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- HB 1273** Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to the age of criminal responsibility and to certain substantive and procedural matters related to that age.
- Companions:** [HB 486](#) Wu, Gene(D) (Identical)  
11-10-20 H Filed
- Remarks:** JBD - Raises age of criminal responsibility to 18. Extends Juvenile Court jurisdiction accordingly. Effective 9/1/21.
- Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed
- HB 1275** Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to a prohibition on prosecuting or referring to juvenile court certain persons for certain conduct constituting the offense of prostitution and to the provision of services to those persons.
- Companions:** [HB 162](#) Thierry, Shawn(D) (Identical)  
11- 9-20 H Filed
- Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits prosecuting a person under 17 years old for prostitution.
- Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed
- HB 1276** Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the sale of certain food by food service establishments.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Allows restaurants to sell food products directly to a consumer, if the food is not prepared food.
- Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed
- HB 1277** Campos, Liz (F)(D) Relating to the operation of a transitional housing pilot program by the Texas

Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for a transitional housing pilot program for a county or city, and allows for funds from the Ending Homeless fund to be provided as a grant for the pilot.

**Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed

**HB 1279** Kacal, Kyle(R)

Relating to a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation of a percentage of the appraised value of the residence homesteads of certain volunteer first responders.

**Remarks:** aph - allows a taxing entity to award up to 5% homestead exemption for a person serving as a volunteer first responder.

**Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed

**HB 1283** Wilson, Terry(R)

Relating to the authority of a taxing unit other than a school district to establish a limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes that the taxing unit may impose on the residence.

**Companions:** [HB 1061](#) Bucy, John(D) (Identical)  
1-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** aph - expands homestead freeze for elderly or disabled taxpayers to all taxing entities other than a school district. Provisions already cover counties.

**Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed

**HB 1287** Meza, Terry(D)

Relating to the taking of a blood specimen on arrest for certain intoxication offenses.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires blood draw for DWI accident with serious bodily injury.

**Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed

**HB 1288** Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to the date on which an election for trustees of certain school districts must be held.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires an ISD with the largest student enrollment in Fort Bend County to hold their board election in November.

**Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed

**HB 1289** Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to notice of certain accidental discharges or spills to local government

officials by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires TCEQ notify the local government officials as soon as possible upon receiving notice of an accidental discharge or spill.

**Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed

**HB 1290** Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to the authority of a county assistance district to perform district functions outside the district.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows county assistance district to perform functions within 5 miles of district.

**Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed

**HB 1293** Smithee, John(R)

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

**Remarks:** JBD - After a conviction, permits state and defense to agree to file motion for new trial. Can be conditioned on plea bargain. Court has discretion as to granting and decision cannot be appealed.

**Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed

**HB 1294** Guillen, Ryan(D)

Relating to the exemption of rural transit districts from motor fuel taxes.

**Remarks:** aph - exempts fuel used by a rural transportation district from gasoline taxes

**Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed

**HB 1296** Metcalf, Will(R)

Relating to the provision of certain notices in guardianship proceedings.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits service by certified mail (instead of personal delivery) when a court moves to transfer a guardianship or remove a guardian.


**Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed

**HB 1297** Metcalf, Will(R)

Relating to service of process on institutions and organizations in certain probate proceedings.

**Remarks:** JBD - Moves responsibility for service of process from the court to the party challenging a will.


**Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed

  [HB 1298](#) [Bernal, Diego\(D\)](#) Relating to requiring certain employers to provide paid sick leave to employees.

**Companions:** [HB 3728](#) Bernal, Diego(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 1826](#) Menendez, Jose(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)


**Remarks:** JBD - Requires all private employers to provide at least 48 hours of paid sick leave.

**Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed

  [HB 1300](#) [Guillen, Ryan\(D\)](#) Relating to the reading and marking of a ballot by a person occupying a voting station or by the person's child.


**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a child under the age of 18 to mark an election ballot under the direction of the parent.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1306](#) [Swanson, Valoree\(R\)](#) Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for assault or aggravated assault of a process server.


