



## BILLS FILED 2/29/21 - 3/5/21

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- T**  HB 8 Pacheco, Leo(D) AN ACT relating to access by a hiring law enforcement agency to an applicant's employment records.  
**Companions:** SB 1205 Schwertner, Charles(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Filed  
**Remarks:** JBD - Directs TCOLE to promulgate rules regarding release of personnel file of peace officer to another hiring law enforcement agency.  
**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety
- T**  HB 11 Paddie, Chris(R) Relating to the extreme weather emergency preparedness of facilities for providing electric service  
**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires electric transmission and generation facilities in this state to be weatherized against the spectrum of extreme weather Texas may face. Utilities will be required to reconnect service as soon as possible and prevent slower reconnections for low-income areas, rural Texas and small communities.  
**Last Action:** 3-18-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.030, House State Affairs
- T**  HB 12 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to a study on a statewide disaster and extended power outage alert system and implementation of that system.  
**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a statewide disaster alert system administered by TDEM to alert Texans across the state about impending disasters and extreme weather events. The alerts will also provide targeted information on extended power outages to the state's regions most affected. This system builds off the model used in Amber alert systems.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.030,  
House State Affairs

  HB 1540 Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to regulation of certain facilities and establishments with respect to, civil remedies for certain criminal activities affecting, and certain criminal offenses involving health, safety, and welfare.

**Companions:** SB 1036 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** if a law enforcement agency has reason to believe an activity related to prostitution or the violation of licensing requirements related to massage therapy or massage services has occurred at property that is leased to a person operating a massage establishment, the law enforcement agency may provide written notice by certified mail to each person maintaining the property of the alleged activity; a person or enterprise commits racketeering if, for financial gain, the person or enterprise commits an offense related to trafficking of persons; and a sex offender who is placed under community supervision may not go in, on, or within 1,000 feet of certain child-care facilities that operate as residential treatment centers.

**Last Action:** 3-15-21 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M., E2.010,  
House Criminal Jurisprudence

  HB 2446 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the reimbursement of expenses to certain counsel appointed to represent a defendant in a criminal proceeding.

**Remarks:** JBD - Adds costs to be paid to appointed counsel in criminal cases - travel more than 50 miles to facility where defendant being held and "any costs" associated with remotely interviewing the defendant.

**Last Action:** 3- 1-21 H Filed

  HB 2448 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the verification of the incarceration of an accused person in a criminal case for the purpose of discharging a surety's liability on a bail bond.

**Remarks:** JBD - Currently, bondman may not be released from bond if defendant being held by feds to check immigration status. Bill will permit bondsman to be released from bonds in that circumstance.

**Last Action:** 3- 1-21 H Filed

- T**  HB 2456 Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara(D) Relating to a right of first refusal applicable to the sale of housing developments that have received certain financial assistance administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
- Companions:** HB 3513 Martinez Fischer, Trey(D)(Refiled from 86R Session)  
SB 958 Johnson, Nathan (F)(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
SB 403 Johnson, Nathan(D) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government
- Remarks:** WLJ - authorizes the owner of a development subject to a right of first refusal to negotiate or enter into a purchase agreement with a public housing authority or a public facility corporation created by a public housing authority during the first 60-day period after notice regarding owner's intent to sell in provided by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
- Last Action:** 3- 1-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2468 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to programs established and funded under the Texas emissions reduction plan.
- Companions:** SB 1454 Alvarado, Carol(D) (Identical)  
3-10-21 S Filed
- Last Action:** 3- 1-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2486 Slawson, Shelby (F)(R) Relating to the verification of citizenship of an applicant for voter registration.
- Companions:** HB 378 Lang, Mike(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
SB 482 Fallon, Pat (F)(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a person wishing to register to vote to prove citizenship with an unexpired passport, certified birth certificate, or united states citizenship papers.
- Last Action:** 3- 1-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2488 Goodwin, Vikki(D) Relating to disclosure under the public information law of certain records of an appraisal district.

	<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">SB 334</a>	Johnson, Nathan(D) (Identical) 3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government
	<b>Remarks:</b> MGV - Removes disclosure of each item of information that the CAD takes into consideration at a protest hearing as requested by a property owner.	
	<b>Last Action:</b> 3- 1-21 H Filed	
 <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">HB 2495</a>	Neave, Victoria(D)	Relating to an exception from requirements to assist or cooperate with federal immigration officers for matters regarding activities that occur at a domestic violence shelter.
	<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">HB 652</a>	Neave, Victoria(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)
	<b>Remarks:</b> MGV - Adds a domestic violence shelter as one of the areas in which a local entity may prohibit personnel from assisting or cooperating with federal immigration agents.	
	<b>Last Action:</b> 3- 1-21 H Filed	
 <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">HB 2518</a>	Meza, Terry(D)	Relating to the inclusion of an incarcerated person in the population data used for redistricting according to the person's last residence before incarceration.
	<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">HB 104</a>	Johnson, Eric(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)
	<a href="#">HB 1448</a>	Dutton, Harold(D) (Identical) 3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Redistricting
	<b>Remarks:</b> MGV - Requires state and local incarceration facilities, including mental health institutions, to report demographics, including person's last address, to comptroller. Allows address to be used for redistricting purposes.	
	<b>Last Action:</b> 3- 1-21 H Filed	
 <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">HB 2535</a>	Sanford, Scott(R)	Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of real property that includes improvements used for the noncommercial production of food for personal consumption.
	<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">HB 2121</a>	Bailes, Ernest(R)

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

HB 2182      Toth, Steve(R)

**Remarks:** apf - exempts improvements used for growing food for personal consumption from real property definition for the purposes of calculating property tax.

**Last Action:** 3- 1-21 H Filed

  HB 2538 Turner, John(D) Relating to the Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response.

**Remarks:** MGV - Expands the Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response to advise the legislature. Adds to Task Force's responsibilities the development of a strategic emergency plan for use by local govts and agencies. Removes authority of gov to related to Task Force - gives to DSHS Commissioner. Requires appointment of at least one county judge in county w/ population of 1 million or more.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2539 Turner, John(D) Relating to the distribution of funds designated for the low-income vehicle repair assistance, retrofit, and accelerated vehicle retirement program.

**Remarks:** WLJ - LIRAP fix bill. Requires the state to return any remitted fees to a county that participated in LIRAP prior to 9/1/21, the funds can only be used towards local initiative clean air projects.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2543 Dominguez, Alex(D) Relating to the use of county hotel occupancy tax revenue by certain counties.

**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes Cameron County to use county hotel occupancy tax revenue towards an international toll bridge.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2546 Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) Relating to the enforcement by the secretary of state of certain voter roll maintenance provisions.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a state jail felony for a voter registrar/county clerk failing to comply with maintaining voter registration roles three or more

times. Requires the SOS to monitor every court clerk/voter registrar for compliance in maintaining voter roles, first violation requires attending a training course, second requires an audit of the voter registration list and recommendation on corrective actions, third is informing a law enforcement agency.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  [HB 2549](#) Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to suits against certain governmental employees.  
**Companions:** [HB 3918](#) Dutton, Harold(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** JBD - Will permit government employees to be sued in individual capacity for intentional torts such as assault.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  [HB 2555](#) Neave, Victoria(D) Relating to evidence included in the statewide electronic tracking system for evidence of a sexual assault or other sex offense and to a report on the status of evidence in that system.  
**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the sexual assault tracker to include all evidence collected in a case, regardless if the victim is alive or deceased.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  [HB 2559](#) Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to the authority of an independent school district to change the date of the general election for officers.  
**Companions:** [HB 1132](#) Ortega, Lina(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 513](#) Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - authorize Independent School Districts to change the date of the general election for officers to the November uniform election day

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  [HB 2560](#) Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to remote meetings under the open meetings law.  
**Companions:** [SB 639](#) Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)

3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits open meetings via video if quorum audible and visible to each other and public, and a quorum does not need to be present at the location open to the public. Keeps the requirement that the presiding officer be present at location open to public. Permits public to participate by phone from a remote location.

Repeals the requirement for open meetings by teleconference that an emergency exist.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2561 Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to deputy sheriff civil service appeals of certain sheriff's department actions.

**Remarks:** MGV - Applies to a civil service system that covers deputy sheriffs. If authorized by commissioners court, a civil service commission may authorize deputies to appeal to an independent hearing examiner instead of the commission following a demotion, recommended demotion; suspension of 3 days or more; or a termination. Allows commissioners court to repeal the authorization at any time.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2569 Cortez, Philip(D) Relating to the dates a retail fireworks permit holder may sell fireworks to the public.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands the dates that fireworks may be sold through July 5. Currently it is July 4.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2570 Kuempel, John(R) Relating to the prizes awarded in certain pull-tab bingo games.

**Companions:** [HB 1186](#) Kuempel, John(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - would establish carryover pull-tab bingo in statute and limit the value of a jackpot prize awarded in a carryover pull-tab bingo game to \$10,000. .

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2571 Slaton, Bryan (F)(R)

Relating to the removal, relocation, alteration, or construction of certain monuments or memorials located on public property.

<b>Companions:</b>	<a href="#">HB 3948</a>	Toth, Steve(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
	<a href="#">SB 1663</a>	Creighton, Brandon(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)

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

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  [HB 2572](#) Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to the creation of the office of law enforcement oversight.

