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Burrows, Dustin(R)

Relating to state and local government responses to a pandemic disaster.

**Remarks:** Establishes the following provisions during a pandemic disaster. • Expands Governor's Authority to Suspend Certain Laws. Authorizes Governor to suspend provisions of any regulatory statute. Upon request of a political subdivision, allows the Governor to waive, or suspend, a deadline imposed on the political subdivision if it is reasonably necessary to cope with the pandemic disaster. Permits Governor to temporarily reassign resources, personnel, or functions of state agencies and political subdivisions. Authorizes Gov to prescribe routes, modes of transportation, and destinations in connection with an evacuation

- Establishes Pandemic Emergency Management Directors. Designates the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision as the pandemic emergency management director for the political subdivision. Serve as designated agents of the Governor. May exercise powers granted to the Governor under the Act on an appropriate local scale
- Considers Personnel of State or Local Agencies Member of Texas Military Forces During Evacuation. An officer or employee of a state or local agency is considered to be a member of the Texas military forces if the person is sheltering or housing individuals in connection with the evacuation of an area stricken or threatened by a pandemic disaster. Protects from civil liability.
- Suspends Deadlines Imposed by Local Law. Automatically suspends a deadline imposed by local law if the political subdivision is wholly or partially located in an area in which a pandemic disaster has been declared by the President or Governor

- Preempts Local Orders. Allows for preemption of any local order or rule that is inconsistent with the Governor's or DSHS's orders
- · Limits on Property Tax Rates. Applicable to counties or cities that require closure of businesses, prohibits the adoption of a property tax rate that is the lesser of the NNR tax rate or the voter approved tax rate
- Limits Alterations of Voting Procedures. Requires Secretary of State approval for altering any voting standards
- Requires Personnel Surge Capacity Planning. With direction of TDEM and assistance of DSHS. requires development of a regional plan for personnel surge capacity

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

 $\bigcap$  HB 1952 Ordaz Perez, Claudia (F) Relating to the oversight of a public (D)

defender's office by a county's chief

administrator.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits commissioners court to delegate to county administrator oversight responsibilities of

chief public defender.

Last Action: 2-19-21 H Filed

THR 1954 Dutton, Harold(D)

Relating to the penalty for certain offenders for possession of a small amount of certain

controlled substances.

**Remarks:** JBD - lowers penalty ranges for certain drug

possession offenses.

Last Action: 2-19-21 H Filed

 $\blacksquare$  HB 1955 Dutton, Harold(D)

Relating to the use of deadly force to make

an arrest.

**Remarks:** JBD - Makes justified use of deadly force by peace officers contingent on subject actually

possessing a deadly weapon.

Last Action: 2-19-21 H Filed

THB 1956 Beckley, Michelle(D)

Relating to information on projected changes in weather, water availability, and climate variability in strategic plans of certain state

agencies.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires various state agencies include

climate change impact in their strategic reports.

Last Action: 2-19-21 H Filed

**1** ☐ HB 1962 Beckley, Michelle(D) Relating to the collection of state, municipal, and county hotel occupancy taxes by a short-term rental marketplace. **Companions:** HB 3779 Button, Angie Chen(R) (Refiled from 86R Session) Powell, Beverly (F)(D) SB 1472 (Refiled from 86R Session) **Remarks:** aph - companion for HB 3779 allows short-term marketplace owners to collect and remit hotel taxes for the owner. Last Action: 2-19-21 H Filed THB 1965 Beckley, Michelle(D) Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to ensure the Electric Reliability Council of Texas has adequate reserve power to prevent blackout conditions. **Companions:** HB 2016 Thierry, Shawn(D) (Identical) 2-22-21 H Filed **Remarks:** WLJ - Requires PUC to develop a process to obtain emergency reserve power capacity to prevent future blackouts. Last Action: 2-19-21 H Filed THB 1969 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to the inspection of prevailing wage records by certain counties. **Remarks:** MGV - Applicable to Ft Bend Co. Permits county to designate the county dept or officer responsible for inspecting prevailing wage records. Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed ■ HB 1972 Gervin-Hawkins, Relating to statewide requirements for Barbara(D) renewable electric generating capacity. **Remarks:** WLJ - Requires at least 50% of all generating capacity in the state, be renewable by 01/2030 and 100% by 2050. Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed ■ HB 1974 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to contingent fee contracts for legal services.

Remarks:

JBD - Political subdivisions may enter into contingent fee contracts for legal services only after publishing written findings and only after the AG approves the contract. The bill adds to the definition of "contingent fee contract" any amendment to a contingent fee contract if the amendment changes scope of representation, may result in filing of a lawsuit, or may result in amendment of petition in a lawsuit. This will require delay in executing legal strategy.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

☐ HB 1978 Toth, Steve(R) Relating to a state of disaster declared by

the governor because of COVID-19.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits Gov from declaring a disaster

due to COVID-19.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 1979 Toth, Steve(R) Relating to identification of early voting

ballots voted by mail by electronic code.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires mail in ballots to have an unique

scan to track the status.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

nondisclosure or confidentiality agreements.

**Remarks:** JBD - Voids nondisclosure agreements that

prohibit victim of sexual assault/harassment from communicating with law enforcement or from disclosing facts during any related investigation, prosecution, or dispute resolution. Does not apply

to negotiated settlement agreement or

administrative action.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 1983 Thierry, Shawn(D) Relating to statewide preparedness and long-

term recovery strategies for certain issues arising from a pandemic or other disaster.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires Disaster Discovery Task Force to

address long-term solutions to issues arising from a disaster that are specific to a pandemic or

epidemic.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 1986 Thierry, Shawn(D) Relating to establishing an

intergovernmental development corporation in certain counties to foster minority- or women-owned construction businesses.

	Companions:	HB 593	Turner, Chris(D) 11-17-20 H Filed	(Identical)		
		SB 340	West, Royce(D) 1-14-21 S Filed	(Identical)		
	Remarks:	JBD - Permits counties of 2 million adjoining county of 2 million to create development corporation with one or more political subdivisions within the county. The corp is to develop and implement program to foster development of minority- and women-owned construction businesses.				
	Last Action:	2-22-21 H F	iled			
<b>1</b> □ НВ 1987	Vasut, Cody (F)(R)	Relating to eligibility requirements to hold a political party office.				
	Remarks:	MGV - Expands eligibility requirements to hold a political party office from a county or precinct chair to all officers of the party.				
	Last Action:	2-22-21 H Filed				
<b>1</b> □ HB 1989	Thierry, Shawn(D)	Relating to the state reserve of personal protective equipment for health care workers and essential personnel.				
	Companions:	HB 2270	Turner, John(D) 2-24-21 H Filed	(Identical)		
		SB 437	Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) 1-26-21 S Filed	(Identical)		
	Remarks:	WLJ - Requires DSHS to create a PPE				

depository for front line workers of at least 90 day

supply.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

**1** □ HB 1992 Thierry, Shawn(D) Relating to exempting disinfectant cleaning supplies and certain face masks and

disposable gloves from sales and use taxes

for a limited period.