**Remarks:** JBD - Increases penalty for assault if victim is process server.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1307](#) [Gonzalez, Mary\(D\)](#) Relating to the care of pregnant women in county jail or in the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

**Remarks:** MGV - Creates new duties following miscarriage or physical/sexual abuse of pregnant individual in county jail. Requires sheriff to ensure that an appropriate health care professional promptly reviews health care service provided to individual and orders additional health care services as appropriate.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1308](#) [Gonzalez, Mary\(D\)](#) Relating to certain inspections of county jails by the Commission on Jail Standards.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires Jail Commission to conduct unannounced annual inspections of county jails.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1313](#) [Deshotel, Joe\(D\)](#)

Relating to the recording of the examination and testimony of a witness before a grand jury.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires recording / stenography of all witness testimony before grand jury (versus current accused testimony).

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  HB 1314 Hefner, Cole(R)

Relating to a requirement that all components of a voting system used in an election in this state be manufactured, stored, and held in the United States by a company headquartered in the United States.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Effective 9/2021 - All components of a voting system must be made in America and all data must be stored in the US. The headquarters of a election equipment vendor must be based in the us.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  HB 1315 Johnson, Jarvis(D)

Relating to the duration of an appointment of a guardian ad litem or an attorney ad litem for a child in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

**Remarks:** JBD - Currently attorney and guardian ad litem appointments may continue for as long as child is in custody of DFPS. Bill requires those appointments to continue.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  HB 1316 Johnson, Jarvis(D)

Relating to the eligibility of persons finally convicted of a felony for certain public offices.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits felons to run for public office if sentence completed.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed


  HB 1317 Noble, Candy(R)

Relating to neglect of a child and the grounds for termination of the parent-child relationship and possession of a child by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

**Remarks:** JBD - Says parent-child relationship cannot be terminated because the parent permitted the child to engage in independent activities appropriate for child's level of maturity and abilities. Raises


the standard for neglect supporting termination by requiring immediate danger rather than substantial risk of harm.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1318](#) [Noble, Candy\(R\)](#) Relating to a petition or motion filed in a suit for termination of the parent-child relationship.

**Remarks:** JBD - Subjects DFPS to sanctions for frivolous pleadings in a parental rights termination case.


**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1319](#) [Noble, Candy\(R\)](#) Relating to the time for rendering a final order in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship involving the Department of Family and Protective Services.

**Companions:** [HB 576](#) White, James(R) (Identical)  
11-16-20 H Filed  
[SB 185](#) Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)  
11-12-20 S Filed


**Remarks:** JBD - Requires trial courts to render final order within 90 days of the start of trial in suits to terminate parental rights when DFPS has custody of the child.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1322](#) [Shaheen, Matt\(R\)](#) Relating to a summary of a rule proposed by a state agency.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires state agency to publish on its website a brief explanation of a proposed rule at time of filing notice of proposed rule.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1326](#) [Geren, Charlie\(R\)](#) Relating to the automatic expunction of arrest records and files for certain public safety employees who successfully complete a public safety employees treatment court program.

**Remarks:** JBD - Creates right of expunction upon completion of public safety employees treatment court program. Another bill mandates creation of such programs.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1330](#) [Canales, Terry\(D\)](#)

Relating to the consideration by employers of the consumer credit reports of employees and applicants for employment.

**Companions:** [HB 144](#) Canales, Terry(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** JBD - Applies to all employers. No adverse employment action may be taken based in whole or in part on employee's credit report unless employee is given opportunity to explain contents.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

[HB 1331](#) Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the admissibility of evidence in an asset forfeiture proceeding and the seizure and forfeiture of certain property.

**Companions:** [HB 171](#) Canales, Terry(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** JBD - Applies the "exclusionary rule" to forfeiture proceedings to limit admissible evidence.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

[HB 1332](#) Canales, Terry(D) Relating to prohibiting a person's waiver of a right to an expunction or to an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information with respect to a criminal offense.

**Remarks:** JBD - Prohibits waiver of right to expunction or right to order of nondisclosure of records as part of a plea bargain.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

[HB 1333](#) Goodwin, Vikki(D) Relating to the authority of certain counties to restrict the use of engine braking.

**Remarks:** aph - allows counties to prohibit engine breaking in areas of the county.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

[HB 1335](#) Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to a periodic review and expiration dates of state and local tax preferences.

