating to the creation of the disaster response loan fund and the permissible uses of that fund.

Remarks: MGV - CS Requires comptroller and TDEM to jointly develop application process for loan.

MGV - Creates a disaster response loan fund to provide short-term loans for disaster relief or recovery. \$1B appropriated from ESF.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Set on the House Calendar

  HB 1927 Herrero, Abel(D)

Relating to the filling of a vacancy in the office of county commissioner.

Remarks: MGV - CS Bracketed to 300,000+ counties, extends timeline for county judge to appoint to 60 days. If appointment is not made within this timeframe, authority to appoint is given to commissioners court.

Requires a county judge to fill a county commissioner vacancy by the 30th day after the date of vacancy.

Last Action: 5- 7-19 H Set on the Local Calendar

  HB 1932 Thierry, Shawn(D)

Relating to the inclusion of catastrophic debris management in county emergency management programs.

Remarks: MGV - CS Requires the inclusion of catastrophic debris management in county emergency management programs by January 1, 2020. MGV - Requires the inclusion of a catastrophic debris management in county emergency management programs

Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:140/N: 0)

  HB 1951 Krause, Matt(R)

Relating to the development, construction, and operation of toll projects.

Remarks: MGV - CS Expands to include a toll project or state highway improvement project that includes both tolled and nontolled lanes. aph - places limits on future toll projects that can be initiated. Only allows a toll project on a roadway costing \$1 B or higher and then only is TxDOT certifies the funds for such a project or not available. Mandates voter approval at the local level before the project can go forward.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Transportation

  HB 1956 Dutton, Harold(D)

Relating to certain contract and notice requirements applicable to certain facilities used to house inmates or

releasees from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Remarks: CS - Bill bracketed to Harris County only. JBD - Facilities housing TDCJ parolees must meet all applicable county and municipal regulations. TDcounties and municipalities on a monthly basis information regarding facilities holding parolees.

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Corrections

  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.

Companions: SB 2241 Whitmire, John(D) (Identical)
3-21-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

Remarks: CS - Establishes commission to recommend risk assessment tool to Tx Judicial Council for adoption. OCA to make the tool available to all counties. Personal bond office to complete assessment and provide to magistrate within 48 hours of arrest - eff 9/1/2020. Sets qualifications for magistrates that can handle felonies and sex offense misdemeanors - must be attorneys.

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.

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

  HB 2048 Zerwas, John(R)

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

Companions: SB 918 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)
4-11-19 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

Remarks: WLJ - FA - Provides for an indigency waiver. WLJ - CS - Amends to 80% to GR and 20% to trauma.

WLJ - Drivers Responsibility Program repeal. Increases a fee on auto insurance policies by \$2, 60% allocated to the trauma fund. Raises the state portion of traffic fines on certain moving violations from \$30 to \$50, Lowers the city/county portion from 5% to 4%; however, 30% to trauma fund and 70% to GR. First-time Class B DWI offenders pay a fine of \$3,000 over three years; \$4,500 for second offenders; \$6,000 for third. 30% trauma and 70% to GR.



Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Received in the Senate

  HB 2051 Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to the carrying or possession of a handgun by a retired judicial officer and certain other governmental officials.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a defense for carrying a gun in prohibited places for retired judicial officers, federal judges, attorney general, assistant US attorney, assistant attorney general, district attorney, assistant district attorney, criminal district attorney, assistant criminal district attorney, county attorney and assistant county attorney.

Last Action: 4-28-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  [HB 2108](#) [Rodriguez, Eddie\(D\)](#) Relating to the regulation of cottage food production operations.

Remarks: VRS - Allows the sale of cottage food that is time and temperature controlled for safety over the internet or directly to the consumer provided that it has a disclaimer about safe handling and consumption. Repeals the restriction on selling cottage food within farmers markets, the producer's home, a farm stand or a municipal, county, or nonprofit fair, festival, or event.



Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Health

  [HB 2120](#) [Leach, Jeff\(R\)](#) Relating to the operation and administration of and practice in courts in the judicial branch of state government.

Companions: [SB 891](#) Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)
5- 2-19 H Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence



Remarks: MGV - New court bill. Omnibus bills that make a number of changes affecting the judicial branch. Several changes relating to serving notice by publication. Instead of publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the county, when citation or notice to a person in a decedent's estate or guardianship is to be served by publication, the notices would be posted on a public information website to be established and maintained by the Office of Court Administration.

Last Action: 5- 2-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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



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

Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Business and Industry

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

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

Last Action: 4-28-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

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

Remarks: WLJ - CS - Rewrite - Creates a commission to study the needs of areas of the state significantly affected by oil and gas production

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

Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Appropriations

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

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

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



Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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

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

Remarks: MGV - CS Applies to an error in the square footage of a residence homestead described in appraisal roll but only if error resulted in sq footage that exceeds correct sq ft by more than 10% WLJ - Permits changes to the appraisal roll for any of the 5 preceding years to correct an error in the square footage of a property described in the roll.



Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means

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

Companions: [SB 1140](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[SB 46](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
4-25-19 H Voted favorably from committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev

Remarks: MGV - CS No amendments of interest. MGV - Expands unlawful employment practice to include sexual harassment of employees



Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House International Relations/Economic Dev

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

Companions: **SB 1855** Paxton, Angela (F)(R) (Identical)
3-18-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services



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

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House County Affairs

  **HB 2368** Miller, Rick(R) Relating to access to and the provision of behavioral and mental health care services and trauma-informed care in the Medicaid managed care program.

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



Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Human Services

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

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

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

Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate State Affairs

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

Companions: **SB 1266** Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)
4- 2-19 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: MGV - ENG Does not apply to an ordinance that regulates outdoor lighting;

CS Allows a governmental entity to amend to conform to local concerns provided there is no conflict with the prohibition.

Prohibits a governmental entity from adopting or enforcing a rule that prohibits, directly or indirectly, the use of a building product, material, or method in the construction, renovation, maintenance of a residential or commercial structure if the product is approved for use by a national model code that is adopted by the governmental entity and governs construction, renovation of buildings. Does not apply to a building designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark or designated as a landmark by a governmental entity, among other exemptions.

Last Action: 5- 1-19 S Received in the Senate

 HB 2445 Parker, Tan(R)

Relating to the addition of territory to a crime control and prevention district.

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

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Urban Affairs

 HB 2467 Zedler, Bill(R)

Relating to training requirements for certain county jailers.

Remarks: CS - Sub imposes training requirements only on jailers at private jails.

JBD - Currently jailers may be temporarily appointed before completing a preparatory training program and have one year to complete the program. Bill reduces time to 90 days and failure means person cannot again receive temporary appointment.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

 HB 2478 Deshotel, Joe(D)

Relating to driver's licenses, commercial driver's licenses, and other identification certificates.

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

Last Action: 5- 6-19 H Set on the House Calendar

 HB 2509 Gutierrez, Roland(D)

Relating to creating a criminal offense for the failure to procure goods or services from a community rehabilitation program.

Companions: SB 2405 Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)
3-21-19 S Introduced and referred to

committee on Senate Business and
Commerce

Remarks: CS - still does not apply to counties. Crime dropped, and just requires purchasing monitoring by Workforce Commission.

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

Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House State Affairs

  HB 2518 Toth, Steve(R)

Relating to the penalties for the possession of two ounces or less of marihuana.