**Companions:** HB 89 Canales, Terry(D) (Identical)

> 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and

SB 438 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) (Identical)

1-26-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Adds to the emergency preparation item

sales tax exemption holiday the inclusion of face

masks, gloves, and disinfectants.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

■ HB 1996 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to a special bill of review to reform a final judgment of forfeiture of a bail bond. Companions: HB 179 Canales, Terry(D) (Refiled from 86R Session) **Remarks:** WLJ - Extends from two years to four years the time a surety may request a bill of review to reverse a bond forfeiture in whole or in part on equitable grounds. Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed ■ HB 1997 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the release on bail of a defendant arrested following a violation of a condition of community supervision. Companions: HB 173 Canales, Terry(D) (Refiled from 86R Session) **Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a magistrate to release on bail a person on probation convicted of a misdemeanor if the violation is a nonviolent offense punishable as a misdemeanor and the arrest is the same county the person is under probation. Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed ■ HB 1998 Lucio III, Eddie(D) Relating to weight limitations for liquefied petroleum gas motor vehicles. **Remarks:** WLJ - Increases the maximum weight a truck may haul of liquefied petroleum gas to 82k pounds. Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed ■ HB 1999 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to a specialty mental health court program for juveniles. **Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the court consider dismissal of charges for a juvenile that successfully completes specialty mental health/IDD diversion court. Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed  $\bigcirc$  HB 2002 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to prohibited adverse employment action against certain first responders based on mental illness. **Remarks:** JBD - prohibits adverse employment action against peace officers, fire fighters, and EMT based solely because employer knows employee has mental illness, except actions to ensure public safety are permitted. Waive immunity to

suit for violations.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

□ HB 2004 Ashby, Trent(R) Relating to a limitation on liability and

sanctions in connection with certain

prescribed burns.

**Remarks:** MGV - If a burn boss is a certified, insured

prescribed burn manager, removes liability for property damage, personal injury, or death caused by smoke that occurs more than 300 ft

from the burn.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

□ HB 2007 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to peace officers and law

enforcement agencies.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires participation in community

events for peace officers of a county or city law enforcement agency. Establishes a TCOLE grant program for counties and cities to increase compensation to peace officers based on holding a B.A. or higher; reside in county or city; and received certificates of distinction. Requires TCOLE to conduct annual evaluation of each city

and county law enforcement agency for

professionalism. Requires peace officer training on implicit bias and de-escalation and crisis

intervention techniques.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2009 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to a prohibition on the issuance of a

warrant authorizing the use of a no-knock

entry by a peace officer.

**Companions:** HB 492 Wu, Gene(D) (Identical)

2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal

Jurisprudence

HB 1272 Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D)(Identical)

1-21-21 H Filed

SB 175 Miles, Borris(D) (Identical)

11-10-20 S Filed

**Remarks:** ban on no-knock warrants by peace officers.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2011 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to a duty for peace officers to

intervene and make a report when a peace

officer uses excessive force.

**Companions:** SB 68 Miles, Borris(D) (Identical)

11- 9-20 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires peace officer to intervene for

excessive force. Requires witnessing officer to promptly make a detailed report to supervisor of

witness and officer using force.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

→ HB 2014 Lucio III, Eddie(D) Relating to ad valorem taxation.

**Remarks:** JBD - Imposes several new responsibilities on

appraisal districts. Must notify owners when appraisal record account number changes. Must combine or separate contiguous non-residential parcels into single/multiple accounts at request of

owner

Residence owners may request single-member review panel. If Board does not accept decision, can remand to another single-member review panel. Permits owners to request information from CAD later than 14 days preceding an appeal

hearing.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

Thierry, Shawn(D) Relating to the authority of the Public Utility

Commission of Texas to ensure the Electric Reliability Council of Texas has adequate

reserve power to prevent blackout

conditions.

**Companions:** HB 1965 Beckley, Michelle(D) (Identical)

2-19-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires PUC ensure by rule a process to

obtain emergency reserve power capacity to

prevent blackouts.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

**1** ☐ HB 2017 Thierry, Shawn(D) Relating to information on projected changes

in weather, water availability, and climate variability in strategic plans of certain state

agencies.

**Companions:** HB 1949 Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D)(Identical)

2-17-21 H Filed

SB 306 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) (Identical)

1-11-21 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Requires Dep. of Ag, TCEQ, GLOS,

TDHCA, TDI, TPWD, DPS, PUC, Comptroller, Texas A&M and TWDB to include a climate change mitigation report in their strategic plans.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2018 Noble, Candy(R) Relating to ballot language requirements for a proposition proposing a constitutional amendment. **Remarks:** WLJ - Amends the language that must be used for a constitutional amendment on a ballot to be plain language approving, failing to approve, and both approving the proposition and failing to approve the proposition. Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed THB 2024 Rosenthal, Jon(D) Relating to a change of name and sex for certain persons and the issuance of associated birth records and documentation. **Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for application for a new birth certificate for an amended name or gender. Allows for a fee and a waiver of the fee due to indigency. Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed ■ HB 2028 Lambert, Stan(R) Relating to egg grading. Companions: SB 336 Johnson, Nathan(D) (Identical) 1-13-21 S Filed Remarks: WLJ - Allows for the sale of "ungraded" eggs. Prohibits the state/political subdivision from prohibiting the purchase or resell of such eggs. Prohibits requiring a licensee to remit a fee more often than monthly or annually. Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed  $\blacksquare$  HB 2034 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to the governing body of the independent organization certified to manage the ERCOT power region. Companions: HB 2078 (Identical) Reynolds, Ron(D) 2-23-21 H Filed SB 761 Seliger, Kel(R) (Identical) 2-23-21 S Filed SB 835 Alvarado, Carol(D) (Identical) 2-26-21 S Filed **Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a person live in the state of Texas to be qualified to serve on the ERCOT board. Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed ■ HB 2036 Johnson, Julie(D) Relating to the definition of close relative of a deceased victim for purposes of certain laws relating to the release of an inmate on

parole or to mandatory supervision.