**Companions:** [HB 3298](#) Dutton, Harold(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a select commission on periodic tax preference. They are to review all state and

local tax preferences, develop a review schedule once every 6 years.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1336](#) Pacheco, Leo(D)

Relating to requiring state contractors and political subdivisions of this state to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires political subdivisions to register and participate in E-verify program

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1338](#) Coleman, Garnet(D)

Relating to the continuation and operations of a health care provider participation program by the Harris County Hospital District.

**Companions:** [SB 392](#) Miles, Borris(D) (Identical)  
1-22-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands the Harris County LPPF through 2023 and makes small amendments on payments. Makes it optional for each health district to submit financial data.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1340](#) Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to the extent of a defendant's criminal responsibility for the conduct of a coconspirator in certain capital felony cases.

**Remarks:** JBD - No death penalty for party to cap murder (ie, must be triggerman).

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1343](#) Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to a certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth.

**Companions:** [HB 1340](#) Leach, Jeff(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** VRS - Requires a birth certificate be produced for stillborn remains. Repeals the gestational age for a stillborn. Requires the facility where charged with the disposition of the remains to create a fetal death certificate.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1344](#) Leach, Jeff(R)



Relating to the punishment for the offense of burglary of a vehicle.

**Remarks:** JBD - Increases penalties for all levels of burglary of motor vehicle by one degree.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1347](#) Goodwin, Vikki(D)

Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to impose certain fees on new construction.

**Remarks:** MGV - Repeals prohibition on linkage fees

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1348](#) Deshotel, Joe(D)

Relating to the applicability of certain laws to open-enrollment charter schools.


**Companions:**

<a href="#">HB 3155</a>	Deshotel, Joe(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
<a href="#">SB 968</a>	Hancock, Kelly(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
<a href="#">SB 487</a>	Hughes, Bryan(R)	(Identical)

1-27-21 S Filed

**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:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1349](#) Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to the punishment for the offense of murder committed by a peace officer.

**Remarks:** JBD - Minimum confinement for murder of 15 years if actor was peace officer acting under authority of law.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  [HB 1350](#) Minjarez, Ina(D)

Relating to the publication of certain information regarding certain disciplinary appeals filed by police officers.

**Remarks:** JBD - An arbitrator handling an appeal of a peace officer disciplinary matter must report ruling, amount order to paid to officer, and source of payment to DPS. DPS to post that information on its website.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

- HB 1351** Minjarez, Ina(D) Relating to eligibility requirements for arbitrators selected to hear certain disciplinary appeals filed by police officers.
- Remarks:** JBD - Arbitrator hearing peace officer disciplinary appeal must be an attorney.
- Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

- HB 1352** Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to the release of a defendant when the state is not ready for trial.
- Remarks:** JBD - Reduces the number of days the state has to be ready for trial. If not ready, law already requires defendant be released on lower bond amount or personal bond.
- Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

- HB 1357** Harris, Cody(R) Relating to the appointment, powers, duties, rights, and privileges of special Texas constables.
- Remarks:** MGV - Creates a special TX constable position within DPS. Must be an honorably retired peace officer. Position is not connected to any constable's office.
- Last Action:** 1-26-21 H Filed


- HB 1358** Vasut, Cody (F)(R) Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.
- Remarks:** WLJ - expands who attorney's fees in civil cases can be recovered from to include the state and agencies of the state.
- Last Action:** 1-26-21 H Filed

- HB 1359** Biedermann, Kyle(R) Relating to proposing a referendum to the people of the State of Texas on the question of whether this state should leave the United States of America and establish an independent republic.
- Remarks:** aph - authorizing an election on the matter of Texas' secession to voters on the next general election.
- Last Action:** 1-26-21 H Filed

- HB 1360** Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to the procedure by which a taxing unit is required to provide public notice of certain ad valorem tax-related information.


**Remarks:** aph - forces taxing entities to publish notice of tax rate in newspaper as well as on its internet website.

**Last Action:** 1-26-21 H Filed

  [HB 1361](#) Shine, Hugh(R) Relating to referenda on county property matters in certain counties.

**Remarks:** MGV - Bell County bill. Allows Bell County Commissioners court to order a nonbinding referendum on any matter affecting county property.


**Last Action:** 1-26-21 H Filed

  [HB 1366](#) Israel, Celia(D) Relating to requirements to vote, including presenting proof of identification.

**Companions:** [HB 110](#) Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical)  
11- 9-20 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals voter id requirements, allows for a voter registration certificate to be used to vote.