Remarks: CS - Adds mandatory cite & release for Class C possession. MGV - Makes possession of 2oz or less of marihuana a Class C misdemeanor.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

  HB 2519 Allen, Alma(D)

Relating to the reporting of certain information on felony defendants placed on community supervision who are young adults and to certain measures to reduce the revocation rate of those defendants.

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

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Corrections

  HB 2524 Anderson, Doc(R)

Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of theft of service.

Remarks: CS - Sub removes provisions that would have permitted notice by text or email.

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



Last Action: 5- 6-19 H Set on the House Calendar

  HB 2549 Oliverson, Tom(R)

Relating to the authority of a county to provide tolling services for another toll project entity.

Remarks: MGV - CS Allows tolling services for a toll project in the county or an adjacent county, regardless of whether the project is developed under an agreement with the county or another entity. MGV - Applies to Harris County. Allows a county to provide, for reasonable compensation, tolling services for a toll project in the county managed by the dept or another entity,



Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Transportation

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

Remarks: WLJ - The substitute does not include an authorization for Cameron County to adopt and enforce orders in the unincorporated area of the county to protect the health and safety of the public but the substitute includes provisions authorizing such a county to adopt and enforce orders in that area instead to control the disposal of litter and the removal of illegally dumped litter and to regulate the storage or abandonment of property that creates a nuisance or habitat conducive to mosquito breeding

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



Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:140/N: 0)

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

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



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

Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:140/N: 0)

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

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

Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:140/N: 0)

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

Remarks: MGV - Prohibits county or city from requiring the use use of an escort flag vehicle or any other kind of escort for the movement of a manufactured house. MGV - Expands prohibition of loading more than weight limitation to include height, width, length a vehicle operating on a public highway. Requires amounts due to a county from oversize and overweight vehicle permits fees to be sent to the county treasurer or office performing that function for deposit to the county road and bridge fund. Creates class c misdemeanor if person operating the vehicle on public highway is different than the person permit is issued to w/ exception for tow trucks towing vehicle. After September 2019 - Takes 10% of all permit fees to the DMV.


Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Transportation

- T** **HB 2625** Perez, Mary Ann(D) Relating to creating the criminal offense of mass fraudulent use or possession of credit card or debit card information.
- Remarks:** CS - technical nonsubstantive changes WLJ - Creates a third degree felony for fraudulent counterfeit credit card alteration of 5 or more cards. Second degree felony for 10 or more, and first degree for 50 or more.
- Last Action:** 5- 3-19 S Received in the Senate
- T** **HB 2640** Cortez, Philip(D) Relating to political parties.
- Remarks:** JBD - Mostly party election procedures. Need EA review.
- Last Action:** 5- 2-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar
- T** **HB 2672** Zwiener, Erin (F)(D) Relating to a study conducted by the Department of Public Safety on the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault offenses.
- Remarks:** WLJ - NS WLJ - Requires DPS conduct a study on the case attrition in sexual assault offenses.
- Last Action:** 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety
- T** **HB 2677** Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to prohibiting certain expenditures from political contributions.
- Remarks:** CS - Same concept but different approach. Prohibits use of political contributions by lobbyists to make contributions to others. If a non-lobbyist makes contribution from political funds, person is prohibited from lobbying for 2 years.
- JBD - Tightens the restrictions on how lobbyists may spend campaign contributions after leaving elected office. Political contributions by lobbyists using campaign contributions will be treated as illegal conversion to "personal use."
- Last Action:** 5- 3-19 H Passed (Vote: Y:140/N: 0)
- T** **HB 2703** Thierry, Shawn(D) Relating to the establishment of a maternal mortality and morbidity data registry.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a statewide online maternal data registry. Require "collecting data at the time a pregnant woman is admitted for delivery, on the day of delivery, 42 days postpartum and 364 days postpartum.
- Last Action:** 5- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Health
- T** **HB 2730** Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to civil actions involving the exercise of certain constitutional rights.
- Companions:** **SB 2162** Paxton, Angela (F)(R) (Identical)
3-21-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
- Remarks:** HFA - technical only CS - The constitutional rights dismissals may not be used by public official or employee in official

capacity. A number of causes of action have been carved out.

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

Last Action: 5- 1-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate State Affairs

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


Remarks: WLJ - directs the DSHS executive commissioner to promulgate a form allowing the guardian of a resident of a state supported living center to make an anatomical gift on the resident's behalf.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Received in the Senate

 HB 2737 Wu, Gene(D) Relating to judicial guidance related to child protective services cases and juvenile cases.

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


Last Action: 5- 2-19 H Passed (Vote: Y:141/N: 0)

 HB 2754 White, James(R) Relating to the issuance of a citation or notice to appear for certain misdemeanors punishable by fine only and the court's authority to order a defendant confined in jail for failure to pay a fine.

Remarks: CS - removes provisions that would have prohibited confinement for failure to pay.


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

Last Action: 5- 6-19 H Set on the House Calendar

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

Remarks: MGV - CS Rewrite. Applies to El Paso County. Permits commissioners court by order to impose a fee of up to \$10 for a vehicle registered in the county if approved in an election. Fees sent to regional mobility authority to fund long-term transportation projects in county. aph - adds counties over 800,000 to list that can assess an additional \$20 fee to vehicle registrations for transportation purposes in the county.

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Transportation

 HB 2826 Bonnen, Greg(R) Relating to procurement of a contingent fee contract for legal services by a state agency or political

subdivision.

Remarks: JBD - HCS - state agencies and departments are removed. Reasons AG may deny modified to include subject matter the state has already addressed or is pursuing (versus AG has authority to pursue and in state's best interest for AG to pursue as in original bill).

JBD - Imposes a slew of requirements before a governmental entity may enter into a contingency fee contract for legal services, including getting approval of the contract from the AG. AG may decline to approve the agreement if the purpose is one the AG can pursue. This is aimed at stopping local enforcement of environmental regulations.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Received in the Senate

  [HB 2845](#) Canales, Terry(D)

Relating to the removal of wind power facilities.

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

Last Action: 5- 1-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Business and Commerce

  [HB 2856](#) Morrison, Geanie(R)

Relating to restrictions under disaster remediation contracts.

Companions: [SB 985](#) Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)
4-30-19 S Recommended for
Local/Uncontested Calendar

Remarks: MGV - CS technical amendment MGV - Creates Class B misdemeanor for a disaster remediation contractor to require a person to make a full or partial payment under a contract unless payment is held in escrow. Excludes 501c3 nonprofits from definition of disaster remediation contractors.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:140/N: 0)

  [HB 2872](#) Burrows, Dustin(R)

Relating to the collection, remittance, and administration of certain taxes on motor vehicles rented through a marketplace rental provider.

Companions: [SB 1578](#) Alvarado, Carol (F)(D) (Identical)
3-14-19 S Introduced and referred to
committee on Senate Finance

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

Last Action: 5- 6-19 H Set on the House Calendar

  [HB 2898](#) Fierro, Art (F)(D)

Relating to voting outside of the polling place.

Remarks: WLJ - CS - does not include an authorization for an election officer, on a voter's request, to deliver a ballot to the voter at a polling place entrance or curb if the voter is a parent or legal

guardian accompanied by the parent's or legal guardian's child to the polling place but includes an authorization for the authority conducting an election instead to permit a voter who is a parent or legal guardian of a child who is five years of age or younger and is accompanied by that child to vote at a polling place entrance or curb.