**Remarks:** JBD - Will require Parole Division to notify close

relatives of deceased victims before releasing parolee, even though victim's death was

unrelated to crime.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

■ HB 2039 Talarico, James(D) Relating to persons authorized to conduct a

marriage ceremony.

**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes an imam to conduct a marriage

ceremony.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2041 Leman, Ben(R) Relating to the disclosure of appraisal reports

in connection with the use of eminent

domain authority.

**Companions:** SB 721 Schwertner, Charles(R) (Identical)

2-22-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Mandates disclosure of all appraisal reports

regarding subject property produced or acquired by an entity exercising eminent domain authority no later than 3 business days before the special

commissioners hearing.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2042 Leman, Ben(R) Relating to certain requirements in

connection with the acquisition of real property for public use by an entity with

eminent domain authority.

**Companions:** SB 723 Schwertner, Charles(R) (Identical)

2-22-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** provide that if an entity with eminent domain

authority provides a form to an owner of real property requesting the owner's permission to enter the property to examine the property or conduct a survey of the property in connection with the potential acquisition of the property for a public use, the form must conspicuously state that: the owner has a right to refuse to grant permission to the entity to enter the property and conduct the examination or survey; the entity has a right to sue for a court order authorizing the entity to enter the property and conduct the examination or survey if the owner refuses to grant the permission; the owner has a right to negotiate the terms of the examination or survey

of the property; and the entity has the

responsibility for any damages arising from an

examination or survey of the property.

At the time a governmental or private entity with eminent domain authority makes an initial offer to a property owner to acquire real property, the entity must send by first-class mail a landowner's bill of rights statement to the last known address of the person in whose name the property is listed on the most recent property tax roll.

Requires a condemning entity that makes an initial offer that includes real property that the entity does not seek to acquire by condemnation to include in the initial offer: a separate identification of the real property that the entity does not seek to acquire by condemnation; and an offer for the real property that the entity does not seek to acquire by condemnation separate from the offer made for the real property sought to be acquired by condemnation.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

**1** □ HB 2043 Leman, Ben(R)

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

**Companions:** SB 725 Schwertner, Charles(R) (Identical)

2-22-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - land qualifies for appraisal for property tax purposes as agricultural land if a portion or parcel of the land is subject to a right of way that is less than 200 feet wide and that was taken by condemnation if the remainder of the parcel of land qualifies for appraisal as agricultural land; and if additional taxes are due because the land is diverted to a nonagricultural use as a result of a condemnation, the additional taxes and interest are the personal obligation of the condemning entity and not the property owner from whom the property was taken

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2044 Leman, Ben(R)

Relating to establishing actual progress for the purposes of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning entity.

Companions: SB 726 Schwertner, Charles(R) (Identical)

2-22-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - eliminate as an element establishing

"actual progress" on a project for eminent domain purposes: the acquisition of a tract or parcel of real property adjacent to the property for the

same public use project for which the owner's property was acquired; and for a governmental entity, the adoption by a majority of the entity's governing body at a public hearing of a development plan for a public use project that indicates that the entity will not complete more than one tolling action before the tenth anniversary of the date of acquisition of the property.

Require three of five remaining elements to be met to establish actual progress.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

**1** □ HB 2047 Talarico, James(D)

Relating to the employment of certain peace officers, detention officers, county jailers, or firefighters who are injured in the course and scope of duty.

**Remarks:** WLJ - an employer, excluding a city/county that has adopted civil service for its fire fighters or peace officers, may not take an adverse employment action against a peace officer, detention officer, county jailer, or fire fighter who has sustained a compensable injury on the basis of the person's inability to perform the duties for which the person was elected, appointed, or employed before the person is certified as having reached maximum medical improvement, unless the person's treating doctor indicates that the person is permanently restricted from returning to perform the duties for which the person was elected, appointed, or employed. Allows for damages up to 100k and sovereign immunity is waived.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

 $\blacksquare$  HB 2048 Krause, Matt(R)

Relating to the criminal offense of passing

certain vehicles on a highway.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands vehicles one must slow down while passing or change lanes, to include a toll project entity vehicle that is using visual signals.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

■ HB 2051 Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara(D)

Relating to the requirement for payment bonds from certain public work contractors.

Companions: HB 2886 (Refiled Bucy, John (F)(D)

from 86R Session)

Remarks: MGV - Increases requirement for payment bonds

from public work contractors for contracts in

excess of \$100,000. Currently, applies to \$25000

contracts.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2054 Beckley, Michelle(D) Relating to municipal and county regulation

of sex parlors, including the imposition of

civil and criminal penalties.

**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes cities to regulate sex parlors.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

THB 2057 Klick, Stephanie(R) Relating to the timing of changes to county

election precincts.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires commissioners courts determine

election precincts in the county in March or April of each even-numbered year (currently odd-

numbered years)

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2059 Bucy, John(D) Relating to the date of runoff elections.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals allowing a runoff be prescribed by

a home run city. Instead mandates all runoff elections be held on the first Saturday after the

27th day after the main election.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2060 Bucy, John(D) Relating to an application for an early voting

ballot by mail.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a request for a mail in ballot also

serves as a ballot for any runoff elections.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

THB 2061 Bucy, John(D) Relating to acceptable forms of identification

for voting.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands voter ID to include a native

American id card and a student id. Both must

have a photograph.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcap$  HB 2073 Burrows, Dustin(R) Relating to quarantine leave for fire fighters,

peace officers, and emergency medical technicians employed by, appointed by, or

elected for a political subdivision.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires a political subdivision to place on

paid leave a fire fighter, peace officer, or EMT employed by the subdivision and ordered by a

supervisor or a health authority to quarantine or or isolate due to a possible or known exposure to

a communicable disease while on duty

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

□ HB 2077 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to bail proceedings and related

duties of a magistrate in a criminal case.

Remarks: WLJ - Bail reform

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

The HB 2078 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to the governing body of the

independent organization certified to manage the ERCOT power region.

**Companions:** HB 2034 Raymond, Richard(D) (Identical)

2-22-21 H Filed

SB 761 Seliger, Kel(R) (Identical)

2-23-21 S Filed

SB 835 Alvarado, Carol(D) (Identical)

2-26-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a person live in the state of Texas

to be qualified to serve on the ERCOT board.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

The Heavilian Relating to a recommendation of polling

place locations by a county clerk.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the election clerk to recommend

polling locations within 30 days prior to the start

of early voting.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

THB 2080 Leman, Ben(R) Relating to taxpayers' suits.