**Last Action:** 1-26-21 H Filed

  [HB 1367](#) Israel, Celia(D) Relating to the exemption from registration fees of certain vehicles used by nonprofit disaster relief organizations.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands exemption for registration fees to include vehicles used by a nonprofit for emergencies, training, equipment maintenance, transportations of supplies or any other activities related to disaster relief. currently only applies to vehicles used exclusively for emergencies.


**Last Action:** 1-26-21 H Filed

  [HB 1368](#) Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to election fraud.

**Companions:** [HB 3682](#) Middleton, Mayes (F)(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Increases election fraud from Class A misdemeanor to state jail felony.


**Last Action:** 1-26-21 H Filed

  [HB 1374](#) Minjarez, Ina(D) Relating to the confidential and privileged communications and records of victims of certain sexual assault offenses.

**Companions:** [SB 295](#) Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)  
1- 7-21 S Filed


**Remarks:** JBD - Broadens confidentiality of communications and records of sex assault victim and advocate/counselor.

**Last Action:** 1-26-21 H Filed

  **HB 1375** Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to the selection of presidential electors.


**Remarks:** WLJ - Amends eligibility for a presidential elector to require a person be a resident of the congressional district.

**Last Action:** 1-26-21 H Filed

  **HB 1382** Bucy, John(D) Relating to an electronic system to monitor the status of a ballot voted by mail application and ballot.


**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a early voting clerk to develop and maintain an electronic tracking system for a voter application and ballot.

**Last Action:** 1-26-21 H Filed

  **HB 1383** Bucy, John(D) Relating to the authority of certain entities and individuals to prevent individuals from accessing private property for the purpose of registering voters or communicating political messages.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits a political subdivision, homeowners association or property manager from prohibiting "block walking" by political candidates and their teams, get out the vote efforts, or ballot education efforts.

**Last Action:** 1-26-21 H Filed

  **HB 1385** Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to depository boxes for ballots to be voted by mail.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for election drop boxes, allows for multiple boxes..

**Last Action:** 1-26-21 H Filed

  **HB 1386** Harris, Cody(R) Relating to birth records of adopted persons.

**Remarks:** WLJ - allows an adopted person or their surviving heirs a copy of their original birth certificate without a court order if they are born in the state, it's after their 18th birthday, they were issued a supplemental birth certificate and they provide proof of identity. Allows for a fee.

**Last Action:** 1-26-21 H Filed

- HB 1388** Minjarez, Ina(D) Relating to the appearance of certain misdemeanor and state jail felony offenders before a magistrate.
- Remarks:** JBD - Permits cite and release for some state jail felony offenses (mostly drug offenses).
- Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed
- HB 1392** Middleton, Mayes(R) Relating to the maximum amount of the local option residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by a taxing unit all or part of which is located in certain counties.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Allows Chambers and Galveston County to adopt a 100% homestead exemption.
- Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed
- HB 1393** Middleton, Mayes(R) Relating to the maximum amount of the local option residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by a taxing unit.
- Companions:** [HB 3127](#) Middleton, Mayes (F)(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 2468](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)
- Remarks:** WLJ - Increases the percentage amount of homestead exemption a taking unit can adopt from 20% to 100%.
- Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed
- HB 1394** White, James(R) Relating to automatic orders of nondisclosure of criminal history record information for certain misdemeanor defendants.
- Remarks:** JBD - Mandates trial courts to issue nondisclosure orders upon completion of sentence or completion of deferred probation for most misdemeanors. Excludes intoxication offenses and Class C traffic offenses.
- Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed
- HB 1395** Middleton, Mayes(R) Relating to ad valorem taxation.
- Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed
- HB 1396** White, James(R) Relating to law enforcement agencies and policies and procedures affecting peace officers.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires law enforcement agencies to report peace officer misconduct to TCOLE. To receive grant funding by the governor, requires the law enforcement agency to consistently report misconduct and maintain current certification regarding use of force policies. Requires TCOLE, in consultation with HHSC and state, local law enforcement, to develop a coordinated response program model policy in which peace officer and mental health professional jointly respond to a report of an offense involving a person w/ mental impairment or is homeless.