**Remarks:** JBD - Creates state agency charged with monitoring use of force by law enforcement. Has power to investigate patterns of use of force and request appropriate prosecutor to "take action to institute reforms" including injunctive action and appointment of receiver for a law enforcement agency until reforms completed.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  [HB 2573](#) Kuempel, John(R) Relating to the applicability of certain municipal ordinances in the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

<b>Companions:</b>	<a href="#">HB 3750</a>	Kuempel, John(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
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**Remarks:** SFA - NA MGV - ENG waives project located in an aquifer recharge or contributing zone, drainage basin of certain rivers. aph - limits a city's ability to enforce cut and fill or water quality regulations on a project that are more stringent than state or federal requirements.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  [HB 2574](#) Beckley, Michelle(D) Relating to the applicability of nepotism prohibitions to the appointment of certain election officers.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals the nepotism prohibition for an election clerk.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2575 Beckley, Michelle(D) Relating to the procedure by which certain voters receive ballots to be voted by mail for each election held during a certain period.

**Companions:** [HB 2765](#) Martinez Fischer, Trey(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Permits one mail in ballot application to be used for multiple ballots in the year requested. Requires the clerk to notify the applicant they need a new application for future ballots by mail.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2576 Beckley, Michelle(D) Relating to certain primary referendums.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals the state primary ballot including a resolution to demand specific legislation from the party's platform.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2579 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to court reporting.

**Remarks:** JBD - Clarifies that an official court reporters may take depositions anywhere in the state. Permits out-of-state court reporters if Texas has reciprocity with reporter's state. Permits reporters to take statements under oath from persons not in their presence.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2581 Kacal, Kyle(R) Relating to civil works projects and other construction projects of governmental entities.

**Remarks:** JBD - Authorizes prequalification process for civil works projects (roads and utilities). Requires prequal occur at least once per year. When prequal applies to competitive bids, prequal is pass/fail and scores cannot be used to score subsequent bids.

If competitive sealed proposals are solicited for facility construction/repair, price must be at least 50% of score but may be not less than 40% if governing body determines lowering is in public interest.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2583 Campos, Liz (F)(D) Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for a peace officer who fails to report the suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation of

an elderly person or a person with a disability.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Class A misdemeanor for a peace officer who does not report suspected abuse of an elderly or disabled person that they encounter in their duties.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

T  HB 2584 Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to temporary branch polling places.

**Companions:** HB 1056 Fierro, Art(D) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands the definition of temporary branch polling location to include anything movable. Expands voting times for a temporary branch location to include any early voting days.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

T  HB 2591 Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to the removal of certain unconstitutional provisions from real property records.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows an owner of real property to petition to remove from a recorded instrument affecting or conveying an interest in the property a provision that violates the U.S. Constitution, is unenforceable, is unambiguously discriminatory. Prohibits a filing fee.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

T  HB 2592 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to authorizing certain municipalities and counties to enter into interlocal contracts for the provision of law enforcement services.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows the city/county of El Paso to enter into a ILA to provide law enforcement services and abolish city services.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

T  HB 2593 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the criminal penalties for the possession of certain tetrahydrocannabinols under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

**Remarks:** MGV - Removes THC from Penalty Group 2-B.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

T  HB 2594 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the definition of political advertising for purposes of certain laws

regulating political communications, funds, and campaigns.

**Remarks:** JBD Political advertising to include texts and emails.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2595 Price, Four(R)

Relating to educational materials and parity law training regarding benefits for mental health conditions and substance use disorders to be made available through a complaint portal and otherwise.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates October as mental health parity month, requires HHSC to create a mh parity complaint portal

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2598 Patterson, Jared(R)

Relating to the eligibility of a first responder for workers' compensation benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder.

**Remarks:** MGV - Makes the date of injury for ptsd suffered by a first responders for workers' comp from the date on which the first responder first knew the disorder may be related to employment to the 30th day after diagnosis.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2601 Paul, Dennis(R)

Relating to the use of a device capable of recording images or sounds during election proceedings.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Permits a poll watcher, early voting ballot board member, recount committee member, or a tribunal election member to use electronic recording device during voting. Prohibits use when an early voting board disposes of an accepted ballot.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2602 Paul, Dennis(R)

Relating to hours of service by an election watcher.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals a time limit on how long a poll watcher may serve.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2603 Shaheen, Matt(R)

Relating to a direct primary care model pilot program for Medicaid.

**Remarks:**

WLJ - Creates a direct fee pilot program of \$40/month for someone under 18 and \$70/month for a person 19-65 years old.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

**T**  [HB 2608](#) Collier, Nicole(D) Relating to the appointment of attorneys representing indigent defendants in criminal proceedings.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits one or more counties to create oversight board for managed assigned counsel program for indigent defense.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

**T**  [HB 2610](#) Harless, Sam(R) Relating to the deadline to begin a county fire code inspection in certain counties.

**Companions:** [SB 1627](#) Miles, Borris(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Bracketed to Harris County. Requires the beginning of county fire code inspection within 10 business days after date of receipt of written request.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

**T**  [HB 2613](#) Murr, Andrew(R) Relating to the composition of the court of appeals districts.

**Companions:** [HB 339](#) King, Phil(R) (Identical)  
2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Redistricting  
[SB 11](#) Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)  
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** Shell bill for court of appeals

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

**T**  [HB 2615](#) Goodwin, Vikki(D) Relating to the length of the early voting period.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Extends early voting by 5 days.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

**T**  [HB 2622](#) Holland, Justin(R) Relating to the enforcement of certain federal laws regulating firearms, firearm accessories, and firearm ammunition within the State of Texas.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits state agency or political subdivision and a law enforcement officer from contracting w/ or provide assistance to a fed agency w/ respect to enforcement of fed rule regulating firearms.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2623 Sanford, Scott(R) Relating to suits for tax refunds.

**Companions:** SB 903 Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2637 Cook, David (F)(R) Relating to the creation of the urban air mobility advisory committee.

**Companions:** SB 763 Powell, Beverly(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

**Remarks:** WLj - Txdot shall assess ability to develop an urban air mobility infrastructure in the state.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2640 King, Tracy(D) Relating to authorizing certain political subdivisions to change the date on which their general election for officers is held.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows the governing body of a political subdivision that holds its general election on a date other than November uniform election date to change to November date by December 31, 2022. Does not apply to counties or MUDs

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  HB 2648 Johnson, Jarvis(D) Relating to the issuance of a summons for certain persons charged with a violation of a condition of release on parole or to mandatory supervision.

**Companions:** HB 2559 Bowers, Rhetta (F)(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** MGV - CS JBD - Currently TDJC may issue summons instead of blue warrant for certain parole violators. Bill mandates use of summons, and alters qualifications slightly. Blue warrant can be issued only if violator fails to appear.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  [HB 2650](#) Johnson, Jarvis(D) Relating to law enforcement agency policies regarding the placement of a child taken into possession by a peace officer during the arrest of a person.

**Companions:** [SB 334](#) West, Royce(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** JBD - Imposes new requirements on peace officers to investigate adults before releasing child arrestees to those adults. Every law enforcement agency must enter into an agreement with DFPS that provides the procedures for releasing a child to DFPS.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  [HB 2652](#) Larson, Lyle(R) Relating to establishing an advisory board to study surface water and groundwater interaction.

**Companions:** [HB 4570](#) Larson, Lyle(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 1039](#) Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - establishes the nine-member Surface Water and Groundwater Interaction Advisory Board and sets out provisions relating to the board's member composition and the board's chair. The bill requires the board, in consultation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, groundwater conservation districts, and river authorities, to study:

- the extent to which surface water and groundwater interact in Texas;
- challenges arising in Texas from the interaction of surface water and groundwater; and
- approaches to mitigating challenges arising in Texas from the interaction of surface water and groundwater.

Requires the board to deliver to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each member of the legislature, not later than December 1, 2020, a report on the board's determinations based on the study. The bill requires the board to deliver to any such person related information on request.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  [HB 2656](#) Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to licensing examinations for certain court interpreters.

**Companions:** [SB 1068](#) Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) (Identical)  
3- 5-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires licensing examinations for court interpreters to be held in person in each county with a population of 800,000 or more at least annually or in person at times and places designated by licensed court interpreter advisory board, and online at least 2x/year.

**Last Action:** 3- 2-21 H Filed

  [HB 2659](#) Rosenthal, Jon(D) Relating to reporting requirements for certain accidental discharges or spills.

**Companions:** [HB 3805](#) Paul, Dennis(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 2394](#) Taylor, Larry(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - In addition to notifying TCEQ, requires an individual notify the county judge when an accidental discharge or spill occurs in a body of water.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

  [HB 2662](#) Krause, Matt(R) Relating to the elimination of certain regulations waived during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

**Remarks:** MGV - Eliminates regs waived during COVID-19. Alcohol to go. Clarifies food safety regs. Authorizes meetings from remote locations by phone calls for governmental bodies. Allows meetings from one or more remote locations by videoconference.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

  [HB 2663](#) Howard, Donna(D) Relating to the rate of state sales and use taxes imposed on certain personal services and the use of a portion of the revenue from those taxes for sexual assault programs.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a sales tax applicable to massage parlors, escort services and Turkish baths of 18.75%, with 12.5% of the collected taxes to be allocated to be used for sexual assault prevention and crisis services .