**Companions:** SB 769 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)

2-23-21 S Filed

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2081 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to motor vehicle accidents involving

a pedestrian or other vulnerable road user

within the area of a crosswalk.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a class A misdemeanor for

causing bodily injury with a vehicle, to a person using a crosswalk with a bike, electric scooter, golf cart, or mobility device. Creates a defense to prosecution if the person in the walkway was

violating the law.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

The HB 2084 Cason, Jeff (F)(R) Relating to the eligibility of property used for renewable energy electric generation for ad

valorem tax benefits under the Texas

Economic Development Act.

Remarks: WLJ - Removes renewable energy electric

generation from eligible property for property tax benefits under the economic development act.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2086 Morales, Eddie (F)(D) Relating to appeals from an interlocutory

order denying a motion for summary judgment by certain contractors.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits a person from appealing an

interlocutory order of a court for the denial of a motion for summary judgment filed by a

contractor.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2092 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to a requirement that candidates for

municipal elective office declare a party

affiliation.

Companions: HB 3432 Sanford, Scott(R) (Refiled

from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - requires that an applicant for a place on

the ballot for a city office state with which party the candidate is aligned, or state that the candidate is not aligned with any party; and allow

a candidate for city office to declare a party affiliation, which must appear on the ballot next to

the candidate's name

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2097 Schaefer, Matt(R) Relating to government authority to require

a person to wear a mask or personal protective equipment during a disaster.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits Gov and a local official from

issuing an executive order that requires a person

to wear a mask or PPE.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcap$  HB 2098 Schaefer, Matt(R) Relating to the prosecution of criminal

offenses for violating an emergency

management plan.

Remarks:

WLJ - Repeals authority for a state or local penalty for failure to comply with an emergency

plan, rule or order.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2101 Anderson, Doc(R) Relating to the creation of an additional

judicial district in McLennan County.

**Remarks:** MGV - Creates an additional judicial district in

McLennan County.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

THB 2102 Swanson, Valoree(R) Relating to the use of an electronic device for

accepting voters.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a county using an electronic

device to accept voters at a polling place to use each feature of the device. Allows a fee for

compliance.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2104 Campos, Liz (F)(D) Relating to the county provision of solid

waste disposal services.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a county of 500k or more to

regulate solid waste collection, handling and disposal in the area not in the city. Allows a

county 500k or less.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2105 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to failure to identify to a peace

officer while carrying certain firearms.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a misdemeanor for openly carrying

a firearm and refusing to provide your name, address or date of birth upon request and increases the penalty for giving a fake name

and/or address/dob.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2108 Wu, Gene(D) Relating to the waiver of jurisdiction and

discretionary transfer of a child from a

juvenile court to a criminal court.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the court to notify a juvenile in

open court they are transferring the child to criminal court and provide the child with their right to participate or decline to participate in any diagnostic study, evaluation or investigation order

by a juvenile court.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

Tensportation comprehensive development agreement for a project in Travis and Williamson Counties.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Adds a comprehensive development agreement for IH35 in Travis and Williamson

County from SH 45N to SH 45SE

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and engineers in or in connection with

certain construction contracts.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2124 Vo, Hubert(D) Relating to renewal of an appointment as a

volunteer deputy registrar.

**Companions:** HB 529 Miller, Rick(R) (Refiled from 86R

Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows registrars to notify volunteer deputy

registrars via mail or email (by Nov 30th in an even numbered year) that their term ends on December 31st. The notice may include: 1) an application for renewal & 2) relevant changes to election law. Automatically renews the voluntary registrar's term on Jan 1st if: 1) they return their signed application before their term expires, 2) signs an affidavit that they are eligible to serve, 3) is found eligible to serve another term. They are not required to attend another training if they successfully completed it in their previous term.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2133 Ellzey, Jake (F)(R) Relating to the authority of certain counties

to restrict sex offenders from child safety

zones in certain portions of the unincorporated area of the county.

**Remarks:** WLJ - In a county of 300k or less allows

commissioners court to set areas in which sex

offenders may not enter.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2136 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to marine vessel projects in the

diesel emissions reduction incentive

program.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Amends the DERI grant program for

marine vessels that their usage must be within the Gulf of Mexico within 15 miles of the coast. Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2140 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to the administration of and funding

for the Texas emissions reduction plan.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Amends the TERP fund disbursement

percentage.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

□ HB 2146 Allen, Alma(D) Relating to the punishment of certain

controlled substance offenses committed in a

drug-free zone.

Companions: HB 2200 Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Refiled

from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** JBD - Reduces the area size of drug-free zones

around schools and prohibits enhanced

punishment is defendant was just driving through

the zone.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2147 Allen, Alma(D) Relating to the punishment for the offense of

driving while license invalid.

**Companions:** HB 372 Allen, Alma(D) (Refiled

from 86R Session)

Remarks: WLJ - Repeals the elevation of driving without a

license to a Class B misdemeanor for a previous offense. So all offenses of driving without license

will be Class C.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2149 Clardy, Travis(R) Relating to temporary branch polling places.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for the temporary branch polling

locations not be uniform in counties of 100k or

less.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2150 Allison, Steve(R) Relating to the punishment for the criminal

offense of obstructing a highway or other

passageway.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Increases obstruction of a highway or other

passageway to a third degree felony.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

■ HB 2152 Meyer, Morgan(R) Relating to the online renewal of vehicle registration. **Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for online vehicle registration Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed ■ HB 2154 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to a peace officer training advisory committee. Companions: HB 655 Dutton, Harold(D) (Refiled from 86R Session) Remarks: JBD - Committee of legislators to study peace officer training and report to legislature 12/2018 Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed  $\bigcirc$  HB 2156 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to the purchase of a United States flag or Texas flag by a governmental agency. **Remarks:** MGV - Requires each U.S. and Texas flag purchased by a governmental agency to be made in the U.S.A. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed  $\blacksquare$  HB 2161 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to analyzing and mitigating transportation security threats in this state. **Remarks:** WLJ - Requires DPS to conduct an analysis of threats to transportation security in this state. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed  $\bigcirc$  HB 2162 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to the creation of the conviction integrity unit within the office of the attorney general. **Remarks:** WLJ - Creates the conviction integrity unit inside the office of the Attorney General. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed  $\blacksquare$  HB 2166 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to a study by the Texas Division of Emergency Management of the potential effects of droughts and wildfires in this state. **Remarks:** MGV - Requires TDEM to study potential effects of droughts and wildfires over the next 50 years. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed  $\blacksquare$  HB 2170 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to reimbursing a commissioners court and certain individuals for the

reasonable costs of transporting a body for the purpose of an autopsy.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a commissioners court to request reimbursement, for the transportation of a body to

or from the autopsy location, from civil asset forfeiture proceeds.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

■ HB 2171 Metcalf, Will(R) Relating to the eligibility of certain retired

firefighters and emergency medical services providers to purchase continued health

benefits coverage.

