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- HB 1      [Bonnen, Greg\(R\)](#)      General Appropriations Bill.
- Remarks:** House Version of the Appropriations Act
- Last Action:** 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
- HB 2      [Bonnen, Greg\(R\)](#)      Relating to making supplemental appropriations and reductions in appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Supplemental Budget
- Last Action:** 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
- HB 4      [Price, Four\(R\)](#)      Relating to telemedicine, telehealth, and technology-related health care services.
- Companions:** [HB 974](#)      [Price, Four\(R\)](#)      (Identical)  
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
- [SB 412](#)      [Buckingham, Dawn\(R\)](#)      (Identical)  
1-25-21 S Filed
- Remarks:** WLj - Requires telehealth for various programs including ECI, physical therapy, School health services, nutritional counseling.
- Last Action:** 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
- HB 5      [Ashby, Trent\(R\)](#)      Relating to the expansion of broadband services to certain areas.
- Remarks:** MGv - Establishes the broadband development office within the Comptroller's office to establish a program to award grants, low-interest loans for purpose of expanding access to broadband and prepare a broadband plan. Creates a broadband development account in GR consisting of appropriations; grants; and interest earned on investment.
- Last Action:** 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

HB 9 Klick, Stephanie(R) Relating to the criminal punishment and conditions of community supervision for the offense of obstructing a highway or other passageway.

**Remarks:** MGV - Creates state felony for obstructing a highway or other passageway. If community supervision is granted to a defendant, requires at least 10 days of confinement in county jail.

**Last Action:** 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

HB 1500 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 2249 Hefner, Cole(R) (Identical)  
2-24-21 H Filed  
SB 18 Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)  
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**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:** 3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

HB 2281 Hefner, Cole(R) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of possessing a weapon in certain prohibited places associated with schools or postsecondary educational institutions.

**Companions:** HB 1009 Metcalf, Will(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
SB 117 Creighton, Brandon(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** JBD - Expands ability for handgun licensees to carry weapons on private college campuses and in any building owned or controlled by a public or private postsecondary educational institution.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

HB 2282 Toth, Steve(R) Relating to district and county attorney counsel in federal enforcement of laws regulating firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunitions within the State of Texas.

**Remarks:** JBD - Prohibits district and county attorney from being of counsel in federal court for enforcement of federal firearm regulation.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

HB 2283 King, Phil(R) Relating to the funding of and expenditures made by certain bodies governing elections.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits accepting a contribution from an individual,

corporation, partnership, trust, or other third party by an election commission or election board. In addition, prohibits using funds not appropriated by the governing body of the political subdivision.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

- HB 2285** Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the regulation of and criminal offenses occurring near certain child-care facilities and age restrictions on persons employed by or allowed on the premises of a sexually oriented business.

**Remarks:** JBD - Tightens regulations on sexually oriented businesses.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

- HB 2288** White, James(R) Relating to the repeal of the additional ad valorem taxes imposed as a result of the sale or change in the use of land appraised as agricultural or open-space land.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Repeals taxes imposed as a result of sale or change in use of land appraised as ag or open-space land.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

- HB 2290** Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to the affirmative defense to prosecution for a criminal offense for persons acting under duress.

**Remarks:** JBD - Alters the definition of duress under the Penal Code.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

- HB 2291** Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to eligibility requirements for public office and to the form of an application for a place on the ballot.

**Remarks:** WLJ - To be eligible for public office, a person with a felony is required to provide documentation of a pardon or other documentation proving removal of disability.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

- HB 2292** Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of a real property interest in oil or gas in place.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Currently, if a real property interest in oil or gas in place is appraised by a method that accounts the future income from the sale of oil or gas, the method must use avg price for preceding calendar year multiplied by a price adjustment factor. The bill would expand to two years and removes the multiplication factor.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

- HB 2293** Patterson, Jared(R) Relating to the hours for voting during the early voting period.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Limits the hours that voting may occur between 6am and 9pm.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

**HB 2295** Wu, Gene(D) Relating to allowing certain counties to cease operation of a juvenile justice alternative education program.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits commissioners courts of counties of 125,000 or more (currently required to have JJAEP) to vote to cease JJAEP operations as no longer necessary or cost effective.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

**HB 2302** White, James(R) Relating to the creation of the criminal offense of a peace officer making a false statement in an incident report.