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

- T**  HB 2664 Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to the authority of an independent school district to change the date of the general election and terms for officers.
- Companions:** HB 1639 Martinez, Armando(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)
- Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2669 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the confidentiality of a child's criminal records related to certain misdemeanor offenses.
- Companions:** HB 3647 Guillen, Ryan(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)
- Remarks:** JBD - Makes confidential all records regarding fine-only offense, other than traffic violation, against a child.
- Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2671 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the operations, communications, and notice procedures of state agencies and political subdivisions.
- Remarks:** MGV - Every two years, requires TSLAC to submit to the Gov and the LBB a written report regarding all statutorily required reports prepared by and submitted to a state agency.
- Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2672 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to public inspection of certain early voting information.
- Remarks:** MGV - Upon request, requires the early voting clerk to provide a copy of the early voting roster in paper or electronically. Creates a Class C misdemeanor for failing to provide information or copy of the roster
- Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2673 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the reimbursement of excess costs incurred by a recipient of certain grants awarded by the Texas Department of Transportation.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires TxDot reimburse a county w/ a population between 25k - 15k for overage expenses for a grant construction project managed by TxDot.
- Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

- T**  HB 2683 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to requirements for open meetings that are broadcast over the Internet or held by telephone conference or videoconference call.
- Companions:** SB 924 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
- Remarks:** MGV - For open meeting of a governmental body that is held phone, requires that the public is able to listen to and speak at an open meeting by phone, or both av and audio-only feeds, videoconference call.
- Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2695 Noble, Candy(R) Relating to municipalities and counties that adopt budgets that defund law enforcement agencies.
- Remarks:** MGV - Categorizes city or county as a defunding local govt adopts a budget, in comparison to previous FY, reduces appropriations of local govt's law enforcement agency; # of peace officers; funding for peace officer OT, or \$ for the recruitment and training of new peace officers and Criminal Justice Division of Gov's office issues a written determination.
- Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2697 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the making of an anatomical gift.
- Companions:** SB 212 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
- Remarks:** JBD - Permits anatomical gift records to be acknowledged by notary in addition to alternate witnessed by 2 individuals.
- Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2699 Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to the acceptance of a provisional ballot after a natural disaster.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a provisional ballot for a voter whose id has been damaged or lost, if a natural disaster is declared 60 days prior to the election. (currently it is 45 days)
- Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2706 Howard, Donna(D)

Relating to the reporting of sexual assault and other sex offenses, to the emergency services and care provided to victims of those offenses, and to the processes associated with preserving and analyzing the evidence of those

**Companions:** [SB 1299](#) Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - If a sexual assault is reported post-120 hours after the assault and the victim is a minor and with consent, requires a law enforcement agency to request a forensic medical exam. Requires DPS to issue annual report to Gov identifying the # of evidence collection kits that have not been submitted for lab analysis or for which an analysis has not been completed. Requires report to be posted on website.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

  [HB 2709](#) Johnson, Julie(D) Relating to an application for court-ordered mental health services

**Remarks:** WLJ - To file a court ordered mental health order the proposed patient must be assessed in an emergency room or hospital.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

  [HB 2711](#) Hinojosa, Gina(D) Relating to the continuation of a residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation while the owner is temporarily absent because of service outside of the United States as a foreign service officer employed by the

**Remarks:** provide that a qualified residential structure does not lose its character as a residence homestead when the owner who qualifies for the exemption temporarily stops occupying it as a principal residence if that owner does not establish a different principal residence and the absence is caused by the owner's service outside of the United States as a foreign service officer employed by the United States Department of State.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

  [HB 2713](#) Hefner, Cole(R) Relating to the removal, relocation, alteration, or construction of certain monuments or memorials located on public property.

**Remarks:** MGV - Re: removal, relocation, or alteration of monuments and memorials located on county or

city property, prohibits removal, relocation, or alteration for at least 40 years; b/w 20 - 40 years allows for removal, relocation, alteration by referendum; or for less than 20 years, may be removed, relocated, or altered only by the county commissioners court or city council. Allows a resident to file a complaint with the AG if violation w/ penalties of at least \$1000 for first violation. Counts each day as a separate violation. Waives immunity

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

  HB 2714 Hernandez, Ana(D)

Relating to implicit bias training for justices and judges of state courts, judicial officers, certain court personnel, and attorneys licensed to practice law in this state.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires judges and magistrates at all levels to receive 2 hours of training every 2 years on implicit bias. Requires attorneys to receive 1 hour of training annually.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

  HB 2715 Lucio III, Eddie(D)

Relating to the system for appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires appraisal review boards to certify approval of appraisal records and that all statutory requirements for appraisal records have been met. The 60-day period owners have to file challenges in district court begins to run from the later of the receipt of final order from appraisal review or the date the certification is made.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

  HB 2718 Lucio III, Eddie(D)

Relating to the punishment for possession of small amounts of certain controlled substances listed in Penalty Group 2.

**Remarks:** JBD - Lowers penalty for possession of THC in one e-cigarette to Class B.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

  HB 2723 Meyer, Morgan(R)

Relating to public notice of the availability on the Internet of property-tax-related information.

**Companions:** HB 3680 Shine, Hugh(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed  
SB 1434 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 S Filed

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

**T**  HB 2725 Martinez Fischer, Trey(D) Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for using certain materially false or misleading statements in the commission of the offense of fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.

**Remarks:** Creates an offense for using personal information obtained by false/misleading indication of vaccine availability/distribution.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

**T**  HB 2730 Deshotel, Joe(D) Relating to the acquisition of real property by an entity with eminent domain authority.

**Remarks:** JBD - This is bill supported by Coalition for Critical Infrastructure regarding use of eminent domain. Updates the Landowners' Bill of Rights. Creates ombudsman at TX Real Estate Council to assist landowners. Initial offers must be based on appraisals or 150% of appraisal district value. Established minimum requirements for easements.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

**T**  HB 2735 Tinderholt, Tony(R) Relating to the authority of certain counties to use an alternate work period for county peace officers.

<b>Companions:</b>	HB 4339	Bohac, Dwayne(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
	SB 2313	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Provides that in adopting and enforcing uniform rules on work hours, it does not limit the authority of the court to adopt or enforce a work period of up to 28 days for peace officers.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

**T**  HB 2746 Ellzey, Jake (F)(R) Relating to the punishment for the criminal offense of use of laser pointers.

**Remarks:** JBD - Increases penalty for causing bodily injury to peace officer with laser pointer.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

**T**  HB 2747 Ellzey, Jake (F)(R) Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for participating in a riot.

**Remarks:**

JBD - penalty increased from Class B to state jail felony.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

- T**  [HB 2760](#) White, James(R) Relating to the right to choose and refuse medical treatment and control measures and to the imposition of isolation or quarantine control measures.
- Companions:** [SB 1313](#) Hall, Bob(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Before ordering an individual or group to isolate or quarantine, requires DSHS or a health authority to provide notice, provide an opportunity to demonstrate isolation/quarantine is unnecessary, and obtain from a district court an order authorizing isolation or quarantine.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

- T**  [HB 2764](#) Rogers, Glenn (F)(R) Relating to eligibility to be a candidate for, or elected or appointed to, a public elective office in this state.
- Remarks:** MGV - To be eligible to be a candidate for elective office, requires payment of all child support.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

- T**  [HB 2783](#) Gonzalez, Jessica(D) Relating to the prosecution and punishment of the offense of prostitution and to a fine imposed on conviction of certain trafficking of persons and prostitution offenses.
- Remarks:** JBD - Persons convicted of human trafficking or soliciting prostitution to pay \$500 fine and all of it to be sent to state for grants to assist victims of trafficking and prostitution.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

- T**  [HB 2784](#) Gonzalez, Jessica(D) Relating to a defendant's payment of costs associated with a court-appointed counsel.
- Companions:** [HB 2973](#) Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[HB 4605](#) White, James(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** MGV - At any time during sentence of confinement or period of community supervision, requires judge, on written request of the defendant, provide defendant with opportunity to

- present evidence that the defendant no longer has financial resources to pay costs of provided legal services.
- Repeals the current provision permitting a judge to find a previously indigent defendant has the ability to pay at some point in duration of probation.
- Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed
- T**  [HB 2789](#) [Vasut, Cody \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to charges imposed by a governmental body for providing copies of public information under the public information law.
- Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits imposing a charge for providing a copy of public information if it's a report required by a candidate or officeholder to be filed with the govt body.
- Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed
- T**  [HB 2790](#) [Shaheen, Matt\(R\)](#) Relating to the eligibility of a person to serve on the appraisal review board of certain appraisal districts.
- Companions:** [SB 1735](#) Springer, Drew (F)(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed
- Remarks:** WLJ - For a county of 1 million or more, a person is ineligible to serve on an appraisal review board if they served one previous term as a board member or auxiliary board member on an appraisal review board.
- Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed
- T**  [HB 2798](#) [Wilson, Terry\(R\)](#) Relating to the requirement that a peace officer take possession of a person's driver's license following the person's failure to pass or refusal to consent to a test for intoxication.
- Remarks:** JBD - Peace officers could no longer confiscate driver license of person who refuses to give breath/blood specimen when stopped for DWI.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed
- T**  [HB 2804](#) [Rogers, Glenn \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to notice by an appraisal district to an owner of the surface estate of real property of the owner's right to file a report of decreased value.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2806 Johnson, Jarvis(D) Relating to the issuance of a summons for certain persons charged with a violation of a condition of release on parole or to mandatory supervision.

**Remarks:** JBD - Mandates summons instead of blue warrant if parole revocation is based on new offense for which parolee has been released on bond.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2809 Murphy, Jim(R) Relating to the applicability of certain laws relating to contingent fee contracts for legal services entered into by certain political subdivisions.