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

Last Action: 5- 6-19 H Set on the House Calendar

  **HB 2899** Leach, Jeff(R)
Hinojosa, Chuy(D)

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

Companions: **SB 1866** Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)
3-18-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

Remarks: MGV - ENG Doesn't apply to a consultant retained in a separate contract by govt entity to expressly monitor compliance. Prohibits govt entity from requiring engineering or architectural services to be performed beyond level of standard of care. aph - provides a shield to contractors for liability on certain projects arising from defects in material used on the projects or errors and omissions of a third party.

Last Action: 5- 8-19 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.016, Senate Transportation

  **HB 2931** Parker, Tan(R)

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

Remarks: VRS - CS - Allows DPS to authorize third party organizations to issue temporary drivers licenses as long as the applicant has a learner's permit and meets all other standards set by DPS.

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

Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  **HB 3012** Talarico, James (F)(D)

Relating to requiring the provision of instruction to public school students subject to in-school or out-of-school suspension.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires a student on probation for terroristic threats be placed in JJAEP.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Education



  **HB 3040** Hunter, Todd(R)

Relating to an interim study regarding the method by

which certain trial and appellate judges are selected.

Remarks: MGV - CS Charges Texas Commission on Judicial Selection to conduct study. MGV - Establishes the joint interim committee on judicial selection to conduct a study regarding how trial, appellate judges are selected.



Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Administration

  **HB 3081** Noble, Candy (F)(R) Relating to a person qualified to serve as a special or temporary justice of the peace.

Remarks: WLJ - CS - revises the persons eligible for appointment to include a county judge who has served for not less than 4 years and not convicted of a criminal offense involving moral turpitude.

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

Last Action: 5- 7-19 H Set on the Local Calendar


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

Remarks: HFA - New mandate that law enforcement agencies enter data into the FBI Violent Criminal Apprehension Program database, in addition to the Texas Data Exchange.

CS - technical correction

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



Last Action: 5- 1-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Criminal Justice

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

Companions: **SB 968** Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)
5- 6-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

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

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported favorably from committee as amended House Public Education

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

venues to a sales and use tax for economic development purp

Companions: SB 1798 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
3-18-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

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

Last Action: 5- 1-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

  HB 3167 Oliverson, Tom(R)

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

Companions: SB 2370 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)
4- 9-19 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: MGV - CS Applies to a subdivision development plan including preliminary plat, preliminary subdivision plan, subdivision construction plan, site development plan, and final plat. Applies to a county regardless of whether county entered into an interlocal agreement. Amends timeline for approval or disapproval to 30th day after application is received. Considers application to be approved unless application is disapproved within the 30 day time period. Allows for extension of 30 day period for a period not to exceed 30 days if requested by applicant among other criteria. If response received to an application being rejected, court or designee shall take action no later than the 15th day after response was received. In judicial review of disapproval, places burden of proving clear, convincing evidence on county.

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

Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Received in the Senate


  HB 3172 Krause, Matt(R)

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

Companions: SB 1978 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)
3-19-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs


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

Last Action: 5- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House State Affairs

 [HB 3177](#) [Smith, Reggie \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of continuous sexual abuse of a child or disabled individual.

Remarks: CS - adds definition of disabled individual WLJ - For the offense of continuous abuse of a child - adds in a disabled individual.


Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

 [HB 3204](#) [Sanford, Scott\(R\)](#) Relating to the form of ballot propositions in an election seeking authorization for the issuance of school district bonds supported by property taxes.

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

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


Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Education

 [HB 3231](#) [Clardy, Travis\(R\)](#) Relating to the regulation of firearms, air guns, knives, ammunition, or firearm or air gun supplies or accessories by a county or municipality.

Companions: [SB 1927](#) Fallon, Pat (F)(R) (Identical)
3-19-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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

Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate State Affairs

 [HB 3285](#) [Sheffield, J.D.\(R\)](#) Relating to programs and initiatives to prevent opioid addiction, misuse, and abuse in this state.

Remarks: MGV - Requires HHSC to collect data on opioid overdose deaths. Places grant program under TCJD. MGV - From available funds, requires HHSC to establish an opioid antagonist program and, under program, to provide opioid antagonists to EMS, first responders, law enforcement, public schools, community centers, others.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Health

 [HB 3303](#) [Bowers, Rhett \(F\)\(D\)](#) Relating to the revocation of community supervision for

a violation of a condition of community supervision committed by a defendant who is the primary caretaker of a child or is pregnant.

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

Last Action: 5- 2-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Corrections

  [HB 3305](#) [Smithee, John\(R\)](#)

Relating to personal information that may be omitted from certain property records and political reports and to other court security measures.

Companions: [SB 489](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
4-30-19 H Reported favorably from committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

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

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

  [HB 3412](#) [Miller, Rick\(R\)](#)

Relating to the creation of the Texas Veterans County Service Officer Task Force.

Companions: [SB 2104](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
4-23-19 H Referred to House Committee on House Defense and Veteran's Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - substitute revises the composition of the task force by including the chair of the Veterans County Service Officer Advisory Committee and certain officers representing a rural or urban county and includes definitions for "rural county" and "urban county." The substitute sets the composition at nine members, allots each member one vote, and provides for task force co-chairs.

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.

Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Defense and Veteran's Affairs

  [HB 3443](#) [Springer, Drew\(R\)](#)

Relating to the rate of interest on certain tax refunds.

Companions: [HB 1786](#) Murphy, Jim(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[SB 624](#) Taylor, Van(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)

SB 2360 Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)
4-24-19 S Committee action pending Senate Finance

Remarks: MGV - CS Changes interest rate to prime rate plus 0.5% through August 30, 2023. Increases interest to prime rate plus .75% for refunds b/w September 1, 2023 and August 30, 2025. 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.

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means

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.

Last Action: 4-28-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Transportation

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: MGV - CS Decreases State Highway Fund from 50% to 32%
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.

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Transportation

HB 3490 Cole, Sheryl (F)(D) Relating to the prosecution and punishment of the criminal offense of harassment.

Remarks: CS - caption change only JBD - Expands harassment to include repeated social media posts.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

HB 3510 VanDeaver, Gary(R) Relating to the intermodal shipping container permit in north Texas.

Companions: **SB 1588** Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)
3-14-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

Remarks: MGV - CS Increases from 93,000 to 95,000 lbs combined weight for annual permit for international transportation intermodal shipping container in N. Texas. Strikes the fee reduction provision from bill as filed. MGV - Reduces fee for intermodal shipping container from an amount not to exceed \$2000 to \$400.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:140/N: 0)

  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.

Last Action: 5- 1-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

  HB 3529 Gutierrez, Roland(D)

Relating to a domestic violence pilot program

Remarks: CS - CJD to develop family violence pre-trial diversion pilot program in Bexar County for defendants charged with FV and suffering from substance abuse disorder or chemical dependency.

JBD - Filed bill is incomplete.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Received in the Senate

  HB 3543 Thompson, Senfronia(D)

Relating to guardianships, management trusts, and certain other procedures and proceedings for persons who are incapacitated.