**Remarks:** JBD - New Class A misdemeanor if peace officer makes a false statement in an offense report.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

**HB 2303** Kacal, Kyle(R) Relating to the carrying or possession of a handgun by peace officers, special investigators, certain retired law enforcement officers, municipal attorneys, and assistant municipal attorneys and the issuance of handgun.

**Remarks:** JBD - Makes it easier for municipal and assistant municipal attorneys to get license to carry handgun.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

**HB 2306** Fierro, Art(D) Relating to the denial of the registration of a motor vehicle based on certain information provided by a county to the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires DMV to develop and implement a system through which counties may provide information that a vehicle owner owes the county money for a fine, fee or tax that is past due or failed to appear in court. Removes DMV from being a recipient of the additional reimbursement fee.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

**HB 2311** Krause, Matt(R) Relating to limitations on increases in the appraised value for ad valorem tax purposes of residence homesteads and single-family residences other than residence homesteads.

**Remarks:** aph - sets a 5% appraisal cap for resident homestead properties and establishes a 10% cap on other single family properties even if they are not homesteads.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

**HB 2312** Guerra, Bobby(D) Relating to an immunization rate tracking system for employees and residents of certain long-term care facilities.

**Companions:** **HB 1361** Wu, Gene(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
**HB 1423** Guerra, Bobby(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** VRS - Requires long term care facilities to maintain an

immunization tracking system for their employees and residents. The facilities must provide the immunization rate data upon request.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  HB 2318 Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to the content and numbering of propositions on the ballot.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires an alphabet letter be used on a ballot where more than one political subdivisions proposition appears on a ballot.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  HB 2319 Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) Relating to the use of public money to compensate a person who lobbies the federal government.

**Remarks:** aph - expands the definition of lobbyist for state agencies to limit the types of firms/persons who cannot be hired using public monies.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  HB 2320 Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) Relating to creating the criminal offense of pre-filling an application for a ballot to be voted by mail.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a state jail felony for prefilling out a ballot for another person.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  HB 2321 Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) Relating to signature verification on an early voting ballot voted by mail.

**Remarks:** WLJ - For signature verification of a ballot requires the committee also refer to the signature on file with DPS and the county clerk or voter registrar.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  HB 2322 Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) Relating to the release of information of voters receiving a ballot by mail.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Changes when a mail in ballot can be inspected to the first business day after election date (November).

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  HB 2329 Cook, David (F)(R) Relating to the qualifications required to hold the office of constable.

**Remarks:** MGV - Removes associate's degree requirement to qualify as a constable.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  HB 2335 Middleton, Mayes(R) Relating to civil liability of certain prosecutors for policies related to the prosecution of rioters.

**Remarks:** MGV - Creates civil liability for significant physical injury, death, or property damage if caused by criminal conduct that

occurred during a riot and in the prosecutor's jurisdiction and was a foreseeable outcome of the riot and the prosecutor had established, at time of riot, a formal or informal policy of not prosecuting an individual who engages in criminal conduct as part of a riot. Waives immunity.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  HB 2339 Klick, Stephanie(R)

Relating to the use of information from the lists of noncitizens and nonresidents excused or disqualified from jury service.

**Companions:** SB 155 Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)  
3- 8-21 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires court clerks to send lists of non-residents excused from jury duty to the AG, Sec of State, and local prosecutor to investigate possible illegal voting.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  HB 2342 Zwiener, Erin(D)

Relating to installment payments of ad valorem taxes imposed on residence homesteads.

**Companions:** HB 992 Shine, Hugh(R) (Identical)  
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**Remarks:** aph - establishes an installment payment provision for taxpayers on a property with a resident homestead exemption.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  HB 2347 Klick, Stephanie(R)

Relating to voting after polls close during early voting.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires for voters waiting in line after voting closes to be given a numbered id card if the polling place can not be physically closed to others getting into line after the time cut off.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  HB 2353 Neave, Victoria(D)

Relating to the submission of evidence of sexual assault and other sex offenses for analysis by public accredited crime laboratories.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires a law enforcement agency that fails to submit evidence of a sexual assault or other sex offense to a public accredited crime lab w/in required period to provide written documentation of the failure to DPS.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2354 Holland, Justin(R)

Relating to the governing body of the independent organization to ensure access, reliability, adequacy, production, and market information of the ERCOT power region.