**Remarks:** JBD - Excludes contingent fee contracts for collection of fees under the Alcoholic Beverages Code from the requirements such as AG approval and certain findings entered in public record.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2811 Murphy, Jim(R) Relating to the release of a tier two form listing hazardous chemicals that is in the possession of a political subdivision of this state.

**Remarks:** JBD - Forms that businesses are required to submit to TCEQ listing chemicals stored on premises are confidential and cannot be disclosed by local governments unless previously disclosed by TCEQ.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2814 Turner, Chris(D) Relating to the requirement of a public hearing on certain applications for a permit to drill an oil or gas well.

<b>Companions:</b>	HB 2920	Turner, Chris(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
	SB 1156	Zaffirini, Judith(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** apb - creates a requirement for the RRC to hold a hearing on an application to drill a well if the well is located within 1,000 feet of a school or daycare.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2823 Bonnen, Greg(R) Relating to requiring state contractors and political subdivisions of this state to

participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify, and authorizing the suspension o

**Remarks:** WLJ - an employer, excluding a governmental entity, may not knowingly employ a person not lawfully present in the United States;

an employer who violates (1), above, is subject to the suspension of each license held by the employer;

a licensing authority, including a city, that receives, from the Texas Workforce Commission, a final order suspending a license shall immediately determine if the authority has issued a license to the person named on the order and, if a license has been issued: (a) record the suspension of the license in the licensing authority's records; (b) report the suspension as appropriate; and (c) demand surrender of the suspended license if required by law for other cases in which a license is suspended;

a licensing authority shall implement the terms of a final order suspending a license without additional review or hearing, provided that the authority may provide notice as appropriate to the license holder or to others concerned with the license;

a licensing authority may not modify, remand, reverse, vacate, or stay an order suspending a license and may not review, vacate, or reconsider the terms of a final order suspending a license;

person who is the subject of a final order suspending a license is not entitled to a refund for any fee or deposit paid to the licensing authority;

a person who continues to engage in the business, occupation, profession, or other licensed activity after the implementation of the order suspending a license by the licensing authority is liable for the same civil and criminal penalties provided for engaging in the licensed activity without a license or while a license is suspended that apply to any other license holder of that licensing authority;

a licensing authority is exempt from liability to a license holder for any authorized act performed by the authority; the licensing authority may not issue or renew any other license for the person during the suspension period;

a licensing authority may charge a fee to a person who is the subject of an order suspending

a license in an amount sufficient to recover the administrative costs incurred by the authority;

a political subdivision, including a city, shall register and participate in the E-verify program to verify information of all new employees; and

an employee of a political subdivision who is responsible for verifying information of new employees of the political subdivision as required is subject to immediate termination of employment if the employee fails to comply with that provision.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2826 Bonnen, Greg(R)

Relating to access to and review of a person's employment records held by a law enforcement agency.

**Remarks:** WLJ - a police officer is entitled to view the contents of the officer's personnel file maintained by the department, and is entitled, on request, to a copy of any document in the officer's file; a police department shall include in an officer's file any statement that the officer requests to be included in the file;

before a law enforcement agency may hire a person licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE), the agency head or the agency head's designee must submit to TCOLE, on a form prescribed by TCOLE, confirmation that the agency reviewed the person's employment records from each of the person's previous law enforcement employers;

TCOLE, by rule, shall prescribe the manner by which a law enforcement agency shall make a person's employment records available to a hiring law enforcement agency; and

a law enforcement agency's failure to review a person's employment records as required, above, or to make a person's employment records available as required, above, constitutes grounds for imposing an administrative penalty in an amount set by TCOLE not to exceed \$1,000 per day per violation.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2829 White, James(R)

Relating to restaurants and certain alcoholic beverage permittees, including the rates of certain taxes imposed on items sold by those establishments and the applicability to those establishments of certain orders issued.

**Remarks:** WLJ - lower the rate of the state sales tax from 6.25 percent to 3.125 percent on the sales price of a taxable item sold by a restaurant or alcohol permittee, with the rate gradually increasing over time back to 6.25 in September 2023; and lower the rate of the mixed beverage sales tax from 8.25 percent to 2.25 percent of the sales price of an item sold by a alcohol permittee, with the rate gradually increasing over time back to 8.25 in September 2023.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2830 White, James(R)

Relating to post-release housing for inmates released on parole or to mandatory supervision.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2831 White, James(R)

Relating to the confinement in county jail of persons with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Jail Commission to create an 11 person advisory commission for recommendations for persons with IDD in jail. Includes one Sheriff of a county of 80k or more.

Requires the Commission to monitor intake and assist jails in intake process for individuals with IDD.

Commission to develop a 4 hour training program for jailors.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2832 Patterson, Jared(R)

Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homesteads of certain disabled first responders and their surviving spouses.

**Companions:** [HB 4367](#) Holland, Justin(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - grant a total exemption of the qualifying disabled first responder's residence homestead. The surviving spouse of the qualifying first responder may receive the exemption. A surviving spouse who subsequently qualifies a different property as a residence homestead may receive an exemption equal to the dollar amount of the exemption on the former homestead. See HJR 119.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2833 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to the creation of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 83.

**Companions:** SB 1355 Taylor, Larry(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Brazoria MUD Bill

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2844 Goodwin, Vikki(D) Relating to certain persons licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

**Remarks:** WLJ - if a person licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) retires or resigns, the police chief or the police chief's designee must include in the explanation of the circumstances under which a person resigned or retired that is provided to TCOLE, information regarding any pending investigation known to internal affairs, supervisors, or management that was not completed due to the officer's resignation or retirement;

amend the definition of the term "dishonorably discharged" to include a license holder who was terminated by a law enforcement agency or retired or resigned in lieu of termination by the agency in relation to the following conduct: (a) lack of competence in performing the license holder's duties as an officer; (b) illegal drug use or an addiction that substantially impairs the license holder's ability to perform the license holder's duties as an officer; (c) lack of truthfulness in court proceedings or other governmental operations, including: (i) making a false statement in an offense report or other report as part of an investigation; (ii) making a false statement to obtain employment as an officer; (iii) making a false entry in court records or tampering with evidence, regardless of whether the license holder is prosecuted or convicted for the false entry or tampering; or (iv) engaging in conduct designed to impair the results or procedure of an examination or testing process associated with obtaining employment as an officer or a promotion to a higher rank; (d) failure to follow the lawful directives of a supervising officer or to follow the policies of the employing law enforcement agency; (e) discriminatory conduct, including engaging in a course of conduct or a single egregious act, based on the race, color, religion, sex, pregnancy, national origin, age, disability, or sexual orientation of another that would cause a reasonable person to believe that the license holder is unable to perform the license holder's duties as an officer in a fair manner; or (f) conduct indicating a pattern of: (i) excessive use of force;

(ii) abuse of official capacity; (iii) inappropriate relationships with persons in the custody of the license holder; (iv) sexual harassment or sexual misconduct while performing the license holder's duties as an officer; or (v) misuse of information obtained as a result of the license holder's employment as an officer and related to the enforcement of criminal offenses;

eliminate the provision that provides that a peace officer or a reserve law enforcement officer must have previously been dishonorably discharged from another law enforcement agency before the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) may suspend the license of the officer upon notification that the officer has been dishonorably discharged; and

provide that TCOLE by rule shall establish grounds under which TCOLE shall suspend or revoke an officer license on a determination by the commission that the license holder's continued performance of duties as an officer constitutes a threat to the public welfare, and such grounds must include the conduct described in (2), above.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2845 Morales, Eddie (F)(D) Relating to the maintenance of certain roads near an international border.

**Companions:** HB 3767 Nevarez, Poncho(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
SB 1379 Gutierrez, Roland (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-10-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** aph - mandates TxDOT to ensure FM from Eagle Pass to Laredo is maintained to allow economic development and homeland security along the route.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2852 Wu, Gene(D) Relating to the taking of a specimen to test for intoxication and retention and preservation of toxicological evidence of certain intoxication offenses.

**Remarks:** JBD - Currently, courts have to notify defendants of retention periods for DWI blood evidence. Bill moves that responsibility to time of other warnings pre-collection. Also permits destruction of evidence if case dismissed with prejudice.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2859 Bucy, John(D) Relating to the secretary of state posting on the secretary of state's Internet website databases containing certain information about elections.

**Remarks:** WLJ - the authority responsible for giving notice of the election shall deliver to the secretary of state certain information for the secretary of state's database of election information in an electronic format required by the secretary of state; the secretary of state shall post on the secretary of state's public Internet website a database containing information provided by each authority responsible for giving notice of an election; and a candidate's name may not be printed on the ballot until the candidate's name appears on the secretary of state's Internet website as a candidate for elected office.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2860 Bucy, John(D) Relating to a county, city, or independent school district posting certain election information on an Internet website.

**Remarks:** WLJ - If a county, city, or ISD has a website and holds or provides election services, that entity must post election information on its website no later than the 21st day before an election day. Election results must also be posted.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2864 Collier, Nicole(D) Relating to the governance and administration of the Texas Indigent Defense Commission and to certain disclosures made in relation to the provision of funding for indigent defense services.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Increases the Indigent Defense Commission from 5 to 7, adds in managed assigned counsel representative and a member who is a JP, MCJ, or appointed magistrate.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2869 Longoria, Oscar(D) Relating to collective bargaining and conditions of employment for fire fighters and police officers in certain political subdivisions.