Companions: SB 786 Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)

2-24-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands who can request buy in for

continued health coverage at retirement to include a firefighter or EMS provider from the EMS district in a county of 200k or more.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

 □ HB 2182 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to decedents' estates and the

> delivery of certain notices or other communications in connection with those

estates or multiple-party accounts.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Among other things, allows the county

clerk to deliver communications on estates via "a qualified delivery method" which included a courier, certified mail, and a private delivery

service.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2190 White, James(R) Relating to the prosecution of and

> punishment for certain state jail felony offenders, including the creation of a pretrial intervention program for certain state jail

felony offenders.

**Remarks:** WLJ -- Requires a commissioners court to

establish a state jail felony intervention program.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

■ HB 2191 Wilson, Terry(R) Relating to the enforcement of commercial

motor vehicle safety standards in certain

counties.

**Remarks:** WLJ - ALlows for commercial vehicle

enforcement in Burnet county?

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

■ HB 2196 Schaefer, Matt(R) Relating to state emergency management during a state of disaster. Remarks: MGV - Weakens executive orders ability to have the force and effect of law. Prohibits the Gov from suspending a state agency order or rule during a state of disaster. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed **1** □ HB 2197 Hull, Lacey (F)(R) Relating to the statement of residence required to vote. **Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a provisional ballot include a field for the inclusion of the voters current county of residence. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed ■ HB 2202 Gonzalez, Mary(D) Relating to high school deputy voter registrars. **Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a deputy registrar to provide instruction one a school year on the importance of voting, process of voter registration, nature of voting systems, election dates and early voting process, and the locations and hours of local polling places. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed  $\bigcirc$  HB 2203 Romero, Ramon(D) Relating to the powers of certain regional transportation authorities. Companions: HB 2531 Romero, Ramon(D) (Refiled from 86R Session) Powell, Beverly (F)(D) (Refiled SB 1299 from 86R Session) SB 762 Powell, Beverly(D) (Identical) 2-23-21 S Filed Remarks: aph - limits a regional mobility authority from entering into a lease or financing agreement for longer than five years unless that lease or agreement is approved by voters. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed  $\bigcirc$  HB 2204 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to charitable bingo. **Remarks:** MGV - Poses no requirement the Lottery Commission to notify a county or a city of the issuance of a temporary license to a non-annual license holder bingo operator. Requires

remittance of 50% of the bingo prize fee to the

county if the game is conducted in unincorporated area and county voted to impose fee by November 1, 2019; 25% remitted to county if game conducted in city and county voted to impose fee by November 1, 2019.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2210 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to the authority of a local

government to enter into an

intergovernmental support agreement with a branch of the armed forces of the United

States.

**Companions:** SB 780 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)

2-24-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLj - Allows for an intergovernmental contract

with a branch of the us military for military support

services.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2212 Munoz, Sergio(D) Relating to the selection of the board of

directors of an appraisal district.

Companions: HB 483 Phelan, Dade(R) (Refiled

from 86R Session)

HB 1534 Munoz, Sergio(D) (Refiled

from 86R Session)

Remarks: aph - Establishes a system for the Comptroller to

audit an Appraisal District if all taxing units within the AD request such. Also, reconfigured the makeup of the AD to make it elected from one person from each Commissioner precincts and

the tax-assessor collector.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

■ HB 2215 Hernandez, Ana(D) Relating to private spaces in certain buildings

for diaper changing stations.

Remarks: WLJ - Requires construction or renovation of a

building with one or more publicly available restrooms to include a diaper changing station that shall be maintained. Provides exceptions to

include a governmental entity where the installation would be infeasible, noncompliant in

building code or limit access for those with a

disability.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

□ HB 2216 Bernal, Diego(D)

Relating to the period for disposing of a charge that a person violated a condition of release from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Only allows for a warrant for parole

violation if an indictment, information or complaint is filed in court before the 41st day alleging an

offense was committed.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

THB 2218 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the rates of the state gasoline

and diesel fuel taxes.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for an annual fuel tax increase

based on CPI.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

 □ HB 2221 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to mobile source emissions

reductions and transportation electrification.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates the Texas Transportation Council

to create a statewide electric vehicle policy plan.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

■ HB 2222 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to a study by the Texas Department

of Transportation on future transportation

needs for the year 2045.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the transportation institute to

study the projected transportation needs for the

state through 2045.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

**1** □ HB 2224 Bell, Cecil(R) Relating to rates established by

municipalities for water and sewer services.

**Companions:** HB 4114 Bell, Cecil(R) (Refiled

> from 86R Session)

SB 2322 Creighton, Brandon(R) (Refiled

> from 86R Session)

SB 784

Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)

2-24-21 S Filed

WLJ - A municipality or a municipally owned utility Remarks:

> 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: 2-24-21 H Filed

■ HB 2229 Hull, Lacey (F)(R) Relating to the prosecution of a criminal offense prohibiting certain weapons on the premises of a polling place. **Remarks:** WLJ - Amends violation of carrying a weapon to ta polling place to only be prohibited in the portion of the premises where voting or other election activities are occurring. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed □ HB 2232 Bucy, John(D) Relating to a local option election to allow the sale of certain alcoholic beverages on Sunday. **Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for local option election to approve Sunday alcohol sales. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed □ HB 2236 Hernandez, Ana(D) Relating to the authority of a county to adopt a land bank program. **Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes a county to adopt a land bank program - allows for sale of real property ordered sold pursuant to foreclosure of a tax lien for the development of affordable housing. Harris County bill. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed □ HR 2239 Gates, Gary(R) Relating to providing automatic tax relief to certain parties affected by an emergency order, proclamation, or regulation. Remarks: WLJ - Creates automatic tax relief if a business is subject to orders that prevent customers from patronizing it due to governmental order; same for an order prohibiting evictions. The taxes are based on the entitiy that prevented the business to occur. Governor = state taxes, mayor - city taxes etc. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

□ HB 2242 Patterson, Jared(R)

for county and municipal firefighters and police officers.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a city/county to provide a fully

paid leave of absence for illness/injury related to line of duty for a firefighter/police officer, for up to one year. Allows for the use of sick, vacation and other accrued leave after that. After that is expended they may take 12 weeks of unpaid leave. Requires offering light duty assignment for up to a year.