**Companions:** SB 743 Springer, Drew (F)(R) (Identical)  
2-23-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires ERCOT board members to be TX residents.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2356 Neave, Victoria(D) Relating to a veteran suicide tracking system and required reporting of veteran suicides by certain persons.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires ME and JPs to provide TX Veterans Commission any relevant information related to the suicide of a veteran.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2358 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for certain false reports that are made to certain law enforcement and corrections entities.

**Remarks:** MGV - If it's shown during trial that a false statement consisted of an allegation that another person committed a crime, creates an offense of the greater of the category of offense the most serious offense falsely reported or a class a misdemeanor.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2361 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to the new technology implementation grant program administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Amends percentage allocations of TERP funds.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2362 Harris, Cody(R) Relating to municipalities and counties that adopt budgets that defund law enforcement agencies.

**Remarks:** aph - allows the Gov's office of criminal justice to issue a finding about whether a city or county has reduced funding of LEOs. Does not contain a remedy other than publishing the information.

Exempts any revenue received from bonds, grants, donations or gifts.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2366 Buckley, Brad(R) Relating to criminal conduct that endangers law enforcement.

**Remarks:** MGV - Creates increased penalty for use of a laser pointer to a felony of the third degree if the conduct causes bodily injury to law enforcement officer or a felony of the first degree if the conduct causes serious bodily injury. Creates a state jail felony if a person explodes or ignites fireworks with the intent to interfere with law enforcement or flee from an officer.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2367 Harris, Cody(R) Relating to the use of certain license plates utilizing integrated circuit technology.

**Companions:** SB 943 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)  
3- 2-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV- Allows for use of integrated circuit technology for license plates.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

HB 2368 Morales Shaw, Penny (F) (D) Relating to the participation by local governments in water quality control measures.

**Remarks:** WLJ \_ Requires Natural Resource Conservation Commission to maintain an electronic portal for local governments to access information on inspections, compliance, and discharges. Adds counties as an interested party.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

HB 2373 Goodwin, Vikki(D) Relating to depository boxes for ballots to be voted by mail.

**Companions:** HB 1385 Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) (Identical)  
3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections  
SB 1043 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 S Filed

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

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

HB 2375 Johnson, Ann (F)(D) Relating to meals provided to jurors during deliberation of a civil case in certain district courts.

**Companions:** SB 1035 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Increases from \$3 per meal to a reasonable amount for a juror in a civil case.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

HB 2383 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to access to certain law enforcement, corrections, and prosecutorial records under the public information law.

**Companions:** SB 975 West, Royce(D) (Identical)  
3- 3-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires a law enforcement agency, by the 60th day after a critical incident occurs, to provide copies of a video recording of the incident to persons who request a copy. Includes body camera video to be made publicly available upon request.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

HB 2384 Sherman, Carl(D) Relating to measures to improve community supervision outcomes.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows departments to implement reporting intervals that are determined by risk, with higher-risk defendants reporting more frequently. Prohibits the Community justice assistance division from reducing the amount of funding to a dept based on the reporting interval of a defendant. Requires a portion of funds used for grant programs for employing certified peer support specialists

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2392 Campos, Liz (F)(D)

Relating to providing prisoners serving a sentence in a county jail with certain documents on discharge.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires prior to discharge, a sheriff determines if a prisoner has a valid license or ID and a birth certificate. If they do not, the sheriff shall submit a request for a personal ID to DPS. TCJS, DPS shall create a memo of understanding and rulemaking. Requires the Sheriff or county commissioner to reimburse DPS or DSHS for the actual costs. Exempts undocumented persons, or non state residents.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2394 Campos, Liz (F)(D)

Relating to a Department of Public Safety program to provide grants to public improvement districts for services for homeless individuals.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires DPS to setup a grant program for counties that have a public improvement district whose point in time homeless census exceeds 500 for unsheltered persons services including security and sanitation.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2396 Meyer, Morgan(R)

Relating to the use of personal driver's license information disclosed by a state agency or political subdivision.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits the use of drivers license data from being used for bulk distribution of surveys, marketing or solicitations.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2400 Ortega, Lina(D)