**Remarks:** JBD - Changed permissive arbitration provision applicable to police and fire unions into mandatory binding arbitration.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2870 Anchia, Rafael(D) Relating to electronic voter registration.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the SOS to establish an online voter registration program.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2871 Anchia, Rafael(D) Relating to allowing straight-party voting.

<b>Companions:</b>	<a href="#">HB 49</a>	Fierro, Art(D) (Identical) 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections
	<a href="#">HB 120</a>	Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical) 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections
	<a href="#">HB 1175</a>	Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D)(Identical) 3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

**Remarks:** WLJ - Reinstates straight-party voting.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2872 Meza, Terry(D) Relating to certain products made by inmates of a correctional facility.

**Remarks:** wLJ - Requires a sticker be applied to any goods made by inmates.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2875 Anchia, Rafael(D) Relating to the issuance and acceptance of a high school and institution of higher education student identification card and certain other forms of identification as identification for voting.

**Remarks:** WLJ - a student identification card issued to a person by a public or private high school or an institution of higher education is an acceptable form of identification for voting if the identification card contains the person's photograph and date of birth; and any other identification card, form, or certificate containing a person's photograph and date of birth issued by the state, an agency or political subdivision of the state, or the United States, is an acceptable form of identification for voting.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2877 Beckley, Michelle(D) Relating to notice to elected officials of a widespread power, water, or natural gas outage or emergency.

**Remarks:** WLJ - as soon as practicable after a widespread power outage or a widespread electric service

emergency, natural gas shortage or widespread natural gas emergency the utility or cooperative shall notify by telephone and e-mail each: United States senator who represents Texas; member of the United States House of Representatives who represents a district affected by the disruption or emergency; statewide elected official; member of the legislature who represents a district affected by the disruption or emergency; elected official of a county government who represents an area affected by the disruption or emergency; and elected official of a municipal government who represents an area affected by the disruption or emergency;

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

-   HB 2878 Goodwin, Vikki(D) Relating to extreme risk protective orders.
- Companions:** SB 1742 Whitmire, John(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Established "extreme risk protective order" which prohibits person from possessing or controlling a firearm. A temporary ex parte order may be issued, but no notice and opportunity to be heard is provided for the respondent. That calls into question constitutionality of the ex parte order.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

-   HB 2889 Meyer, Morgan(R) Relating to the calculation, collection, and remittance of state hotel occupancy taxes.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Expands hotel occupancy tax to cover meeting space rental.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

-   HB 2891 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to establishment of the Texas Emergency Alert Management System (TEAMS).
- Remarks:** MGV - Establishes TX Emergency Alert Management System w/in DPS to alert of an imminent threat to public health or safety.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

-   HB 2892 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to establishment of the Texas Emergency Alert Management System (TEAMS).
- Remarks:** MGV - Establishes TX Emergency Alert Management System w/in TDEM to alert of an imminent threat to public health or safety

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

-   HB 2893 Herrero, Abel(D) Relating to the establishment by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs of colonia self-help centers in certain counties and to the representation of those counties on the Colonia Resident Advisory Committee.
- Companions:** SB 777 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government
- Remarks:** MGV - Requires DHCA to establish colonia self-help centers in Nueces Co.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed
-   HB 2894 Holland, Justin(R) Relating to participation in the comptroller's contracts for travel services.
- Companions:** SB 1122 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
3- 5-21 S Filed
- Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals authority to charge a county/ISD a fee for participating in the Comptrollers Contracted services.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed
-   HB 2895 Romero, Ramon(D) Relating to law enforcement policies for peace officer response to certain family violence offenses.
- Companions:** SB 1848 Powell, Beverly(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed
- Remarks:** JBD - TCOLE to promulgate, and all law enforcement agencies to adopt, model policy on responding to family violence committed in the presence of a child younger than 18.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed
-   HB 2896 Bonnen, Greg(R) Relating to the creation and re-creation of funds and accounts, the dedication and rededication of revenue and allocation of accrued interest on dedicated revenue, and the exemption of unappropriated money from use.
- Companions:** SB 1298 Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Filed
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

- T**  HB 2900 Hefner, Cole(R) Relating to provisions governing the carrying of a firearm by a person who is not otherwise prohibited by state or federal law from possessing the firearm and to other provisions related to the carrying, possessing.
- Remarks:** WLJ - allow for the legal carrying of a handgun, either concealed or openly in a holster, without a license by someone who is not otherwise prohibited from possessing the handgun under state or federal law.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2901 Rodriguez, Eddie(D) Relating to reporting requirements for certain in-custody deaths.
- Remarks:** JBD - Creates civil penalties - collectable by AG - against any person who fails to report an in-custody death or who fails to report all relevant facts known to the person. 7 days after notice from AG to correct the alleged deficiency before penalties apply.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2903 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to an educational training guide for family members and caregivers of veterans who have mental health disorders.
- Remarks:** Joint effort (HHSC, DSHS, TVC) to produce educational training for family members and caregivers of veterans who have mental health disorders.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2907 Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to the reporting of broadband speeds by Internet service providers to the governor's broadband development council.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Each Broadband providers will provide a report on broadband speeds in the state.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2908 Dutton, Harold(D) Relating to the address of a candidate on an application for a place on the ballot.
- Remarks:** WLJ - require that a candidate's application for a place on the ballot must be submitted with an affidavit stating that the candidate lives at the residence address listed on the application form.
- Creates the criminal offense of a third-degree felony for providing false information on an affidavit submitted with the application.

Creates a civil penalty in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for providing false information on the aforementioned affidavit.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  [HB 2910](#) [Goodwin, Vikki\(D\)](#) Relating to the imposition of a sales tax on ammunition, firearms, and firearms accessories to provide funding for the family violence program in the Health and Human Services Commission.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a 1% sales tax on guns and ammunition to be used for family violence programs.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  [HB 2913](#) [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#) Relating to the posting of certain contracts to the Internet websites of governmental bodies.

**Companions:** [SB 929](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** MGV - Will require governmental bodies to post on their website each contract it has entered into for the purchase of goods and services, whether or not the contract was a result of competitive bidding and regardless of the price of the contract. Also provides the timeline for when a contract must be posted on the website and for how long. This law would apply retroactively – each contract entered into for goods and services before the effective date must be posted by 9/1/2022. In some instances, additional documentation must also be posted.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  [HB 2915](#) [Schofield, Mike\(R\)](#) Relating to the role of a jury in a criminal case.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits jurors to ignore law in criminal case if they consider it unjust. "Juror nullification."

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  [HB 2916](#) [Schofield, Mike\(R\)](#) Relating to the enforcement of certain laws by the attorney general.

**Remarks:** JBD - Gives AG authority to prosecute sedition, sabotage and communism, as well as official misconduct offenses, riot, and obstructing public highways.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2917 Schofield, Mike(R) Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.

**Remarks:** JBD - Subjects all manner of "organizations" (not just corporations) to attorney fees in certain types of civil lawsuits. Arguably, this subjects local governments to attorney fees.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2918 Schofield, Mike(R) Relating to the collection of certain judgments.

**Remarks:** JBD - Provides additional relief to judgment creditors.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2919 Schofield, Mike(R) Relating to instances in which a judgment becomes dormant.

**Remarks:** JBD - Will allow judgment creditors to seek unlimited numbers of writs of sequestration so that a judgment will never go dormant.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  HB 2928 Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) Relating to publication and posting of notice by governmental entities and representatives.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits local governments to post notices on their websites instead of publishing in newspapers.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2930 Schofield, Mike(R) Relating to the Texas Sovereignty Act.

<b>Companions:</b>	<a href="#">HB 1347</a>	Bell, Cecil(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
	<a href="#">HB 1215</a>	Bell, Cecil(R)	(Identical)
		3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs	

**Remarks:** WLJ - Establish a joint legislative committee to review any federal action to determine whether such action is unconstitutional; any federal action found by the joint legislative committee to be unconstitutional be sent to the legislature for a determination, and then on to the governor for approval or disapproval; any federal action

declared to be unconstitutional has no legal effect in Texas.

Prohibits the state or a political subdivision of the state from spending money to implement a federal action declared unconstitutional.

Authorize the attorney general (and others) to prosecute a person who attempts to implement or enforce an unconstitutional federal action for official oppression, as well as other provisions of law; and entitle a person to seek a declaratory judgment that a federal action is unconstitutional and give all courts original jurisdiction over such a proceeding.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

 <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">HB 2931</a>	Israel, Celia(D)	Relating to increasing the rates of the state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes.	
	<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">HB 4217</a>	Israel, Celia(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
	<a href="#">SB 1077</a>	Watson, Kirk(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
	<a href="#">SB 1041</a>	Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D)	(Identical) 3- 4-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** aph - increases the rate of tax on gasoline and diesel from \$.20 to \$.40 per gallon.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

 <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">HB 2933</a>	Martinez, Armando(D)	Relating to fees imposed on registration of a vehicle for which registration is applied for by a motor vehicle dealer.	
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**Remarks:** WLJ - Allocates \$25 of a vehicle registration fee to the county road and bridge fund for the county in which the vehicle owner resides.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

 <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">HB 2935</a>	Dutton, Harold(D)	Relating to suits affecting the parent-child relationship filed by the Department of Family and Protective Services without taking possession of the child.	
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**Remarks:** JBD - Prohibits DFPS from filing a removal action without also taking possession of the child.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

 <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">HB 2939</a>	Munoz, Sergio(D)
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Relating to a certification election to recognize a police officers association as the bargaining agent for certain police officers.