Relating to illness or injury leave of absence

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

■ HB 2244 Wilson, Terry(R) Relating to the annual state salary supplement for a county judge. **Remarks:** WLJ - Expands the county judges supplement to include all judges, not just those who have 40% of their duties be judicial. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed **1** □ HB 2245 Shine, Hugh(R) Relating to notice to a property owner by an appraisal district of a change in the account number assigned to the property by the district for purposes of the appraisal records. Remarks: WLJ - Requires notification to a home owner if a unique account number is changed on the property. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed  $\bigcap$   $\bigcap$  HB 2248 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to next generation 9-1-1 services provided through an Internet Protocol network and wireless service provider expense reimbursements for certain counties. Remarks: WLJ - Expands the 911 user fee to include wireless devices for location identification and deployment of 911 services. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed ■ HB 2249 Hefner, Cole(R) Relating to authority of the governor and certain political subdivisions to regulate firearms, ammunition, knives, air guns, explosives, and combustibles and certain associated businesses during certain disasters and emergencies. Companions: HB 1500 (Identical) Hefner, Cole(R) 2-25-21 H Filed SB 18 Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical) 2-24-21 S Filed Remarks: MGV - Bans a prohibition or restriction on the business of a firearms manufacturer/wholesaler/supplier, retailer, or shooting range in connection with a disaster. Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed  $\blacksquare$  HB 2253 Slawson, Shelby (F)(R) Relating to the cancellation of a person's voter registration on notice that the person

has acknowledged that the person is not a

citizen.

**Companions:** SB 953 Fallon, Pat (F)(R) (Refiled from 86R

Session)

HB 1924 Schofield, Mike(R) (Identical)

2-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MJV-Repeals language requiring a voter registrar

to verify citizenship for someone who has been excused from jury duty due to status as a non-citizen. Instead, the registrar will cancel a voter's

registration immediately.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

THB 2254 Buckley, Brad(R) Relating to the creation of an additional

judicial district in Bell County.

Remarks: WLJ - Creates a new district court in Bell County

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2260 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to the name used by a candidate on

an application for a place on the ballot and the form of a candidate's name on a ballot.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows a candidate to file with the name

they are known by, with 50 affidavits required that

verify that is their common used name.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

 $\bigcap$  HB 2262 Schofield, Mike(R) Relating to registration and inspection

requirements for certain local government

fleet vehicles.

Remarks: WLJ - Allows for the extended registration and

inspection of 3 years for local government fleet vehicles that are exempt from registration fee.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

THB 2263 Paul, Dennis(R) Relating to the requirements for accepting

certain election materials.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits ability to cure a ballot.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

□ HB 2264 Paul, Dennis(R) Relating to the appointment, suspension,

and termination of a county elections

administrator.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires 4/5s vote for the appointment of

an election administrator, currently it is a majority.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

THE 2265 Paul, Dennis(R) Relating to the hours for voting during the

early voting period.

Remarks: WLJ - Prohibits voting outside the hours of 7am

and 7pm.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

■ HB 2266 Paul, Dennis(R) Relating to the appointment of election

officers.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires to be appointed as a presiding

judge or an election they must be appointed

explicitly as provided by the statute.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2267 Paul, Dennis(R) Relating to the sale and purchase of retail

fireworks permits from an Internet website.

**Remarks:** MGV - Restricts sale and purchase of retail

fireworks permits to a website provided by the Insurance Commissioner. Repeals provision that an outdated permit may be exchanged for a current permit only in the year following the

permit's expiration.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

Turner, John(D) Relating to the state reserve of personal

protective equipment for health care workers

and essential personnel.

**Companions:** HB 1989 Thierry, Shawn(D) (Identical)

2-22-21 H Filed

SB 437 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) (Identical)

1-26-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires DSHS to create a PPE

depository for front line workers of at least 90 day

supply.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HB 2271 Turner, John(D) Relating to a state plan for responding to

pandemics.

**Companions:** HB 1922 Thierry, Shawn(D) (Identical)

2-12-21 H Filed

SB 435 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) (Identical)

1-26-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Directs TDEM to prepare a pandemic

response plan. Provisions may include

communicating with governmental and private entities to facilitate coordination and

collaboration.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

**1** ☐ HB 2272 Ordaz Perez, Claudia (F) Relating to the delegation of certain

(D)

authority of a county judge or commissioners

court in certain counties.

Remarks: MGV - El Paso County bill. Expands authority to a

chief administrator or another county officer or employee to sign orders or other official documents associated with the county judge's

office. Bracketed to El Paso.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

**1** ☐ HB 2273 Gonzalez, Mary(D)

Relating to eligibility for unemployment compensation for employees who leave the workplace due to sexual harassment.

Companions: HB 572 Gonzalez, Mary(D)

(Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - An employee is eligible for unemployment compensation if he/she leaves because of sexual harassment. Employee must report the sexual harassment to his/her employer, law enforcement agency, or file a complaint with the commission under Employment Discrimination chapter or with the Fed. Equal Employment Opportunity

commission.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

**1** □ HJR 96 Reynolds, Ron(D) 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.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Constitutional Amendment to allow denial

of bail to a person if a judge determines with clear and convincing evidence a person will not show

up for court if released.

Last Action: 2-22-21 H Filed

□ □ H1R 98 Schaefer, Matt(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the right of a person to travel in and operate a vehicle using human decision-

making.

Remarks:

WLJ - Constitutional amendment providing a person with the right to travel in a man operated

vehicle.

Last Action: 2-23-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  HJR 99 Canales, Terry(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment

authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of

unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted

areas in the county.

**Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment expanding

authorization to counties for financing development/redevelopment of unproductive

areas in the county.

Last Action: 2-24-21 H Filed

 $\bigcirc$  SB 18 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to authority of the governor and

certain political subdivisions to regulate firearms, ammunition, knives, air guns, explosives, and combustibles and certain associated businesses during certain

disasters and em

**Companions:** HB 1500 Hefner, Cole(R) (Identical)

2-25-21 H Filed

HB 2249 Hefner, Cole(R) (Identical)

2-24-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Bans a prohibition or restriction on the

business of a firearms

manufacturer/wholesaler/supplier, retailer, or shooting range in connection with a disaster.