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed

  HB 1398 White, James(R)

Relating to the verification of the veteran status of prisoners confined in county jails.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires sheriff to investigate veteran status of each prisoner during the intake process and submit a daily report to the TX Veterans Commission and, as applicable, to the veterans county service officer and each court in which person's charge is pending.

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed

  HB 1401 Johnson, Ann (F)(D)

Relating to methods to send applications and orders for sealing juvenile records.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits applications for sealing of juvenile records to be submitted via any reasonable method, including secure electronic means.

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed

  HB 1402 Johnson, Ann (F)(D)

Relating to a criminal offense committed against a person because of bias or prejudice on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity.

**Remarks:** JBD - Amends hate crime statute to include gender identity.







**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed

  HB 1403 Johnson, Ann (F)(D)

Relating to the imposition of consecutive sentences for certain offenses arising out of the same criminal episode.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits consecutive sentences to be imposed under greater circumstances (ie, if 2 or more of any listed offenses arise from same criminal episode).

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed

-   [HB 1405](#) Larson, Lyle(R) Relating to authorizing a statewide referendum allowing voters to indicate a preference for observing standard time year-round or observing daylight saving time year-round.
- Companions:** [SB 471](#) Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)  
1-27-21 S Filed
- Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes a statewide vote to indicate preference for observing standard time year-round
- Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed
-   [HB 1406](#) Schaefer, Matt(R) Relating to judicial review of certain orders regarding a declared state of disaster or public health disaster or issued to prevent the spread of a communicable disease.
- Remarks:** MGV - Allows a person to file suite to challenge a provision of a disaster declaration order by the Gov, a political subdivision; or a public health order if the provision is alleged to cause injury or burden.
- Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed
-   [HB 1409](#) Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the distribution of emergency health resources by the state.
- Remarks:** MGV - Requires the state to proportionally distribute any vaccine for responding to a pandemic.
- Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed
-   [HB 1412](#) Israel, Celia(D) Relating to the elements of the offense of illegal voting.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Clarifies illegal voting in the person knows of a circumstance that makes them ineligible and that the circumstance themselves makes the person ineligible.
- Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed
-   [HB 1415](#) Morales, Christina(D) Relating to an application for an early voting ballot by mail.
- Remarks:** WLJ - provides that an application for a mail in ballot also serves as an application for both the the main election and any runoff election.
- Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed
-   [HB 1416](#) Capriglione, Giovanni(R)

Relating to the definition of business day for purposes of the public information law.

**Remarks:** JBD - For purposes of deadline in PIA, "business day" will mean any day other than Saturday, Sunday, national holiday, and state holiday. So if a governmental body recognizes any other holidays, those will have to be considered in calculating deadline to respond.

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed

  HB 1418 Leach, Jeff(R)

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

**Companions:** SB 219 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)  
11-30-20 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Will absolve contractors for defects in plans provided by owners or owners' agents (such as architects). Prohibits local governments from imposing a greater standard of care upon architects and engineers than ordinary prudence.

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed

  HB 1419 Hull, Lacey (F)(R)

Relating to the duties of a law enforcement agency regarding missing children and missing persons and regarding unidentified bodies.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires missing child reports to law enforcement and info on unidentified bodies be entered into National Missing and Unidentified Persons System.

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed

  HB 1420 Bucy, John(D)

Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed or fatally injured.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Extends the tax exemption for a surviving spouse of an armed services member to include those kills while serving on active duty. Currently just applies to those killed in action.

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed

  HB 1421 Cain, Briscoe(R)

Relating to the temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the



appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals the deadline a person must apply for a temporary property tax exemption for damage from a disaster.

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed

  [HB 1422](#) Dutton, Harold(D)

Relating to the child support obligation of an obligor during the obligor's confinement in jail or prison.

**Remarks:** MGV - Provides a court may not find a respondent in contempt of court for failure to pay child support if the respondent is in jail or prison

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed

  [HB 1428](#) Huberty, Dan(R)

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

**Companions:** [SB 515](#) Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)  
1-28-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Excludes contingent fee contracts for collection of obligations owed to local governments from myriad requirements of chapter 2254, Gov Code, including prior approval of AG.

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed

  [HB 1430](#) Dutton, Harold(D)

Relating to the age of a child at which a juvenile court may exercise jurisdiction over the child, to the age of criminal responsibility, and to certain substantive and procedural matters related to those ages.