**Remarks:** JBD - Cities cannot recognize a police officer union as the association for a majority of officers unless a majority of officers voted for such.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2940 Kuempel, John(R) Relating to an exception to the titling requirement for certain vehicles.

**Companions:** SB 935 West, Royce(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

**Remarks:** WLJ - Exempts a metal recycler from vehicle titling if the vehicle is over 12 y/o, has no lien.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2941 Burns, DeWayne(R) Relating to the appointment of appraisal review board members.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2942 Bernal, Diego(D) Relating to investigations and actions by district or county attorneys in connection with the deceptive trade practice of charging exorbitant or excessive prices for necessities during a declared disaster.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits district and county attorneys to prosecute price gouging during a disaster. Penalties to be split between state and county.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2947 Cyrier, John(R) Relating to the regulation of recreational vehicle rental communities.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2948 Cyrier, John(R) Relating to the authority of a county to regulate condominiums.

**Companions:** SB 1557 Hall, Bob(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits a county from requiring the undivided common interests in a condo to be subdivided or any other division of designated separate ownership interests in the condo.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

- T**  HB 2950 Smith, Reggie(R) Relating to the composition of and actions transferred by the judicial panel on multidistrict litigation.
- Remarks:** JBD - Permits former and retired appellate court justices to serve on judicial panel on multidistrict litigation.
- Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2953 Neave, Victoria(D) Relating to the administration of and certain procedures under the Title IV-D program for child support enforcement.
- Companions:** SB 285 West, Royce(D) (Identical)  
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
- Remarks:** MGV - Requires counties participating under unified child support enforcement system to use the state's record of support order form.
- Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2958 Shine, Hugh(R) Relating to the scope of the review of an appraisal district by the comptroller of public accounts.
- Companions:** SB 1435 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 S Filed
- Remarks:** WLJ - requires the comptroller to conduct a limited-scope review of an appraisal district in lieu of a more extensive review of an appraisal district if, during the most recently conducted review, the comptroller found the appraisal district to be in compliance with generally accepted appraisal standards, procedures, and methodology, and did not make any recommendations for improvement.
- Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2959 Shine, Hugh(R) Relating to the appeal of a determination by the comptroller of public accounts of a protest of the comptroller's findings in a study of school district property values.
- Companions:** SB 1436 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 S Filed
- Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 2961 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to certain licensing and permitting requirements for game rooms.
- Remarks:**

MGV - Authorizes a county to require that an employee of a game room obtain a license or permit on a periodic basis. For counties requiring a person to obtain a license to own/operate a game room, mandates the county require the person to submit a completed application and a \$1,000 application fee.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2962 Munoz, Sergio(D)

Relating to municipal authority to prohibit police or fire department employees from signing certain employment petitions.

**Remarks:** JBD - Prohibits cities from adopting any order prohibiting police or fire employees from signing petitions authorized under statute.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2965 Tinderholt, Tony(R)

Relating to civil liability for censorship by social media companies.

**Companions:** HB 2188 Shaheen, Matt(R) (Identical)  
2-24-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - social media sites liable for restricting content

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2966 Tinderholt, Tony(R)

Relating to the repeal of provisions providing for the calculation and effect of a de minimis ad valorem tax rate.

**Remarks:** WLJ - repeals all statutory provisions related to the de minimis property tax rate passed as a part of Senate Bill 2 in 2019.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2969 Cason, Jeff (F)(R)

Relating to the ability of a person in attendance at an open meeting of a governmental body to stream live video and audio of the meeting on the Internet.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits any person to stream live video and audio of any open meeting.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2975 Hull, Lacey (F)(R)

Relating to prohibiting the physical restraint of certain public school students by peace officers and school security personnel under certain circumstances.

**Remarks:**

MGV - Prohibits a peace officer on school property, at a school-sponsored or -related activity, from restraining a student 10 years or under unless student poses a serious risk of harm.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2976 Cason, Jeff (F)(R) Relating to the required filing of a fetal death certificate for an unborn child following an abortion.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a physician to file a fetal death certificate regardless of gestational age.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2978 Hull, Lacey (F)(R) Relating to required agreement provisions and eligibility of certain games and events for funding administered by the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office.

**Remarks:** WLJ - requires the office of governor, in consultation with the human trafficking prevention coordinating council, to develop signs with information on services and assistance available to victims of human trafficking.

Requires any agreement between the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office and an endorsing county, city, or local organizing committee and a site selection organization relating to an event reimbursement program that includes a financial commitment by the state or a city or county to contain a written verification that the site selection organization will prominently post throughout the location of the game or events the signs.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2980 Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to the duty of an appraisal review board to determine a motion or protest filed by a property owner and the right of the owner to appeal the board's determination.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires an ARB to consider, determine by written order a motion timely filed by a property owner re: correction of an appraisal roll. Allows the property owner to appeal the order.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2986 Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of an electric vehicle.

**Remarks:**

WLJ - Allows a commissioners court to impose a \$200-\$300 registration fee for electric vehicles

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2987 Johnson, Julie(D) Relating to the punishment for the criminal offense of indecent assault.

**Remarks:** JBD - Increased punishment if defendant is health care or mental health services provider.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2990 Morales Shaw, Penny (F) (D) Relating to a requirement to make certain environmental and water use permit applications available online.

**Companions:** HB 245 Farrar, Jessica(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
HB 348 Zwiener, Erin(D) (Identical)  
2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

**Remarks:** aph - Adds internet posting requirements to applicants seeking certain permits at TCEQ. Must make the information and maps of the permits available to the public through internet postings.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2992 Morales Shaw, Penny (F) (D) Relating to the contents of an application to vote a late ballot by mail for certain sick or disabled voters.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Simplifies affidavit requirement for a application for a late ballot for a sick/disabled voter.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2993 Morales Shaw, Penny (F) (D) Relating to documentation of proof of identification for voting.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Adds to voter proof ID to include a TWIC card issued by TSA.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 2994 Lopez, Ray(D) Relating to programs that can be established and funded under the Texas emissions reduction plan.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Adds to TERP grants supercritical carbon dioxide projects.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

- T  HB 2995 Morales Shaw, Penny (F) Relating to the effective date of voter registration.  
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**Remarks:** WLJ - if an application to vote on the next business day after a holiday, weekend it entitles the voter to vote in the next election.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

- T  HB 2997 Gates, Gary(R) Relating to the municipal determination of exceptions to plat requirements for certain property developments.
- Companions:** SB 1172 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)  
3- 8-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** when a city decides to regulate the development of tracts of land via development plats, the city may define and classify the developments and need not require platting for every development of a tract of land otherwise within the scope of the state law regarding development plats.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

- T  HB 3002 Burns, DeWayne(R) Relating to a merchant allowing a person suspected of committing or attempting to commit theft to complete a theft education program.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a merchant to approve a person (including an employee) complete a theft diversion education course.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

- T  HB 3009 Ramos, Ana-Maria(D) Relating to child custody evaluations.

**Remarks:** MGV - In appointing a child custody evaluator in a suit in which a party doesn't speak English, requires the court ensure the evaluator is able to effectively communicate in the primary language or will be accompanied by a certified interpreter.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

- T  HB 3010 Ramos, Ana-Maria(D) Relating to a limitation on the salary of superintendents and chief executive officers of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools.
- Remarks:** Prohibits a school official from being paid more than the Governor.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

- T**  HB 3011 Hull, Lacey (F)(R) Relating to the contents of a petition in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.
- Remarks:** JBD - In petition for removal, DFPS must describe efforts to prevent the need for removal.
- Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 3014 Lucio III, Eddie(D) Relating to the right of one immediate family member of certain deceased peace officers to make an oral statement regarding the terms of a plea bargain agreement.
- Companions:** HB 3097 Lucio III, Eddie(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)
- Remarks:** WLJ - Allows one member of a police office killed in the line of duty to make an oral statement to the court regarding the terms of a plea bargain for the offender.
- Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 3015 Hernandez, Ana(D) Relating to a governmental body's response to a request for public information.
- Companions:** SB 927 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
- Remarks:** JBD - Requires governments to respond to requestors if not in possession of responsive information or if withholding responsive information pursuant to a previous determination that the information may be withheld. Failure to do so results in loss of right to collect costs and a higher standard (compelling reason) for withholding any of the requested information.
- Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 3016 Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the prohibited suspension of a provision of the Code of Criminal Procedure or Penal Code during a declared state of disaster.
- Remarks:** JBD - Gov can't suspend any provision of Penal Code or Code of Criminal Procedure during a disaster.
- Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed
- T**  HB 3017 Wu, Gene(D)

Relating to criminal liability for reporting false information to draw an emergency response.

**Companions:** [SB 1056](#) Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - New offense for false report likely to cause emergency response by law enforcement or other emergency responder.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  [HB 3019](#) Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the use of campaign contributions made to a candidate for statewide office or the legislature.

**Remarks:** JBD - Statewide officeholders and legislators can't use campaign funds to support or oppose municipal candidates.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  [HB 3021](#) Burns, DeWayne(R) Relating to municipalities and counties that adopt budgets that defund law enforcement agencies.