Companions: SB 667 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
4-30-19 H Reported favorably from committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Remarks: MGV - CS no amendments of interest. MGV - Regarding rights of wards, deletes attorney ad litem from eligible entities able to investigate complaints received by the court from the ward or any person about the guardianship. For guardianship proceeding costs, allows for payment out of the county treasury if a guardianship of the estate has been created for the ward and court determines it's not in ward's best interest to pay. Requires notice for an application for creation of management trust

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

  HB 3563 Farrar, Jessica(D)

Relating to creating the criminal offense of tampering with an electronic monitoring device.

Companions: SB 831 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)
3- 1-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

Remarks: MGV - Creates offense of tampering with an electronic monitoring device for a person who is required to submit to electric monitoring



Last Action: 5- 7-19 H Set on the Local Calendar

  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.

Last Action: 4-28-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Elections

  [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.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Criminal Justice

  [HB 3647](#) [Guillen, Ryan\(D\)](#) Relating to the confidentiality of a child's criminal records related to certain misdemeanor offenses.

Remarks: JBD - Makes confidential all records regarding fine-only offense, other than traffic violation, against a child.



Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Passed (Vote: Y:137/N: 2)

  [HB 3649](#) [Hinojosa, Gina\(D\)](#) Relating to the creation and operations of a health care provider participation program by a certain hospital district.

Companions: [SB 1350](#) [Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#) (Identical)
5- 2-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

Remarks: WLJ - Travis County LPPF.

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House County Affairs

  [HB 3815](#) [Morrison, Geanie\(R\)](#) Relating to requiring notices of property located in floodplains, flood pools, or reservoirs to be provided by sellers of real property and on subdivision plats.

Companions: [SB 1220](#) [Bettencourt, Paul\(R\)](#) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: MGV - HCS Rewrite. Requires changes to the seller's disclosure notice WLJ - before a plat may be recorded, the plat must include a certification by a surveyor or a registered engineer describing any area that is being subdivided that is in a 100-year floodplain, 500-year floodplain, flood pool, or reservoir, or stating that no such area is in a 100-year floodplain, 500-year floodplain, flood pool, or reservoir.

Last Action: 5- 7-19 H Set on the Local Calendar

  [HB 3831](#) [Sherman, Carl \(F\)\(D\)](#) Relating to certain technical violations of conditions of community supervision.

Remarks: CS - Certain state jail or 3rd degree felony probationers who commit not more than 3 technical violations only cannot be revoked and must be continued on probation. New conditions may be imposed.

Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Corrections

  HB 3850 Deshotel, Joe(D)

Relating to the funding of certain ship channel improvements.

Remarks: MGV - CS authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of providing money for the ship channel improvement revolving fund and to require bond proceeds to be deposited in the fund. Strikes provision to transfer to the TWDB from the filed.

MGV - Transfer ship channel improvement revolving fund from the TX Transportation Commission to the TX Water Development Board.

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Transportation

  HB 3964 Bohac, Dwayne(R)

Relating to the location of countywide polling places within a county.

Companions: SB 1255 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)
4- 8-19 S Recommended for
Local/Uncontested Calendar

Remarks: WLJ - CS - substitute raises from 400,000 to one million the county population threshold that determines whether a county is subject to the percentage requirement based on state representative districts or the percentage requirement based on commissioners precincts.

WLJ - Stipulates that a countywide polling place must have the same % of polling places as the % of voters in each precinct. In counties of 400k and more, the % of polling places must be equal to the % of voters in each state representative district in the county.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Elections

  HB 4009 Toth, Steve(R)

Relating to the establishment, operation, and funding of victim-offender mediation programs.

Remarks: HFA - Limited to misdemeanors WLJ - would allow the governing body of a city or county to establish a pretrial victim-offender mediation program for certain persons.

Last Action: 5- 2-19 S Received in the Senate

  HB 4024 Romero, Ramon(D)

Relating to a prohibition on certain contracts with certain agents of foreign entities.

Remarks: MGV - CS substitutes acquisition of airport infrastructure with airport infrastructure or equipment contract. MGV - Prohibits a local govt or person operating an airport on behalf of local govt to enter into a contract with an entity owned by a foreign government that is considered a priority foreign country under federal trade laws for the acquisition of airport infrastructure

Last Action: 4-29-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

  HB 4067 Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to the establishment of a work group to study issues that impede the removal of wet debris.

Remarks: MGV - CS Sets a minimum of 13 representatives and cap at 21. MGV - Establishes a work group to study issues that impede the removal of wet debris composed of reps from local, state, fed govt entities appointed by Gov from list of candidates submitted by the Lt Gov and Speaker.

Last Action: 4-29-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

  HB 4104 White, James(R)

Relating to the sentencing procedures and punishment for the offense of prostitution and to programs for certain defendants charged with or convicted of prostitution.

Remarks: CS - Sub drops provisions regarding screening tool JBD - New rights to expunction for trafficking victims charged with prostitution. OCA to develop screening tool to identify victims of trafficking.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Corrections

  HB 4114 Bell, Cecil(R)

Relating to rates established by municipalities for water and sewer services.

Companions: SB 2322 Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)
5- 2-19 H Referred to House Committee on House Natural Resources

Remarks: CS A municipality or a municipally owned utility may not establish a rate applicable only to entities that qualify for a sales tax or ad valorem tax exemption that is higher than a rate established for entities that receive comparable utility services

Last Action: 4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Natural Resources

  HB 4117 Walle, Armando(D)

Relating to the authority of certain counties to acquire a right-of-way in accordance with the county's master drainage plan.

Remarks: MGV - Strikes posting on county website. MGV - Applies to Harris County. Allows commissioners court to acquire a right-of-way on a strip of land that is undeveloped, part of a new site development, or redevelopment plan if required by county's master drainage plan. Requires publication of notice of a master drainage plan in a newspaper or county website.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House County Affairs

  HB 4130 Swanson, Valoree(R)

Relating to use of an electronic device for accepting voters.

Remarks: WLJ - CS - revises the required functions of a certified electronic device used to accept voters that relate to displaying the voter's original signature, time-stamping when each voter is accepted at a polling place, transmitting the time stamp to all polling place locations in certain cases, and

producing electronic data that includes the applicable polling location and time stamps.

WLJ - Permits an electrical device for use at a polling location to display a voters signature, produce an electronic copy of the list of voters accepted to vote by mail, full list of registered voters in the county indicating the jurisdiction in which they reside, time stamp when they were accepted at a polling place.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

  [HB 4132](#) Rodriguez, Eddie(D)

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

Companions: [SB 1317](#) Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: CS - gov body must use reasonable efforts to ensure that any contract for the creation or maintenance of electronic public records does not impair public access.

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

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

Prohibit a governmental body from entering into a contract for the creation or maintenance of electronic public information that impairs the public's ability to inspect or copy the information.

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

Last Action: 5- 6-19 H Set on the House Calendar

  [HB 4147](#) Bell, Cecil(R)

Relating to required mental health awareness training for first responders.

Remarks: WLJ - includes a requirement for TCOLE, as part of the minimum curriculum requirements, to require an applicable law enforcement officer to complete the curriculum developed by HHSC. The substitute includes a requirement for such an officer who holds a license issued by TCOLE on or before January 1, 2020, to complete the curriculum not later than January 1, 2022.

WLJ - Requires all first responder training courses offer 6 hours of mental health training.

Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Health

 HB 4150 Paddie, Chris(R)

Relating to safety and inspection reporting requirements for certain utilities

Companions: SB 2375 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)
3-21-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Remarks: MGV - CS Adds requirement for electric utility, city owned utility, or electric cooperative to meet minimum clearance requirements in the National Electrical Safety Code Standard ANSI in the construction of any transmission or distribution lines over 178 lakes. WLJ - Requires each utility owning T&D to complete a report which included hazard recognition training.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Passed (Vote: Y:143/N: 0)

 HB 4179 Miller, Rick(R)

Relating to the cemeteries in certain counties.

Remarks: WLJ - CS - NS WLJ - Permits Fort Bend to operate a county cemetery.

Last Action: 5- 7-19 H Set on the Local Calendar

 HB 4202 Smithee, John(R)

Relating to the authority of a court to grant a motion for a new trial in certain criminal cases.

Remarks: CS - technical changes WLJ - Allows for a new trial for a conviction of more than three years if the state attorney agrees.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

 HB 4214 Capriglione, Giovanni(R)

Relating to matters concerning governmental entities, including cybersecurity, governmental efficiencies, information resources, and emergency planning.

Remarks: MGV - ENG no amendments of interest. CS - Creates liability exemption for a person who in good faith discloses to a state agency or other govt entity information regarding a potential security issue w/ respect to information resources technologies unless person stole, retained, or sold any data obtained as a result of security issue MGV - Requires Gov to appoint a chief innovation officer with duties including developing methods to improve experience of residents, businesses and local govts in interacting w/ state govt. Expands definition of disaster to include a cyber attack. Establishes cyberstar program in Dept of Information Technology - best practices for cybersecurity including coordination w/ local and state govt agencies. Requires each state agency and local govt to consider using next generation technologies (cryptocurrency, blockchain tech, and artificial intelligence). Exempts from liability a person who discloses state agency or other govt entity information regarding a potential security issue w/ respect to information resources technology. Requires Gov to establish a cybersecurity matching grant fund for local govts to defray costs of cybersecurity projects. Requires Information Resources Dept to develop cybersecurity threat assessment for local govts. Establishes regional information sharing and analysis centers and allows political subdivisions to join. Within 48 hours after

a political subdivision discovers a breach of system security, requires political subdivision to notify the regional information sharing and analysis center. In cities and counties of 100,000+, requires a multihazard emergency operations plan for use in city and county's facilities with an audit conducted every three years. If political subdivision makes a ransomware payment, required to notify cybersecurity coordinator.

Last Action: 5- 2-19 S Received in the Senate

  HB 4280 Morrison, Geanie(R)

Relating to funding for counties for transportation infrastructure projects located in areas of the state affected by increased oil and gas production.

Remarks: WLJ - CS - Limits to counties with severance taxes of \$10m in a year, and adds competitive bidding requirements.

WLJ - Amends the formula for TIF grants to apply to overweight permits for vehicles operating oil and gas; vertical or horizontal wells; and eligible only to counties that have at least 400 active wells to qualify for TIRZ funding. Limits to counties with severance taxes of \$10m in a year, and adds competitive bidding requirements.

Last Action: 5- 6-19 H Set on the House Calendar

  HB 4347 Anchia, Rafael(D)

Relating to the use of certain tax revenue by certain municipalities for the payment of job training programs and the development of hotel and convention center projects.

Companions: SB 2210 West, Royce(D) (Identical)
3-21-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

Last Action: 5- 6-19 H Set on the House Calendar

  HB 4350 Bohac, Dwayne(R)

Relating to emergency communications districts.

Remarks: MGV - CS Applies to ESDs in counties w/ population over 125,000. MGV - Specifies emergency services district approval and participating jurisdictions's consent are needed for a public safety answering point (point to which 911 calls are routed from dispatch) to transmit emergency response requests to private safety entities.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:140/N: 0)

  HB 4420 Anchia, Rafael(D)

Relating to insurance coverage for the disposition of embryonic and fetal tissue remains.

Remarks: JBD - Mandates that health coverage and death insurance contracts cover disposition of fetal remains as mandated by legislature in 2017. Does not apply to county self-insured health plans as filed.

Last Action: 5- 2-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

  HB 4436 Canales, Terry(D)

Relating to the board of pilot commissioners for Harris County ports.

Companions: SB 2222 Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)
4-15-19 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Select on Texas Ports

Remarks: MGV - Applies to Harris County Ports. Changes Board of Pilot Commissioners from the port commissioners of the Port of Houston Authority to seven commissioners appointed by the City of Houston, Harris County Commissioners Court, City of Pasadena, majority of Harris County Mayors' and Councils' Assn, and chair of pilot commission.

Last Action: 4-28-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Transportation

  HB 4448 Springer, Drew(R) Relating to the use of an unmanned aircraft.

Remarks: WLJ - CS - makes lawful the capture of an image using an unmanned aircraft in Texas if the image is captured:

as part of the operation, exercise, or mission of any branch of the Texas military forces;



for the purpose of delivering consumer goods ordered through a website or mobile application and the operation of the unmanned aircraft at the time the image was captured is conducted in compliance with each applicable Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) rule, restriction, or exemption and all required FAA authorizations and is not publicly disclosed, displayed, or distributed;

by an applicable state agency or local health authority under certain conditions for the purpose of assessing unsafe environmental conditions when physical entry onto the property is unsafe due to certain conditions and in response to an inspection, or attempted inspection, on commercial property or to a disaster;

for the purpose of disaster preparedness; or

by a governmental entity or a person contracted by or under the direction of a governmental entity for the purpose of the provision of 9-1-1 service or a mapping project or service other than a project or service for a law enforcement purpose.

Last Action: 5- 6-19 H Set on the House Calendar

  HB 4455 Miller, Rick(R) Relating to the provision of mental health services through a telemedicine medical service or telehealth service.

Remarks: CS WLJ - Permits a health care provider to provide telemedicine services to patients outside the state.

Last Action: 5- 7-19 H Set on the Local Calendar

  HB 4468 Coleman, Garnet(D) Relating to county criminal justice reform.

Remarks: CS - Complete re-write. Jails must use all reasonable efforts to provide access to mental health professionals within a reasonable time. In-kind contributions can be used for DSHS grants. DSHS may make grants to counties less than 225,000 for community mental health programs. Jailers

appointed on temp basis pending completion of training may not serve in supervisory position in the county jail.

JBD - Jail must take inmates to mental health providers if Dr or tele-mental health not available. Grants from Comm on Jail Standards for jail capital improvements expanded to jails with not more than 288 beds (now 96). For community collaborative grants, counties of 250,000 have to provide 100% match and smaller counties 25% match. Bunch of provisions regarding needle exchanges.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

 HB 4475 Ortega, Lina(D)

Relating to the ability of a governmental entity to contract for the development and operation of a transportation project

Remarks: MGV - CS Expands transportation projects to include aerial cable car or aerial tramway located in jurisdiction of an authority created by a city along U.S.-Mexico border w/ population of 105,000

authorize an agency of the state, in addition to the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) under the current provisions of Chapter 370, to enter into certain agreements with a regional mobility authority (RMA) in connection with a financing, acquisition, construction, or operation of a transportation project by an RMA.

Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Transportation

 HB 4477 Springer, Drew(R)

Relating to Public Utility Commission to ensure compliance and rate regulation.

Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Natural Resources

 HB 4498 Guillen, Ryan(D)

Relating to the reimbursement of excess costs incurred by a recipient of certain grants awarded by the Texas Department of Transportation.