Relating to public health laboratory testing capabilities in certain counties.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires DSHS prepare a report on access and availability of public laboratories that focus on clinical, environmental, and zoonotic testing capabilities.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2401 Middleton, Mayes(R)

Preserving religious liberty from nativist jurisprudence.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits a state or local officer or employee from enforcing Blaine Amendments. Prohibits a state or local officer from enforcing the Separation of Church and State doctrine against any person or entity. Prohibits a state or local officers from enforcing any restrictions on speech that single out churches or other religious orgs. Allows for civil remedy for violation and upon finding violation, requires court to award declaratory relief; injunctive relief, and attorneys fees.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

**HB 2402** Price, Four(R) Relating to a prohibition on additional state and local taxes, assessments, and fees on ammunition, firearms, and firearm supplies.

**Remarks:** aph - limits the ability of local entities to apply additional fees or taxes on sale of ammunition, firearms, and firearm supplies.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

**HB 2403** Krause, Matt(R) Relating to the procedure for selecting the members of the board of directors of an appraisal district.

**Remarks:** aph - provides the governing body of a taxing unit to vote for appraisal district members at a public meeting and then forward those individuals to the chief appraiser for inclusion on the Board.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

**HB 2404** Meyer, Morgan(R) Relating to the creation and maintenance of a database of information regarding certain local economic development agreements.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the Comptroller create an publicly accessible internet database on local development agreements that includes various information on economic development agreements.

Allows a \$1000 fine for a local government that does not comply with the reporting requirements.

Requires local gov. to submit to the comptroller information on economic development agreements within 7 days of entering into/amending or renewing.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

**HB 2410** Dean, Jay(R) Relating to the location at which certain Internet sales are consummated for purposes of local sales taxes.

**Remarks:** aph - shifts the sales tax for internet and mobile marketplace items to the location where the item is shipped or consumed.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

**HB 2411** Dean, Jay(R) Relating to the authority of certain counties to authorize the operation of an off-highway vehicle on certain roads.

**Remarks:** aph - adds Smith CO as a county that can authorize the operation of ATVs on roadways within the county.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

**HB 2413** Shine, Hugh(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.

**Companions:** SB 449 Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)  
1-26-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** aph - allows a property owner to bring a limited suit against an appraisal district to compel a hearing or other procedural issue under protest.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

HB 2414 Davis, Yvonne(D) Relating to the requirement that a person present photo identification to file a document in the real property records of a county.

**Remarks:** MGV - Expands to all counties the requirement that a person present photo ID to file real property records.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

HB 2419 Shaheen, Matt(R) Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for certain offenses committed during a riot.

**Remarks:** MGV - Automatically increases penalty to the next higher category if a person was participating in a riot.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

HB 2422 Zwiener, Erin(D) Relating to the regulation of aggregate production operations by the commissioners court in certain counties.

**Remarks:** MGV - Applies to counties w/ 500,000+ and Hays County. Allows commissioners court to prohibit the construction or expansion of an aggregate production operation located less than 1 mile from a residence, school, place of worship, or land platted for residential development

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

HB 2424 Murr, Andrew(R) Relating to the definition of homestead.

**Remarks:** MGV - Sets conditions in which a conveyance of a parcel not meeting the definition of an urban homestead is not considered a prohibited pretended sale.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

HB 2425 Murr, Andrew(R) Relating to the eligibility of land for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land on the basis of its use for wildlife management.

**Remarks:** MGV - For land to be considered to be actively used for predator control, requires the landowner to be a member of local predation management organization and allow the local predation management organization or TX Wildlife Services reasonable access to the land.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

HB 2427 Murr, Andrew(R) Relating to the transfer of certain probate proceedings to the county in which the executor or administrator of a decedent's estate resides.

**Companions:** SB 156 Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)  
3- 8-21 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE  
CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows for the transfer of probate proceedings to the county where the executor or administrator of a decedent's estate resides if no immediate family member of the decedent resides in the same county where the decedent resided.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2428 Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to the calculation of net to land in the appraisal of open-space land for ad valorem tax purposes.

**Remarks:** MGV - In calculating net to land of open-space land located in or adjacent to a chronic wasting disease containment zone, requires the CAD to take into consideration the effect that the presences of the disease has on the net income from the land.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2430 Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to the mileage expense reimbursement for certain temporary justices of the peace.