**Remarks:** JBD - Defines "defunding police" to mean reducing from the preceding fiscal year (1) appropriation to law enforcement agency, (2) number of peace officers, (3) funding for peace officer overtime, or (4) funding for recruitment and training for each vacant peace officer position. Offending cities will have reduction taken from sales taxes and put into state GR. Filed bill does not contain penalty applicable to offending counties.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  [HB 3022](#) Herrero, Abel(D) Relating to the expunction of arrest records and files by a statutory county court.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits statutory county courts to issue expunctions for misdemeanors under county court jurisdiction. Same \$100 fee as in justice court to cover cost of notifying law enforcement entities.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  [HB 3024](#) Wu, Gene(D) Relating to civil and criminal liability for doxing.

**Companions:** [SB 1691](#) Miles, Borris(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - New offense for posting another's private personal info.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  [HB 3027](#) Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the administration of navigation districts.

**Companions:** [SB 1642](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - authorize a navigation district to act to prevent, detect, and fight a fire or explosion or hazardous material incident that occurs on, or adjacent to, a waterway, channel, or turning basin that is located in the district's territory, regardless of whether the waterway, channel, or turning basin is located in the corporate limits of a city.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  [HB 3030](#) Goodwin, Vikki(D) Relating to notice to customers, governmental entities, and other affected persons after significant interruptions of certain services.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires public service providers (heat, light, power, water) to have emergency notification systems to alert customers and governmental entities to significant interruptions of service (one or more hours).

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  [HB 3034](#) Campos, Liz (F)(D) Relating to the establishment of a statewide homelessness data system.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the Texas Interagency Council on Homelessness to collaborate with a state agency designated by the council to establish a statewide homelessness data system which state agencies, local governmental entities, including law enforcement agencies, court systems, school districts, and emergency service providers, and other relevant persons are able to share information related to individuals experiencing homelessness; and the persons described by and members of the public are able to access information related to individuals experiencing homelessness in order to connect or refer those individuals to services, including affordable housing opportunities; provide that, in developing the data system, the council and the state agency designated by the council shall, among other things, consult with representatives of the entities to determine the challenges faced by those entities in addressing homelessness and how best to improve the responses to those

challenges; and require the data system to the extent permitted by a data sharing agreement, collect data from other homelessness data systems maintained or operated by a state agency, local law enforcement agency, or other entity of Texas; and collect, aggregate, analyze, and share homelessness information submitted to the data system with entities that have access to the system.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HB 3041 Frank, James(R)

Relating to the procedures and grounds for taking possession of a child and authorizing a family preservation services pilot program as an alternative to removal in suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

**Companions:** SB 1576 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - DFPS to establish pilot in one urban and one rural CPS region for family preservation services to prevent termination of parental rights. If a court orders services not paid under Family First Prevention Services Act, the court must identify which local jurisdiction will pay for the services.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 H Filed

  HJR 116 Burns, DeWayne(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to require the legislature to provide for the reimbursement of certain political subdivisions for the implementation of laws that establish, expand, or modify a duty or activity.

**Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment to prohibit unfunded mandates.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

  HJR 117 Rogers, Glenn (F)(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring payment of child support to be eligible to hold certain public elective offices.

**Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment to require payment of child support to be eligible to hold office.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

  HJR 118 Allison, Steve(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the

appraisal of real property for ad valorem tax purposes based on its purchase price.

**Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment providing for appraisal of real property based on its purchase price.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 H Filed

  [HJR 119](#) Patterson, Jared(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homesteads of certain disabled first responders.

**Companions:** [HJR 139](#) Holland, Justin(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt from property taxation the residence homesteads of qualifying disabled first responders and their surviving spouses.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  [HJR 120](#) Middleton, Mayes(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of county treasurer of Galveston County.

**Companions:** [SJR 56](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - If adopted, commissioners court of Galveston may hire or contract with someone to perform treasurer duties.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

  [HJR 121](#) Anchia, Rafael(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment establishing the Texas Redistricting Commission to redistrict the Texas Legislature and Texas congressional districts and revising procedures for redistricting.

**Companions:** [HJR 59](#) Anchia, Rafael(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** MJV-Constitutional amendment to create a seven member redistricting commission. Four members are appointed by seniority in each house; one member must be a retired federal judge; and two retired federal judges appointed by the first judge. the commission will meet each year ending in 1 to reapportion districts.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 H Filed

-   [SB 26](#) Paxton, Angela(R) Relating to prohibited suspension of laws protecting religious freedom and prohibited closure of places of worship.
- Companions:** [HB 1239](#) Sanford, Scott(R) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
- Remarks:** JBD - Will prohibit any order - even in a disaster - that has the effect of closing places of worship. Violations can result in claims for damages.
- Last Action:** 3- 8-21 S Committee action pending Senate State Affairs
-   [SB 708](#) Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the continuation of the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission as an advisory committee to the Texas Historical Commission.
- Companions:** [HB 1555](#) Goldman, Craig(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development
-   [SB 709](#) Hall, Bob(R) Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.
- Companions:** [HB 1845](#) Canales, Terry(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Urban Affairs
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government
-   [SB 710](#) Hall, Bob(R) Relating to the continuation and functions of the Commission on Jail Standards.
- Companions:** [HB 1545](#) Cyrier, John(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice
-   [SB 868](#) Nichols, Robert(R) Relating to certain revenues dedicated to the Texas Mobility Fund.

- Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals transfer of TERP transfer and leaves it at TxDot. \$150m/year impact to clean air grants.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation
-   [SB 876](#) Hancock, Kelly(R) Relating to the county in which a motor vehicle dealer may apply for the registration of and title for certain vehicles sold by the dealer.
- Companions:** [HB 3113](#) Thompson, Ed(R) (Identical)  
3- 8-21 H Filed
- Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes a vehicle dealer who applies for registration or title for a vehicle to apply in any county in which the county assessor-collector is willing to accept the application.
- Last Action:** 3-16-21 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate Business and Commerce
-   [SB 901](#) Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards in certain counties.
- Companions:** [HB 523](#) Landgraf, Brooks(R) (Identical)  
3-16-21 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E1.030, House Transportation
- Remarks:** WLJ - Expands enforcement of commercial vehicles to a county within 30 miles of new mexico that generates 100m or more in tax revenue from oil and gas production.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation
-   [SB 903](#) Perry, Charles(R) Relating to suits for tax refunds.
- Companions:** [HB 2623](#) Sanford, Scott(R) (Identical)  
3- 2-21 H Filed
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
-   [SB 904](#) Perry, Charles(R) Relating to requiring trauma training for certain attorneys.
- Companions:** [HB 566](#) Lopez, Ray(D) (Identical)  
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues

**Remarks:** WLJ- Requires attorneys on the list to serve as attorneys ad litem to complete trauma informed care training. It may count towards their CLE requirements.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

  [SB 912](#) Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for certain conduct engaged in while participating in a riot and to restitution for property damage resulting from participating in a riot.

**Companions:** [HB 3652](#) Slawson, Shelby (F)(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

  [SB 916](#) Seliger, Kel(R) Relating to information regarding certain noncompliance by an appraisal district in the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation records of a professional property tax appraiser serving as chief appraiser for the district.

**Companions:** [HB 3585](#) Meyer, Morgan(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  [SB 924](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to requirements for open meetings that are broadcast over the Internet or held by telephone conference or videoconference call.

**Companions:** [HB 2683](#) Canales, Terry(D) (Identical)  
3- 3-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - For open meeting of a governmental body that is held phone, requires that the public is able to listen to and speak at an open meeting by phone, or both av and audio-only feeds, videoconference call.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

  [SB 925](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the definition of business day for purposes of the public information law.

**Companions:** [HB 1416](#) Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Identical)

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

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

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

  [SB 926](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the availability of dates of birth under the public information law.

**Companions:** [HB 3535](#) Hunter, Todd(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Makes dates of birth public unless protected by HIPAA or otherwise by statute or constitution. Law enforcement has objected in the past.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

  [SB 927](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to a governmental body's response to a request for public information.

**Companions:** [HB 3015](#) Hernandez, Ana(D) (Identical)  
3- 5-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires governments to respond to requestors if not in possession of responsive information or if withholding responsive information pursuant to a previous determination that the information may be withheld. Failure to do so results in loss of right to collect costs and a higher standard (compelling reason) for withholding any of the requested information.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

  [SB 928](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to maintenance and production of electronic public information under the public information law.

**Companions:** [HB 1810](#) Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs  
[SB 729](#) Johnson, Nathan(D) (Identical)

3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**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:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

  [SB 929](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the posting of certain contracts to the Internet websites of governmental bodies.

**Companions:** [HB 2913](#) Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires all governmental bodies to post online, within 14 days for a value of \$15k and up and 30 days for a value of \$15k and below, a copy of every contract for the purchase of goods/services, including the authority to not competitively bid and/or the request for bid. Provides for an exception if there is no internet site, if there is no cost.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

  [SB 934](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for firearms and hunting supplies for a limited period.

**Companions:** [SB 457](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 715](#) Fallon, Pat (F)(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[HB 3779](#) Holland, Justin(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** aph - creates a sales tax holiday for the last weekend in August for hunting supplies, firearms, and ammunition.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

  [SB 935](#) West, Royce(D) Relating to an exception to the titling requirement for certain vehicles.

**Companions:** [HB 2940](#) Kuempel, John(R) (Identical)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for a metal recycler to purchase a vehicle without obtaining a title. Contains requirements.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

  [SB 942](#) West, Royce(D) Relating to automatic voter registration of students enrolled in public institutions of higher education.