**Remarks:** JBD - Raises age of criminal responsibility to 18 and raises minimum age of juvenile court jurisdiction from 10 to 12.

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed


  [HJR 71](#) Wilson, Terry(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision other than a school district to establish a limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes.

**Companions:** [HJR 62](#) Bucy, John(D) (Identical)  
1-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** aph - enabling Constitutional amendment for HB 1061.


**Last Action:** 1-22-21 H Filed

  HJR 72 Leach, Jeff(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting a religious service conducted by a religious organization.

**Companions:** [SJR 27](#) Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)  
1-25-21 S Filed


**Remarks:** JBD - Constitutional amendment prohibiting government from limiting or prohibiting religious services.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 H Filed

  HJR 75 Middleton, Mayes(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the appraisal of certain real property for ad valorem tax purposes based on its purchase price.


**Remarks:** Constitutional Amendment - appraisal is based on purchase price, exempts tangible personal property and legislators appoint members of the equalization board. Provides that railroad companies shall be assessed on real property.

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed

  HJR 76 Middleton, Mayes(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the maximum amount of the local option residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by a political subdivision.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows Chambers and Galveston county to increase the homestead exemption up to 100%

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed

  HJR 77 Middleton, Mayes(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the maximum amount of the local option residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation by a political subdivision.

**Companions:** [SJR 80](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)


**Remarks:** Allows the homestead property tax exemption to be increased up to 100%

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed

-   [HJR 79](#) [Bucy, John\(D\)](#) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed service
- Remarks:** WLJ - Constitutional amendment for property tax exemption for the surviving spouse of a military member killed while actively serving.
- Last Action:** 1-27-21 H Filed
-   [SB 389](#) [Eckhardt, Sarah \(F\)\(D\)](#) Relating to authorization for a county or municipality to establish a local minimum wage.
- Companions:**
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| <a href="#">HB 328</a> | <a href="#">Ortega, Lina(D)</a>    | (Refiled from 86R Session) |
| <a href="#">SB 161</a> | <a href="#">Rodriguez, Jose(D)</a> | (Refiled from 86R Session) |
| <a href="#">HB 224</a> | <a href="#">Ortega, Lina(D)</a>    | (Identical)                |
- 11- 9-20 H Filed
- Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a county/city to adopt a higher minimum wage in the unincorporated area and the ETJ.
- Last Action:** 1-22-21 S Filed
-   [SB 392](#) [Miles, Borris\(D\)](#) Relating to the continuation and operations of a health care provider participation program by the Harris County Hospital District.
- Companions:** [HB 1338](#) [Coleman, Garnet\(D\)](#) (Identical)  
1-25-21 H Filed
- Remarks:** WLJ - Expands the Harris County LPPF through 2023 and makes small amendments on payments. Makes it optional for each health district to submit financial data.
- Last Action:** 1-22-21 S Filed
-   [SB 403](#) [Johnson, Nathan\(D\)](#) Relating to a right of first refusal applicable to the sale of housing developments that have received certain financial assistance administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
- Companions:** [HB 3513](#) [Martinez Fischer, Trey\(D\)](#) (Refiled from 86R Session)
- [SB 958](#) [Johnson, Nathan \(F\)\(D\)](#)


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

**Last Action:** 1-22-21 S Filed

  SB 404 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to status offenses committed by a child, including the repeal of the status offense of a child voluntarily running away from home.


**Remarks:** JBD - Removes running away as a status offense (conduct indicating a need for supervision) for juveniles, so runaways cannot be handled in juvenile court. Limits places where juveniles detained for status offenses may be kept to juvenile offices and nonsecure facilities.

**Last Action:** 1-22-21 S Filed

  SB 408 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to the designation of polling place locations on the campuses of certain institutions of higher education.


**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a comm court to designate a polling place location on the main campus of a university/college if it has at least 5000 enrolled. If they have more than 10k students there must be 2 polling places.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 S Filed

  SB 409 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to evidence included in the statewide electronic tracking system for evidence of a sexual assault or other sex offense.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires the state tracking system for sex assault evidence include all evidence collected in a investigation.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 S Filed

  SB 413 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to state programs not funded by appropriations.