Last Action: 2-24-21 S Filed

 $\bigcirc$  SB 681 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to requiring school districts to adopt

a policy regarding the idling of the engine of

a school bus.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires School Districts adopt a policy on

school bus idiling.

Last Action: 2-22-21 S Filed

 $\bigcirc$  SB 682 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to the regulation of migrant labor

housing facilities.

**Companions:** HB 50 Romero, Ramon(D) (Refiled

from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Provides for a process for the licensing and

inspection of migrant housing.

Last Action: 2-22-21 S Filed

 $\bigcirc$  SB 684 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to an affirmative defense to a Texas

Commission on Environmental Quality enforcement action for unauthorized

emission events.

Companions: HB 4087 Blanco, Cesar(D) (Refiled

from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals authority for the commission by

rule may establish an affirmative defense to a commission enforcement action if the emissions event meets criteria defined by commission rule

Last Action: 2-22-21 S Filed

**1** ☐ SB 691 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to associate judges for guardianship

proceedings and protective services

proceedings in certain courts.

**Companions:** HB 79 Murr, Andrew(R) (Identical)

2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary

and Civil Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires presiding judge of each

administrative judicial region to determine whether those courts require appointment of a full-time or part-time associate judge to assist with guardianship proceedings or protective

services proceedings.

Last Action: 2-22-21 S Filed

TISB 696 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to authorizing certain counties to

impose a hotel occupancy tax and the use of

revenue from that tax.

**Companions:** HB 1764 Guillen, Ryan(D) (Identical)

2-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** County of 60K or less hotel occupancy tax.

Last Action: 2-22-21 S Filed

 $\bigcap \bigcap SR 698$  Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the authority of a court to grant a

motion for a new trial in certain criminal

cases.

**Companions:** HB 1293 Smithee, John(R) (Identical)

1-22-21 H Filed

**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: 2-22-21 S Filed

 $\bigcirc$  Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the disclosure of appraisal reports

in connection with the use of eminent

domain authority.

**Companions:** HB 2041 Leman, Ben(R) (Identical)

2-22-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Mandates disclosure of all appraisal reports

regarding subject property produced or acquired by an entity exercising eminent domain authority no later than 3 business days before the special

commissioners hearing.

Last Action: 2-22-21 S Filed

☐ SB 722 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the failure to disclose certain

appraisal reports by an entity with eminent domain authority in connection with an offer

to acquire real property.

**Remarks:** WLJ - An entity that fails to disclose certain

appraisal reports in connection with an offer to acquire real property through eminent domain is liable to the property owner for reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the owner in connection with the entity's acquisition of the

owner's property.

Last Action: 2-22-21 S Filed

 $\bigcirc$  Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to certain requirements in

connection with the acquisition of real property for public use by an entity with

eminent domain authority.

**Companions:** HB 2042 Leman, Ben(R) (Identical)

2-22-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** provide that if an entity with eminent domain

authority provides a form to an owner of real property requesting the owner's permission to enter the property to examine the property or conduct a survey of the property in connection with the potential acquisition of the property for a public use, the form must conspicuously state that: the owner has a right to refuse to grant permission to the entity to enter the property and conduct the examination or survey; the entity has a right to sue for a court order authorizing the entity to enter the property and conduct the examination or survey if the owner refuses to grant the permission; the owner has a right to

negotiate the terms of the examination or survey of the property; and the entity has the responsibility for any damages arising from an examination or survey of the property.

At the time a governmental or private entity with eminent domain authority makes an initial offer to a property owner to acquire real property, the entity must send by first-class mail a landowner's bill of rights statement to the last known address of the person in whose name the property is listed on the most recent property tax roll.

Requires a condemning entity that makes an initial offer that includes real property that the entity does not seek to acquire by condemnation to include in the initial offer: a separate identification of the real property that the entity does not seek to acquire by condemnation; and an offer for the real property that the entity does not seek to acquire by condemnation separate from the offer made for the real property sought to be acquired by condemnation.

Last Action: 2-22-21 S Filed

 $\bigcirc$  Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the award of attorney's fees and

other costs in an eminent domain

proceeding.

Last Action: 2-22-21 S Filed

□ SB 725 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the qualification of land for

appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as agricultural land and the liability for the additional tax imposed on such land if the use of the land changes as a result of a

condemnatio

**Companions:** HB 2043 Leman, Ben(R) (Identical)

2-22-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - land qualifies for appraisal for property tax

purposes as agricultural land if a portion or parcel of the land is subject to a right of way that is less than 200 feet wide and that was taken by condemnation if the remainder of the parcel of land qualifies for appraisal as agricultural land; and if additional taxes are due because the land is diverted to a nonagricultural use as a result of a condemnation, the additional taxes and interest are the personal obligation of the condemning entity and not the property owner from whom the

property was taken

Last Action: 2-22-21 S Filed

 $\bigcirc$  SB 726 Schwertner, Charles(R)

Relating to establishing actual progress for the purposes of determining the right to repurchase real property from a condemning

entity.

**Companions:** HB 2044 Leman, Ben(R) (Identical)

2-22-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - eliminate as an element establishing

"actual progress" on a project for eminent domain purposes: the acquisition of a tract or parcel of real property adjacent to the property for the same public use project for which the owner's property was acquired; and for a governmental entity, the adoption by a majority of the entity's governing body at a public hearing of a development plan for a public use project that indicates that the entity will not complete more than one tolling action before the tenth anniversary of the date of acquisition of the property.

Require three of five remaining elements to be met to establish actual progress.

Last Action: 2-22-21 S Filed

**1** ☐ SB 729 Johnson, Nathan(D)

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

information law.

**Companions:** HB 1810 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Identical)

2-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Makes public data dictionaries and other

indicia of the type or category of information in each field in a database. Requires gov bodies to release public information in electronic and searchable and/or sortable format if software

used by gov has that capability.

Last Action: 2-22-21 S Filed

 $\bigcirc$  SB 734 Paxton, Angela(R)

Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by a charitable organization that provides services related to the placement of a child in a foster or

adoptive home.

**Remarks:** WLJ - would exempt from property taxes property

owned by a charitable organization that provides services related to the placement of a child in a foster or adoptive home or providing relief to women who are or may be pregnant and who are considering placing their unborn children for

adoption.