Remarks: MGV - CS Applies to county or city w/ population of less than 15,000. Requires TxDOT to reimburse grant recipients for construction of a transportation project for costs incurred that exceed amount of grant.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Passed (Vote: Y:140/N: 0)

 HJR 3 Huberty, Dan(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to provide funding for the cost of maintaining and operating the public school system and to reduce school district ad valorem tax rates.

Remarks: MGV - Constitutional amendment increases state sales tax at 6.26% to provide funding for public schools and reduce school district property tax rates.

Last Action: 5- 2-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means

 HJR 62 Murr, Andrew(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the

denial of bail to an accused person if necessary to ensure the person's appearance in court and the safety of the community and the victim of the alleged offense.

Companions: [SJR 37](#) Whitmire, John(D) (Identical)
3- 7-19 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

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

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

  [HJR 145](#) Davis, Sarah(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide financial assistance to political subdivisions located in areas of the state affected by a disaster.

Remarks: MGV - ENG Constitutional amendment to give bonding authority to provide financial assistance to political subdivision in disaster areas. cap to \$750 million.

Last Action: 4-29-19 S Received in the Senate

  [SB 2](#) Bettencourt, Paul(R)
Burrows, Dustin(R)

Relating to ad valorem taxation.

Companions:

[HB 2](#) Burrows, Dustin(R) (Identical)
4-30-19 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 2

Remarks: MGV - FA Requires person who enters into contingency fee agreement as agent of property owner must be licensed atty in TX. Repeals requiring value in preceding year notice of appraised. Upon written request of residential property owner, requires chief appraiser to send required notices relating to change in value, eligibility for exemption, or status of exemption or exemption application via email. Prohibits an officer or employee of a taxing unit that participates in the CAD from being employed by CAD. Requires CAD to maintain list of individuals who can provide residential property owner assistance and to provide, upon request, to property owner. For residential property that hasn't qualified for homestead exemption, requires CAD to send notice of eligibility of residence homestead exemption. For Special ARB panels, requires Comptroller to determine minimum eligibility amount for protest hearings - 2020 amount is \$50m, in succeeding years, minimum eligibility amount adjusted by inflation. Defines CPI as CPI-U for all urban consumers, all items in DFWA area). Requires five year written notice before a taxing unit may reduce or repeal an exemption. Prohibits an individual who is an officer or employee of a participating taxing unit from serving on CAD board. For unused increment rate, actual tax rate means M&O tax rate. Disaster rollback rate, calculation to the earlier of the second year in which total taxable value exceeds amount of year disaster occurred or the fifth year. Excludes year to year increase of expenditures for indigent health care for public hospitals, hospital districts less the amount of received state

assistance. Substitutes rollback rate with "voter approved" rate. Requires the previous year's tax rate be included on ballot to exceed rollback rate. requires property owner initiating protest, must file by 30th date of determination is made regarding change in land use. Entitles property owner to protest for purposes of determining amount of additional tax, the appraised or market value of land. Requires ARB to prioritize in its schedule property owners over 65; disabled; military service member, military veteran or military spouse. Reduces from 5 to 2 years in which a person is eligible to be appointed an arbitrator. Establishes a select commission on periodic tax preference review to identify each state tax preference and each type of local tax preference.

CS Will take effect only if H.B. 3 (the House public school finance bill) becomes law. Caps the vast majority of counties, cities, and special districts at 3.5% and school districts will be placed under a 2% rollback rate. An automatic election is required to exceed the cap. Maintains an 8% cap for hospital districts, junior college districts, and smaller taxing units. Allows a tax rate adjustment for local option residence homestead exemptions. Creates a "de minimis" rate that does not count against the cap. ENG - Caps large taxing units (counties, cities, special districts) at 3.5%. Permits an increase in the effective tax rate for the amount that indigent defense expenditures exceed expenditures in the previous year, but after subtracting any state grant amount received. CS - Requires a referendum to be held during the next scheduled election to allow voters in small taxing units to opt-in to cap at 2.5%. Changes rollback tax rate to voter-approved tax rate. Prohibits a taxing unit from reducing first responder compensation based on a reduction of rollback rate. Repeals a court's ability to give preference to an appraisal district employee's testimony as to property value. Re: protest determination, precludes ARB from determining appraised value of property to be greater than appraised value as shown in appraisal records. Extends dates for business personal property deadlines for notices of appraised value to uniform deadline date of April 15 with option of additional 30 day to file. Clarifies that ARB may assign a protest to a special panel by request of property owner. Requires an order issued by an ARB to separately state value of land and improvement. Clarifies that district court or arbitrator may not determine property value to be greater than amount in appraisal records unless property owner agrees. Clarifies methods, techniques, and manuals to appraise property. Clarifies that an entity is not required to be registered to do business in TX to file a property appraisal appeal. Allows tax rate calculation forms to be electronically incorporated into property tax database. Extends filing an appeal to an ARB order from 45 days to 60 days. Prohibits a taxing unit from filing suit to collect on delinquent property tax on property pending an appeal unless determined by court that property owner has failed to pay portion of property tax necessary to avoid being declared delinquent. Increases initial training of ARB member from 8 to 16 hours. Removes requirement for no new revenue and rollback tax rates notices be delivered by mail to each property owner in taxing unit.

As filed PROPERTY TAX ADMINISTRATION Rollback Tax Rate • Reduces rollback tax rate to 2.5% for all larger taxing entities with automatic election to increase. A small taxing unit is considered a taxing unit — other than a school— that collects less than 15 million dollars of property taxes and

sales and use taxes collected in the current tax year. Renames Tax Rate Terms • Renames “effective” rate to “no-new-revenue” rate Tax Roll • Rewinds Assessor -collector timeline to submit tax roll to the governing body from August 1 to July 15. Declared Disasters • Permissive that in a declared disaster area the taxing unit may use the small taxing unit tax provisions until the taxable value returns to the level prior to the year when the disaster was declared or five years has elapsed. Taxing Unit Responsibilities • Taxing unit must adopt a tax rate before the later of September 30 or the 60th day after receiving the certified appraisal roll — UNLESS the rate will exceed the rollback rate in which case the rate MUST be set by August 15.

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

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

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

Appraisal Review Board (ARB) Size • For counties with 1m+ population, al lows CAD Board to increase size of ARB. Charges the local administrative district judge with selecting an adequate number of qualified individuals Special Appraisal Review Board Panels in Districts Located in a County of 1m or More • Requires specialized ARB panels to conduct protest hearings for property that has an appraised value of \$50m+ and falls into the following classifications: commercial, industrial, utilities, and apartments • Permits a property owner to request a protest to be heard by a special panel Notices of Appraised Value • Requires CAD to send notices of appraised value for all properti es 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: 5- 3-19 S Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar

  SB 86

Hall, Bob(R)
White, James(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: 5- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Agriculture and Livestock

  SB 194

Perry, Charles(R)
Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to the creation of the offense of indecent assault, to judicial protection for victims of that offense, and to certain criminal acts committed in relation to that offense.

Remarks: WLJ -Creates the offense, Class A misdemeanor, of indecent assault defined as inappropriate, touching and groping, with the intent to arouse or gratify sexually through touching without consent.

Last Action: 4-28-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

  SB 239

Nelson, Jane(R)

Relating to the requirements for meetings of certain special districts.