**Companions:** [HB 4159](#) Capriglione, Giovanni(R)

SB 1369

Buckingham, Dawn(R)

(Refiled  
from 86R  
Session)  
(Refiled  
from 86R  
Session)

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

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 S Filed

  SB 419 Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to the jurisdiction of county and justice courts in civil matters.

**Remarks:** JBD - Increases constitutional county court and JP court civil jurisdiction from \$20,000 to \$50,000.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 S Filed

  SB 423 Hinojosa, Chuy(D)

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

**Companions:** HB 2831 Canales, Terry(D)

(Refiled  
from 86R  
Session)

**Remarks:** JBD - In condemnation case, permits service of notice of the special commissioners' hearing in same manner as set forth in Rules of Civil Procedure for other civil matters.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 S Filed

  SB 425 Miles, Borris(D)

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

**Companions:** HB 72 Reynolds, Ron(D)  
11- 9-20 H Filed

(Identical)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Fort Bend County Park Use Authority.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 S Filed

  SB 426 Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to the return of certain ballots.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands the ballot drop off location to early voting. Allows for multiple locations.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 S Filed


  SB 427 Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to preliminary examination periods for mental health protective custody.

**Companions:** [HB 3681](#) Coleman, Garnet(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 2269](#) Miles, Borris(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Extends the time for an emergency mental health hold from 48 to 72 hours.


**Last Action:** 1-25-21 S Filed

  [SB 433](#) [Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#) Relating to the eligibility of nurses for workers' compensation benefits for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and payment of those benefits.

**Companions:** [HB 396](#) Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)  
11- 9-20 H Filed  
[SB 439](#) Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) (Identical)  
1-26-21 S Filed


**Remarks:** WLJ - For the purpose of workman comp benefits, creates a presumption that a nurse who contracts Covid resulting in disability or death caught the virus in the scope of employment.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 S Filed

  [SB 435](#) [Blanco, Cesar \(F\)\(D\)](#) Relating to a state plan for responding to pandemics.


**Remarks:** MGJ - Directs TDEM to prepare a pandemic response plan. Provisions may include communicating with governmental and private entities to facilitate coordination and collaboration.

**Last Action:** 1-26-21 S Filed

  [SB 436](#) [Blanco, Cesar \(F\)\(D\)](#) Relating to health benefit plan coverage of preexisting conditions including COVID-19.


**Remarks:** WLJ - Adds COVID to list of issues a health insurance coverage must include as a preexisting condition. Includes self funded plans and county employee coverage groups.

**Last Action:** 1-26-21 S Filed

  [SB 437](#) [Blanco, Cesar \(F\)\(D\)](#) Relating to the state reserve of personal protective equipment for health care workers and essential personnel.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires DSHS to create a PPE depository for front line workers of at least 90 day supply.


**Last Action:** 1-26-21 S Filed

  SB 439 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to the eligibility of nurses for workers' compensation benefits for coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and payment of those benefits.

**Companions:** HB 396 Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)  
11- 9-20 H Filed  
SB 433 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
1-25-21 S Filed


**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a presumption, for the purposes of benefits, that a nurse contracted COVID in the line of duty.

**Last Action:** 1-26-21 S Filed

  SB 441 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the authority of a county to restrict sex offenders from child safety zones in the unincorporated area of the county.


**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes commissioners court to restrict a registered sex offender from going in, on, or within a specified distance of a child safety zone in unincorporated area.

**Last Action:** 1-26-21 S Filed

  SB 449 Hancock, Kelly(R) Relating to the authority of a property owner to bring suit to compel an appraisal district, chief appraiser, or appraisal review board to comply with a procedural requirement applicable to an ad valorem tax protest.

**Remarks:** aph - allows a taxpayer to bring a limited suit against a taxing entity in district court to compel a hearing on a matter in the jurisdiction of the appraisal district.






**Last Action:** 1-26-21 S Filed

  SB 451 West, Royce(D) Relating to the release of a child taken into possession by a law enforcement officer.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a law enforcement officer to use due diligence in returning a child who was taken for their protection be returned to a parent or legal guardian first.

Requires every law enforcement agency to adopt a written policy regarding the safe placement of a child who is in the care of a person who is arrested.