Last Action: 2-22-21 S Filed

 $\bigcirc$  SB 737 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to the carrying of a handgun by certain first responders. **Companions:** HB 1069 Harris, Cody(R) (Identical) 1-12-21 H Filed **Remarks:** WLJ - Expands authority to carry a firearm to include all first responders, currently applies only to volunteer emergency service personnel. Requires completion of a certified training course. Defines first responder to include a public safety employee or volunteer who must respond rapidly in an emergency. Last Action: 2-23-21 S Filed **1** □ SB 738 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to the right of recusal from the performance of certain marriage ceremonies. **Companions:** SB 1009 Birdwell, Brian(R) (Refiled from 86R Session) Remarks: WLJ - Allows a person authorized to conduct marriages to recuse themselves due to a religious belief. Last Action: 2-23-21 S Filed **1** □ SB 742 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to installment payments of ad valorem taxes on property in a disaster area. **Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a taxing unit to authorize installment payments for a property damaged as a result of a disaster. Last Action: 2-23-21 S Filed **1** □ SB 747 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to law enforcement policies prohibiting a peace officer from using a chemical device against a minor. **Remarks:** WLJ - Each law enforcement agency shall adopt a policy prohibiting use of chemical devices on person 18 and under. Last Action: 2-23-21 S Filed **1** □ SB 748 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to requiring law enforcement agencies to make certain radio communications available to the public. **Remarks:** WLJ - Requires law enforcement to make radio communications used by the agency readily accessible to the general public. Allows for

confidential special ops and intelligence communications.

communications.

Last Action: 2-23-21 S Filed

 $\bigcirc$  SB 756 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the cessation of tolls by toll

project entities in certain circumstances.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Reqires cease of tolls when the project is

paid and all bonds are paid. May not use the

funds for another project.

Last Action: 2-23-21 S Filed

 $\bigcirc \square$  SB 760 Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to the removal of solar power

facilities.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a solar power lease agreement to

include removing the power facilites from the land

and cleaning all indication of the facilities

existence.

Last Action: 2-23-21 S Filed

 $\bigcirc$  SB 761 Seliger, Kel(R) Relating to the governing body of the

independent organization certified to manage the ERCOT power region.

Companions: HB 2034 Raymond, Richard(D) (Identical)

2-22-21 H Filed

HB 2078 Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical)

2-23-21 H Filed

SB 835 Alvarado, Carol(D) (Identical)

2-26-21 S Filed

Remarks: WLJ - Requires a person live in the state of Texas

to be qualified to serve on the ERCOT board.

Last Action: 2-23-21 S Filed

 $\bigcap \bigcap SB$  762 Powell, Beverly(D) Relating to the powers of certain regional

transportation authorities.

Companions: HB 2531 Romero, Ramon(D) (Refiled

from 86R Session)

SB 1299 Powell, Beverly (F)(D) (Re

(Refiled

JD 1233 TOWEII, DEVEITY (T)(D)

from 86R Session)

HB 2203 Romero, Ramon(D) (Identical)

2-24-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** aph - limits a regional mobility authority from

entering into a lease or financing agreement for longer than five years unless that lease or

agreement is approved by voters.

Last Action: 2-23-21 S Filed

**1** □ SB 763 Powell, Beverly(D) Relating to the creation of the urban air mobility advisory committee. **Remarks:** WLj - Txdot shall assess ability to develop an urban air mobility infrastructure in the state. Last Action: 2-23-21 S Filed **1** □ SB 769 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to taxpayers' suits. Companions: HB 2080 Leman, Ben(R) (Identical) 2-23-21 H Filed Last Action: 2-23-21 S Filed **1** □ SB 778 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the review by local governmental entities of certain sales and use tax audit reports and audit working papers. **Remarks:** WLJ - Adds in for review audit reports, and audit working papers on items that are subject to review Last Action: 2-24-21 S Filed **1** □ SB 779 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the selection of forensic science professional services by governmental entities. **Remarks:** WLJ - Adds to the definition of professional services, which may not be hired based on competitive bid, instead on competence and qualifications, to include a forensic analyst or forensic science expert. Last Action: 2-24-21 S Filed **1** □ SB 780 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the authority of a local government to enter into an intergovernmental support agreement with a branch of the armed forces of the United States. Companions: HB 2210 Raymond, Richard(D) (Identical) 2-24-21 H Filed Remarks: WLj - Allows for an intergovernmental contract with a branch of the us military for military support services. Last Action: 2-24-21 S Filed □ SB 784 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to rates established by municipalities for water and sewer services.

	Companions:	HB 4114	Bell, Cecil(R)	(Refiled from 86R		
		SB 2322	Creighton, Brandon(R)	Session) R) (Refiled from 86R Session) (Identical)		
		HB 2224	Bell, Cecil(R) 2-24-21 H Filed			
	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:	2-24-21 S Filed				
<b>1</b> □ SB 786	Creighton, Brandon(R)	Relating to the eligibility of certain retired firefighters and emergency medical services providers to purchase continued health benefits coverage.				
	Companions:	HB 2171	Metcalf, Will(R) 2-24-21 H Filed	(Identical)		
	Remarks:	WLJ - Expands who can request buy in for continued health coverage at retirement to include a firefighter or EMS provider from the EMS district in a county of 200k or more.				
	Last Action:	2-24-21 S Filed				
<b>1</b> □ SB 790	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	Relating to county authority to balance bill for county air ambulance services.  WLJ - Allows a county to consider insurance payment for air ambulance services as payment in full regardless of the amount the county charged.				
	Remarks:					
	Last Action:	2-24-21 S F	2-24-21 S Filed			
<b>1</b> □ SB 794	Campbell, Donna(R)	Relating to eligibility for the exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of a totally disabled veteran.				
	Remarks:	exemption for	NLJ - amends eligibility for property tax exemption for a totally disabled veteran to one who has been "awarded" 100 percent disability.			
	Last Action: 2-24-21 S Filed					
<b>1</b> □ SB 799	Nelson, Jane(R)	Relating to contracting procedures and requirements for governmental entities.				
	Remarks:					

WLJ - Among other things, allows for the rewarding of a contract for professional services of a physician or registered nurse be based on experience and is not subject to competitive bidding.

Last Action: 2-24-21 S Filed

 $\bigcirc$  SB 800 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to certain required reports or

information received or prepared by state agencies and other governmental entities.

Last Action: 2-24-21 S Filed

 $\bigcirc$  SJR 40 Miles, Borris(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment to

permit additional uses of certain dedicated general revenue transferred each fiscal year

to the state highway fund.

**Companions:** HJR 109 Walle, Armando(D) (Identical)

2-25-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands allowable use of the state

highway fund to include public transpiration,

bicycle paths and sidewalks.

Last Action: 2-23-21 S Filed

All Track

**Total Bills:** 159 159

Track(s): (Master List Only) 

Position: (None)

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