Companions: [HB 1356](#) Button, Angie Chen(R) (Identical)
5- 7-19 H Set on the Local Calendar

Remarks: MGJ - ENG Requires website link with a plain language description of how a resident may petition to require that board meetings be held not further than 10 miles from boundary of district. Requires internet posting of meeting materials and recording of public hearings. Requires meeting information on water bill. WLJ - Requires water districts with a population of 500 or more to provide video of regular meetings.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Received in the House

  SB 286

Miles, Borris(D)
Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to the power of certain counties to enact park use rules.

Companions: [HB 1815](#) Reynolds, Ron(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[HB 200](#) Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical)
4- 4-19 H Committee action pending House County Affairs

Remarks: CS - Prohibts rules regarding fireworks. WLJ - County to enact park use rules. Bracketed to Fort Bend County.



Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House County Affairs

  SB 475 Hancock, Kelly(R)
Hernandez, Ana(D) Relating to an advisory body on the security of the electric grid.

Companions: HB 2493 Holland, Justin(R) (Identical)
3-11-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
HB 3378 Hernandez, Ana(D) (Identical)
4- 5-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House State Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - CS - ns 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



Last Action: 4-29-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House State Affairs

  SB 511 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to the installation of unsafe motor vehicle tires; creating a criminal offense.

Remarks: ENG - mental state for violation is "knowingly" CS - Offense changed to civil penalty.

JBD - Criminalizes installation of unsafe tires.

Last Action: 4-29-19 H Received in the House

  SB 535 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to the prosecution of and punishment for the offense of unlawfully carrying a handgun by a license holder.

Companions: HB 1231 Flynn, Dan(R) (Identical)
4-29-19 H Voted favorably from committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

Remarks: CS - Reduced penalties have been dropped. JBD - Permits licensed carry in places of religious worship. Reduces penalties for some violations of unlawful licensed carry.

Last Action: 5- 2-19 H Referred to House Committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence


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

Companions: HB 4499 Raymond, Richard(D) (Identical)
3-26-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

Remarks: WLJ -CS- Age limit of 16, prohibits riding on sidewalk, increases speed.

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

Last Action: 5- 2-19 H Received in the House

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

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



Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar

  SB 619 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to the sunset review process and certain governmental entities subject to that process.

Companions: HB 1680 Paddie, Chris(R) (Identical)
3-13-19 H Committee action pending House State Affairs

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

Last Action: 5- 2-19 H Referred to House Committee on House State Affairs

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

Companions: HB 686 Clardy, Travis(R) (Identical)
4-25-19 H Laid on the table - subject to call - see SB 658

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



Last Action: 5- 3-19 S Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar

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

Companions: HB 870 Price, Four(R) (Identical)
4-18-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Health



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

Last Action: 5- 2-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Public Health

  SB 911 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the supervision of water districts by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Remarks: aph - increases the authority of the TCEQ to review the financial information of a water district and audit the district's financial records.

Last Action: 5- 6-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

  SB 968 Hancock, Kelly(R) Relating to the applicability of certain laws to open-enrollment charter schools.

Companions: [HB 3155](#) Deshotel, Joe(D) (Identical)
4-30-19 H Reported favorably from
committee as amended House Public
Education

Remarks: aph - companion to SB 968 prohibits a city, county, or other political subdivision from enacting or enforcing an ordinance, order, regulation, resolution, rule, or policy that impacts the operation of an open-enrollment charter school within any zoning district inside the entity. Charter schools are not required to pay impact fees unless payment of the fees is part of a contractual agreement.



Last Action: 5- 6-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

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

Companions: [HB 2856](#) Morrison, Geanie(R) (Identical)
5- 3-19 H Passed on local calendar (Vote:
Y:140/N: 0)

Remarks: MGV - CS Replaces title insurance company with an escrow officer MGV - Creates Class B misdemeanor for a disaster remediation contractor to require a person to make a full or partial payment under a contract unless payment is held in escrow w/ a title insurance company



Last Action: 4-30-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  [SB 1125](#) Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the use of video teleconferencing for testimony of a forensic analyst in a criminal proceeding.

Companions: [HB 3845](#) Calanni, Gina (F)(D) (Identical)
4-25-19 H Recommended for Local and
Consent Calendar



Remarks: ENG - Requires approval of court and all parties. JBD - Permits testimony of forensic analyst via teleconference in a criminal proceeding.

Last Action: 5- 2-19 H Referred to House Committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

  [SB 1147](#) Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to conditions of community supervision applicable to certain intoxication offenses.

Remarks: CS - Now permissive - judge may order evaluation. JBD - Mandates evaluation by a physician for medication-assisted treatment as condition of probation for intoxication-related offense if assessment indicates defendant would likely benefit. Judge cannot mandate the treatment if defendant objects.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Received in the House

  [SB 1180](#) Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to certain procedures applicable to veterans who participate in veterans treatment court programs and to a court cost imposed on conviction to benefit those programs.

CS - Complete re-write. Veterans Comm to annually report

Remarks: number of defendants participating in veteran treatment court program, numbers completing and failing, and amount of grant funding received by each program.

JBD - New \$2 fee on all misdemeanor and felony convictions to fund veteran treatment court programs. Counties with programs may keep 60% of fees to be used exclusively for program. Other counties don't keep any of the fee. Max participation fee for a program is reduced from \$1000 to \$500.

Last Action: 5- 1-19 H Received in the House

  SB 1190 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to the residence address of a person for purposes of a response to a confirmation notice sent by the voter registrar.

Companions: HB 389 Murphy, Jim(R) (Refiled from 85R Session)
 HB 424 Murphy, Jim(R) (Identical)
 2-20-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

Remarks: MGV - FA Prohibits a person from establishing residence for purpose of influencing outcome of an election; at any place the person has not inhabited. For purposes of a voter response to a confirmation notice sent by voter registrar, requires voter to submit a sworn affirmation of voter's current residence and evidence of address. Allows for the use of copy of document to confirm residence. Clarifies that a voter enrolled as a full-time student living on campus at higher ed institution may use address of PO Box on campus or in a dorm.

MGV - CS Replaces person with voter. Allows voter enrolled as full-time student at higher ed institution may use address of PO Box on campus or in a dorm.

Allows the following standards to establish address for purposes of a response to a confirmation notice sent by voter registrar.: driver's license but not a commercial driver's license, personal ID card, license to carry a concealed handgun, an address corresponding to a residence at which person receives mail but not a commercial PO box, address person claims as a homestead, or vehicle registration. Authorizes a person whose residence has no address to establish residence by executing an affidavit stating the person's residence has no address. Exempts a member, spouse, or dependent of the armed forces; a full-time student; a person whose address is confidential; a federal or state judge or spouse of a federal or state judge whose driver's license includes the street address of a courthouse; and a peace officer whose driver's license omits the officer's actual residence address.

Last Action: 5- 2-19 H Received in the House

  SB 1214 Schwertner, Charles(R)
 Wilson, Terry(R)



Relating to the sales and use tax exemption for certain aircraft.

Companions: HB 2666 Wilson, Terry(R) (Identical)
 4-18-19 H Removed from hearing 04/24/19, House Ways and Means

Remarks: MGV - ENG strikes all eligible aircraft and limits to intrastate travel

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



Last Action: 5- 1-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means

  SB 1229 Bettencourt, Paul(R)
Swanson, Valoree(R) Relating to a county, city, or independent school district posting election results on an Internet website.