**Last Action:** 1-26-21 S Filed

-   SB 453 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to a study and report by the comptroller on local and state supply chain disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Remarks:** MGV - Requires Comptroller to conduct study identifying and evaluating local and state supply chain disruptions caused by COVID-19 pandemic.
- Last Action:** 1-26-21 S Filed
-   SB 456 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the donation of juror reimbursements.
- Remarks:** WLJ- Expands options for the donation of juror reimbursement funds to include a veterans county service office.
- Last Action:** 1-26-21 S Filed
-   SB 461 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to a seller's disclosure of the location of certain real property in a floodplain.
- Companions:** [HB 1059](#) Stephenson, Phil(R) (Identical)  
1-12-21 H Filed
- Remarks:** MGV - Requires seller to disclose whether property is located in floodplain. Applies to tract less than 15 acres and doesn't have a residence located or being constructed.
- Last Action:** 1-26-21 S Filed
-   SB 463 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to certain claims for benefits, compensation, or assistance by certain public safety employees and survivors of certain public safety employees.
- Companions:** [SB 527](#) Springer, Drew (F)(R) (Identical)  
1-29-21 S Filed
- Remarks:** WLJ - for benefits, creates a presumption that a firefighter, peace officer, or emt worker contracted a disease in the scope of their work duty if the disease is the basis for a governors declaration.
- Last Action:** 1-26-21 S Filed
-   SB 464 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to reports on deaths from reportable and other communicable diseases to county health authorities and health departments.
- Remarks:** MGV - Requires a part-time health authority to coordinate with the director of the county's local health dept to report the presence of contagious,



infectious, and dangerous epidemic diseases in the jurisdiction.


**Last Action:** 1-26-21 S Filed

  SB 471 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to authorizing a statewide referendum allowing voters to indicate a preference for observing standard time year-round or observing daylight saving time year-round.

**Companions:** HB 1405 Larson, Lyle(R) (Identical)  
1-27-21 H Filed


**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes a statewide vote to indicate preference for observing standard time year-round

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 S Filed

  SB 475 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to state agency and local government information security, including establishment of the state risk and authorization management program and the Texas volunteer incident response team.


**Remarks:** MGV - Requires Dept of Information Resources (DIR) to establish a framework for regional cybersecurity working groups to respond to a cybersecurity event. Directs DIR to establish regional network security centers to provide cybersecurity support

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 S Filed

  SB 476 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to establishment of county sexual assault response teams.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires commissioners courts to establish a sexual assault response team to strengthen collaborative response for sexual assault survivors.


**Last Action:** 1-27-21 S Filed

  SB 487 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the applicability of certain laws to open-enrollment charter schools.

**Companions:** HB 3155 Deshotel, Joe(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
SB 968 Hancock, Kelly(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
HB 1348 Deshotel, Joe(D) (Identical)  
1-25-21 H Filed

**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:** 1-27-21 S Filed

  SB 489 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

**Companions:** HB 383 Bohac, Dwayne(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
HB 946 Metcalf, Will(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
HB 4329 Gutierrez, Roland(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** aph - Lowers annual residential homestead exemption cap from 10% to 5%.


**Last Action:** 1-27-21 S Filed

  SB 490 Paxton, Angela(R) Relating the authorization of digital license plates.

**Companions:** HB 1105 Paddie, Chris(R) (Identical)  
1-14-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Expands use of digital license plates to all vehicles

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 S Filed

  SJR 27 Hancock, Kelly(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit this state or a political subdivision of this state from prohibiting or limiting a religious service conducted by a religious organization.

**Companions:** HJR 72 Leach, Jeff(R) (Identical)  
1-25-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Constitutional amendment prohibiting government from limiting or prohibiting religious services.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 S Filed

  SJR 29 Springer, Drew (F)(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call the legislature into special session following certain disaster or emergency declarations and specifying the powers of the legislature in those special sessions

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the Governor to call a special session if a State of Disaster continues for more than 21 days or upon petition of a member of the legislature has more than 2/3 of the members of the senate/house.

**Last Action:** 1-25-21 S Filed

  SJR 31 Kolkhorst, Lois(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to set a lower limit on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

**Companions:**

<a href="#">HJR 28</a>	Bohac, Dwayne(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
<a href="#">HJR 51</a>	Metcalfe, Will(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
<a href="#">HJR 134</a>	Gutierrez, Roland(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Lowers the appraisal cap for residence homesteads from 10% to 5%.

**Last Action:** 1-27-21 S Filed

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