**Remarks:** MGV - Permits commissioners court to authorize reimbursement for mileage for a JP serving as a temporary JP in another precinct.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2436 Davis, Yvonne(D)

Relating to the establishment of a community pretrial review panel by each county for the resolution and diversion of certain misdemeanor cases out of the criminal justice system.

**Remarks:** MGV - Establishes a community pretrial review panel in each county for the resolution and diversion of offenses punishable by fine only or class b misdemeanors involving minor drug possession, criminal mischief, graffiti, petty theft, provides contraband in correctional facility, or driving w/ invalid license.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2438 Meyer, Morgan(R)

Relating to municipalities and counties that adopt budgets that defund law enforcement agencies.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits governing body of a "defunding" taxing unit from adopting a tax rate that exceeds the lesser of the NNR rate or voter-approval rate.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

  HB 2440 White, James(R)

Relating to the eligibility for a license to carry a handgun.

**Companions:** HB 1149 White, James(R) (Refiled from 86R  
Session)

**Remarks:** JBD - Persons with criminal convictions would be eligible for handgun licenses.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

[HB 2441](#) White, James(R) Relating to the imposition and collection of fines, fees, and court costs in criminal cases.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows fines to be considered uncollectible in criminal cases.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

[HB 2442](#) White, James(R) Relating to the creation of the Justice Reinvestment Incentive Program.

**Remarks:** MGV - Permits local authorities in a county to create and implement a 2 yr justice reinvestment plan to reduce the number of persons who are convicted of felonies and incarceration years to which persons are sentenced.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

[HB 2443](#) White, James(R) Relating to persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities confined in county jail.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires the Jail Commission to monitor the intake processes in county jails to assess each jail's ability to properly identify persons w/ intellectual or developmental disabilities and assist jails in improving the intake process.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

[HB 2444](#) White, James(R) Relating to the creation of an advisory committee regarding the confinement in county jail of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

**Remarks:** MGV - Creates an advisory committee to Commission on Jail Standards re: confinement of IDD persons in jails

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

[HB 2445](#) White, James(R) Relating to veterans placed on community supervision or confined in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires community supervision departments to develop and implement a comprehensive veterans benefits plan to determine if a defendant is a vet and assist the defendant in obtaining any fed or state veterans benefits.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 H Filed

[HJR 106](#) White, James(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment repealing the provision that subjects land designated for agricultural use to an additional tax when the land is diverted to a purpose other than agricultural use or sold.

**Companions:** [HJR 107](#) Sanford, Scott(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

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

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  HJR 107 Schofield, Mike(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for an exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes of a dollar amount or a percentage, whichever is greater, of the market value of a residence homest

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  HJR 108 Krause, Matt(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a lower limit on the maximum appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem tax purposes and to establish a limit on the value.

**Remarks:** aph - constitutional authorization for HB 2311 authorizing a 5% appraisal cap

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  HJR 109 Walle, Armando(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment to permit additional uses of certain dedicated general revenue transferred each fiscal year to the state highway fund.

**Companions:** [SJR 40](#) Miles, Borris(D) (Identical)  
2-23-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands allowable use of the state highway fund to include public transpiration, bicycle paths and sidewalks.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  HJR 111 Klick, Stephanie(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing legislative action at any time during a regular session of the legislature on a bill that extends the existence of an agency, commission, or advisory committee following legisl

**Companions:** [HJR 79](#) Klick, Stephanie(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment authorizing the Legislature at any time during a regular session to act on any bill to extend the existence of an agency, commission, or advisory committee following legislative review.

**Last Action:** 2-25-21 H Filed

  SB 5 Nichols, Robert(R) Relating to the expansion of broadband services to certain areas.