Companions: HB 4545 Swanson, Valoree(R) (Identical)
4- 8-19 H Committee action pending House Elections

Remarks: WLJ - CS WLJ - Requires a governmental entity that holds or provides elections services and maintains a website to post the results of each election, total number of votes cast and the total number of votes cast for each candidate or measure as soon as practicable. Must be within two clicks on the website.



Last Action: 5- 1-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

  SB 1257 Huffman, Joan(R)
Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to the authority of the attorney general to investigate and prosecute criminal offenses involving the trafficking of persons.

Companions: HB 3979 Leach, Jeff(R) (Identical)
4-25-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

Remarks: CS - technical changes JBD - Without consent of local prosecutors, AG may prosecute trafficking cases that occur in more than one county and any other offense committed in same criminal episode. Prosecutors to notify AG of all single-county trafficking cases and AG may prosecute if local prosecutor decides to not bring a case.

Last Action: 5- 2-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Criminal Jurisprudence

  SB 1309 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes imposed by a school district.

Companions: HB 4335 Huberty, Dan(R) (Identical)
3-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

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

Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Received in the House

  SB 1390 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to suicide prevention in public school

curriculum and certain educational programs concerning suicide prevention and substance abuse prevention.

Companions: [HB 4193](#) Allison, Steve (F)(R) (Identical)
3-25-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

Remarks: WL - Requires every 5 years. WLJ - Requires mental health including substance abuse and suicide prevention be part of a school curriculum.

Last Action: 5- 2-19 H Referred to House Committee on House Public Education

  [SB 1497](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D)
Phelan, Dade(R) Relating to the registration and regulation of brokers by the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

Companions: [HB 3645](#) Parker, Tan(R) (Identical)
3-25-19 H Committee action pending House State Affairs

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits a REP from providing a bid to a professional brokerage service that has not registered.


WLJ - Requires electricity brokers to register with PUC.

Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Corrected committee report filed.

  [SB 1543](#) Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to providing notice of the right to record Department of Family and Protective Services investigative interviews.

Remarks: WLJ - An investigator who conducts an interview during the course of an investigation must provide oral notice at the beginning of an interview that they have a right to record using an audio device.



Last Action: 5- 6-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

  [SB 1663](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the removal, relocation, alteration, or construction of certain monuments or memorials located on public property.

Companions: [HB 3948](#) Toth, Steve(R) (Identical)
3-21-19 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Culture, Recreation and Tourism

Remarks: WLJ - Requires legislative approval to remove, move or alter a monument for cities, counties, the state and schools.

Last Action: 5- 6-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

  [SB 1811](#) Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to continuing education training on civil process for constables.

Companions: [HB 3113](#) Lucio III, Eddie(D) (Refiled from 85R Session)
[HB 1415](#) Lucio III, Eddie(D) (Identical)
4-29-19 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Committee on Administration

Remarks: MGV - CS Requires the additional training to occur during each 48-month continuing education training period



MGV - Requires additional 20 hours continuing education training on civil process for constables. Allows TCOLE to waive requirements.

Last Action: 4-26-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  SB 1884 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the protection of animal and crop facilities.

Remarks: VRS - Creates an offense for stealing from, damaging the property or records of, or trespassing with the intent to damage the property of, etc an animal or crop facility. Damage valued under \$250 is a Class A misdemeanor and damage over \$250 is a state jail felony. Requires the defendant to pay restitution at the amount decided by the court if they are unable to pay the required restitution. Allows the facility owner/operator to bring injunctive relief against an offender in the district court in which the conduct occurred or threatened to occur.



Last Action: 5- 6-19 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

  SB 1943 Watson, Kirk(D) Relating to the ad valorem taxation of heir property.

Remarks: MGV - ENG Prescribes application form for the residence homestead exemption. Prohibits CAD, ARB, County assessor-collector from being made a party to proceedings adjudicating property ownership.

defines "heir property" as inherited property and to allow an heir who claims the property as a residence homestead to qualify as if the owner were the sole owner of the property. Provides that grant of a homestead exemption does not operate to transfer title to property and provides that the chief appraiser may not be made party to any action over the title. Requires the comptroller to prepare a pamphlet describing heirs' rights.



Last Action: 5- 3-19 H Received in the House

  SB 1980 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to direct campaign expenditures by political committees.

Companions: HB 2586 Leach, Jeff(R) (Identical)
5- 3-19 H Set on the House Calendar

Remarks: JBD - New requirements regarding coordination between political committees and candidates.

Last Action: 5- 2-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar



  SB 2128 Creighton, Brandon(R)
Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the recording by a county clerk of certain documents concerning real or personal property.

Companions: HB 3060 Parker, Tan(R) (Identical)
4-18-19 H Committee action pending House County Affairs

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

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

Last Action: 5- 1-19 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

  SB 2219 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to ballot propositions authorizing political subdivisions to issue bonds or other debt or to impose or change a tax.

Remarks: SFA - added Birdwell's bill requiring single purpose for each bond proposition

Bond elections must be held on the November uniform election date, exception for an emergency declaration by the governor; must go to the voter for an imposition, increase or reduction of a tax to state specific language and may not exceed 5,000 characters or one voting screen.

Last Action: 4-30-19 H Received in the House



  SB 2248 Rodriguez, Jose(D) Relating to the ability of a governmental entity to contract for the development and operation of a transportation project.

Last Action: 5- 6-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

  SB 2254 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the creation of magistrates in Fort Bend County.



Remarks: MGV - Applies to Ft Bend Co. Authorizes commissioners court to permit district and county courts to appoint one or more magistrates.

Last Action: 5- 6-19 S Placed on the Senate Calendar for

  SB 2318 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to the authority of a county to require a person to obtain a building permit from the county for certain portable structures.

Remarks: MGV - Prohibits a county from requiring a building permit to construct, improve, or occupy a structure used for retail sale of seasonal goods if structure is portable and smaller than 500 sq ft.

Last Action: 5- 1-19 H Received in the House



  SB 2331 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to requirements for programs of water conservation and water conservation plans.

Companions: HB 3339 Dominguez, Alex (F)(D) (Identical)
5- 3-19 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:140/N: 0)

Remarks: MGV - CS No amendments of interest. 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.



Last Action: 4-26-19 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  SB 2345 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of real property leased to and used by certain schools.

Companions: HB 388 Murphy, Jim(R) (Identical)
4-26-19 H Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means

Remarks: MGV - CS Has mechanism to ensure reduction of property taxes due to exemption is passed along to school through a monthly or annual credit. aph - Allows for the exemption of property taxes used by real property used by a Charter School. Owner of the property has to pass along the amount of the tax savings to the charter organization to qualify. HJR 31

Last Action: 4-30-19 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate Property Tax

  SB 2551 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the liability of certain political subdivisions for certain workers' compensation claims and actions.

Remarks: add 11 listed cancers to the firefighter workers' compensation disease presumption statute; a political subdivision that self-insures either individually or collectively shall be liable for authorized sanctions, administrative penalties, and remedies and for attorney's fees; a pool or a political subdivision that self-insures may establish an account for the payment of death benefits for a compensable injury to certain firefighters or EMTs and may accumulate assets in the account in an amount that it determines is necessary to pay death benefits; and the Public Funds Investment Act does not apply to the investment of such assets.

Last Action: 5- 6-19 S First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for

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