**Remarks:** MGV - Establishes a state broadband development office attached to the UT System to award grants, low-interest loans, other financial incentives for expanding broadband access. Creates a broadband development account in GR of appropriations, grants, and interest.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

- SB 21 **Huffman, Joan(R)** Relating to rules for fixing the amount of bail, to the release of certain defendants on bail bond or personal bond, to related duties of a magistrate in a criminal case.
- Remarks:** Bail reform
- Last Action:** 3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence
- SB 806 **Menendez, Jose(D)** Relating to the care of pregnant women in county jail or in the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.
- Companions:** [HB 1307](#) Gonzalez, Mary(D) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Corrections
- 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:** 2-25-21 S Filed
- SB 807 **Menendez, Jose(D)** Relating to certain inspections of county jails by the Commission on Jail Standards.
- Companions:** [HB 1308](#) Gonzalez, Mary(D) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs
- Remarks:** MGV - Requires Jail Commission to conduct unannounced annual inspections of county jails.
- Last Action:** 2-25-21 S Filed
- SB 811 **Schwertner, Charles(R)** Relating to a defense to prosecution for certain offenses involving possession of small amounts of controlled substances, marihuana, dangerous drugs, or abusable volatile chemicals, or possession of drug paraphernal
- Companions:** [HB 1694](#) Raney, John(R) (Identical)  
2- 9-21 H Filed
- Remarks:** MGV - Creates a defense to prosecution for person calling 911 to aid an individual who appears to have overdosed.
- Last Action:** 2-25-21 S Filed
- SB 835 **Alvarado, Carol(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  
[HB 2078](#) Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical)  
2-23-21 H Filed  
[SB 761](#) Seliger, Kel(R) (Identical)

2-23-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a person live in the state of Texas to be qualified to serve on the ERCOT board.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 S Filed

  SB 837 Alvarado, Carol(D) Relating to hiring and licensing certain veterans as peace officers.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Authorizes a political subdivision to employ a legal permanent resident who is honorably discharged w/ 2 years of service as a peace officer.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 S Filed

  SB 839 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the regulation of electric vehicle charging equipment by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Regulations overseeing electric vehicle charging stations. Creates a fee with 50% going to the local government.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 S Filed

  SB 841 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the availability of personal information of individuals who are honorably retired from certain law enforcement positions.

**Companions:** [HB 1440](#) Schaefer, Matt(R) (Identical)  
3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

**Remarks:** MGJ - Extends confidentiality protections on personal information of those honorably retired (did not retire in lieu of any disciplinary actions, was ineligible to retire due to injury, eligible to receive pension)from law enforcement

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 S Filed

  SB 842 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to training on community-based policing for certain persons licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires TCOLE include community based policing in their training.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 S Filed

  SB 843 Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to the sale of certain food by food service establishments.

**Companions:** [HB 1276](#) Parker, Tan(R) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows restaurants to sell food products directly to a consumer, if the food is not prepared food.

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 S Filed

- SB 851 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to the composition of the cybersecurity council.
- Companions:** HB 350 Blanco, Cesar(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
 SB 1785 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
 HB 2065 Dominguez, Alex(D) (Identical)  
 2-23-21 H Filed
- Remarks:** MGV - Adds Secretary of State to the cybersecurity council.
- Last Action:** 2-26-21 S Filed
- SB 854 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the imposition of consecutive sentences for certain offenses arising out of the same criminal episode.
- Companions:** HB 1403 Johnson, Ann (F)(D) (Identical)  
 3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence
- 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:** 2-26-21 S Filed
- SB 856 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to the appointment of a receivership for and disposition of certain platted lots that are abandoned, unoccupied, and undeveloped in certain counties.
- Companions:** HB 1564 Gonzalez, Mary(D) (Identical)  
 2- 3-21 H Filed
- Remarks:** MGV - Applicable to El Paso County, authorizes commissioners court to implement an expedited process to determine if a platted lot is abandoned, unoccupied and undeveloped. El Paso County bill.
- Last Action:** 2-26-21 S Filed
- SB 861 Paxton, Angela(R) Relating to remote meetings under the open meetings law.
- Remarks:** MGV - Allows a governmental body to hold a meeting from one or more remote locations via phone and video conference calls.
- Last Action:** 2-26-21 S Filed
- SB 864 Paxton, Angela(R) Relating to notice of a modification to the medical certification information on a death certificate.
- Companions:** HB 723 Patterson, Jared(R) (Identical)  
 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires notification of the next of kin when amending the medical certification of a death certificate.
- Last Action:** 2-26-21 S Filed

  SB 865

Creighton, Brandon(R)

Relating to a study on a statewide disaster alert system and implementation of that system.

**Companions:** [HB 655](#) Raymond, Richard(D) (Identical)  
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires TDEM to study the creation of a statewide disaster alert system

**Last Action:** 2-26-21 S Filed

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