<b>Companions:</b>	<a href="#">HB 508</a>	Thierry, Shawn(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
	<a href="#">SB 2280</a>	West, Royce(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
	<a href="#">SB 649</a>	West, Royce(D) 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs	(Identical)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires voter registrars to automatically register all eligible university students to vote utilizing the university enrollment application.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

  [SB 943](#) Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the use of certain license plates utilizing integrated circuit technology.

<b>Companions:</b>	<a href="#">HB 2367</a>	Harris, Cody(R)	(Identical)
		2-26-21 H Filed	

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

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

  [SB 950](#) Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to law enforcement policies regarding the issuance of citations for misdemeanors punishable by fine only and to a limitation on the authority to arrest a person for certain fine-only misdemeanors.

<b>Companions:</b>	<a href="#">HB 830</a>	Thompson, Senfronia(D)	(Identical)
		3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety	
	<a href="#">SB 1626</a>	Miles, Borris(D)	(Identical)
		3-11-21 S Filed	

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires cite & release for Class C misdemeanors. All law enforcement entities to adopt policy re same.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

 <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">SB 952</a>	<a href="#">Hinojosa, Chuy(D)</a>	Relating to plot plan requirements for an application for a standard permit for a concrete batch plant issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">HB 798</a> Walle, Armando(D) (Refiled from 86R Session) <a href="#">HB 416</a> Walle, Armando(D) (Identical) 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation
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**Remarks:** aph - adds criteria for a plot plan, distance limits, and scaled map to the issuance of a standard permit for a concrete batch plant.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

 <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">SB 953</a>	<a href="#">Hinojosa, Chuy(D)</a>	Relating to prohibiting the operation of concrete plants and crushing facilities at certain locations.	<b>Companions:</b> <a href="#">HB 3817</a> Kacal, Kyle(R) (Refiled from 86R Session) <a href="#">SB 208</a> Campbell, Donna(R) (Refiled from 86R Session) <a href="#">HB 56</a> Johnson, Jarvis(D) (Identical) 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation <a href="#">HB 3604</a> Leach, Jeff(R) (Identical) 3-10-21 H Filed
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**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands from 440 yards to 880 yards that a concrete or crushing plant can be built near a residence, school or church. Doubles the yardage where homeowners can request a TCEQ hearing.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

 <input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">SB 960</a>	<a href="#">Zaffirini, Judith(D)</a>
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Relating to a pilot program that allows counties to establish public guardians for certain incapacitated persons.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires OCA to develop pilot program to allow counties to establish public guardians for incapacitated persons.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 966 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to legislative oversight during a public health disaster, including the establishment of a legislative public health oversight board.

**Remarks:** MGV - Establishes Leg Public Health Oversight Board to provide oversight for declarations public health disasters. Following the initial renewal of a public health disaster, allows for another renewal by DSHS commissioner for an additional 30 days only if each subsequent renewal is approved by the Leg public health oversight body.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

  SB 967 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the expiration and extension of certain public health orders issued by a health authority.

**Remarks:** MGV - Makes the expiration of a public health order on the 8th day following the date it's issued unless, before the 8th day, the commissioner court or city council extends the order.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

  SB 968 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to public health disaster and public health emergency preparedness and response.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires TDEM to enter into a contract w/ a manufacturer of PPE during a public health disaster. Requires DSHS, TDEM to conduct preparedness planning with other state agencies by conducting annual local, regional public health disaster and public health emergency planning and develop protocols for public health disasters/emergencies. Allows DSHS to declare a public health disaster only if the Gov declares a state of disaster. Creates Office of Chief State Epidemiologist.

**Last Action:**

- 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
- T**  [SB 969](#) Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to reporting procedures for and information concerning public health disasters and to certain public health studies.  
**Remarks:** MGV - Requires DSHS to collaborate with local health authorities, hospitals, labs to plan for standardized info sharing method.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
- T**  [SB 970](#) Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the repeal of certain provisions related to health and human services.  
**Remarks:** MGV - Repeals a number of health programs.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
- T**  [SB 972](#) West, Royce(D) Relating to access to certain law enforcement, corrections, and prosecutorial records under the public information law.  
**Remarks:** JBD - Makes public reports of use of force by peace officers, reports of injuries or damage caused by police vehicle, and video of "critical incidents" including use of force and discharge of weapon. Cannot be withheld even if pending investigation.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence
- T**  [SB 973](#) West, Royce(D) Relating to the release of recordings made by peace officers using body worn cameras.  
**Remarks:** JBD - Permits body cam video to be released to public, except portion recorded in private space remains confidential.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence
- T**  [SB 974](#) West, Royce(D) Relating to access to certain law enforcement, corrections, and prosecutorial records under the public information law.  
**Remarks:** JBD - Expands the list of information that must be released to public even if criminal investigation is occurring to include any information used to

secure a warrant, mug shots, reports of officer-involved shootings or firing of weapon, reports of use of force, reports of in-custody injury or death.

Police and fire disciplinary records are public.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 975 West, Royce(D)

Relating to access to certain law enforcement, corrections, and prosecutorial records under the public information law.

**Companions:** [HB 2383](#) Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)  
2-26-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - the office of the attorney general shall establish and maintain, on its internet website, a publicly accessible database of officer-involved injury or death reports that are required to be submitted to the office;

the following information is public information under the Public Information Act (PIA): (a) basic information about a criminal investigation; and (b) basic information contained in: (i) a search warrant; (ii) testimony, an affidavit, or other information used to support a finding of probable cause to execute a search warrant; (iii) an arrest warrant, an arrest report, an incident report, or an accident report; (iv) a mug shot; (v) a report relating to an officer-involved shooting; (vi) a report relating to an incident involving the discharge of a firearm by a peace officer, including the unintentional discharge of a firearm in the course of duty or in response to a call, regardless of whether a person is hit by gunfire or an allegation of misconduct is made; (vii) a report relating to a peace officer's use of force resulting in death or serious bodily injury; or (viii) a report related to the death or serious bodily injury of an arrestee or detainee while the person is in the custodial care of a law enforcement agency;

law enforcement information that deals with the detection, investigation or prosecution of a crime that does not result in conviction or deferred adjudication, or an internal record or notation of a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that is maintained for internal use in matters relating to law enforcement or prosecution, that does not result in conviction or deferred adjudication is public information if: (a) a person who is a subject of the information, record, or notation, other than a peace officer, is deceased or incapacitated; or (b) each person who is a subject of the information, record, or notation consents to the release of the information, record, or notation;

a letter, memorandum, or document regarding a peace officer's alleged misconduct in the peace officer's departmental civil service personnel file (commonly referred to as the "g" file) is public information if: (a) a person who is a subject of the letter, memorandum, or document, other than the peace officer, is deceased or incapacitated; or (b) each person who is a subject of the letter, memorandum, or document consents to the release of the letter, memorandum, or document;

a law enforcement agency shall, with exceptions, make public any video recording in the agency's possession involving a critical incident, including an officer-involved shooting, use of force that results in death or serious bodily injury, or a custodial death, not later than the 60th day after the date of the critical incident;

a fire or police department in a civil service city may maintain a "g" file to store sensitive personal information, including the individual's home address, home telephone number, personal cellular telephone number, emergency contact information, social security number, personal financial information, information that reveals whether the person has family members, and any other personal information the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

a fire or police department in a civil service city shall disclose law enforcement disciplinary record information reasonably necessary to identify an allegation against a fire fighter or police officer that resulted in a sustained finding of misconduct, including: (a) any record created in furtherance of a law enforcement disciplinary proceeding; (b) each complaint, allegation, and charge against the employee; (c) the name of the employee complained of or charged; (d) the transcript of any disciplinary trial or hearing, including any exhibit introduced at the trial or hearing; (e) the disposition of any disciplinary proceeding; and (f) the final written opinion or memorandum supporting the disposition and discipline imposed, including the agency's: (i) complete factual findings; and (ii) analysis of the conduct and appropriate discipline of the covered employee;

a written request for information recorded by a body worn camera shall be treated as a request for public information under the PIA; and

provisions of current law related to withholding from release a portion of a body worn camera recording made in a private space, or of a recording involving the investigation of conduct that constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by

fine only and does not result in arrest, without written authorization from the person who is the subject of that portion of the recording or, if the person is deceased, from the person's authorized representative are repealed.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 983 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to legislative leave for certain peace officers commissioned by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

**Companions:** [HB 3216](#) Harris, Cody(R) (Identical)  
3- 8-21 H Filed

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 S Filed

  SB 984 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to public health disaster and public health emergency preparedness and response, including the operation of the Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires each trauma service area regional advisory council to collect from each hospital the de-identified health care data necessary for the state and area to plan/respond to public health disasters.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 S Filed

  SB 986 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the acquisition of real property by an entity with eminent domain authority.

**Remarks:** JBD - Imposes new requirements on private entities with eminent domain authority.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 S Filed

  SB 988 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to misconduct and standards of conduct applicable to certain persons licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

**Companions:** [HB 3723](#) Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D)(Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 S Filed

  SB 990 Gutierrez, Roland (F)(D) Relating to a notice and hearing requirement for a change in the bail amount for certain defendants.

**Remarks:**

JBD - Requires notice and an opportunity for hearing to defendant before a judge may increase bail.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 S Filed

  [SB 995](#) Powell, Beverly(D) Relating to the establishment of the disaster reinvestment and infrastructure planning board and the creation of the disaster reinvestment and infrastructure planning revolving fund.

**Remarks:** MGV - Establishes disaster reinvestment and infrastructure planning board and creates a special revolving fund to be used by the board for responding to a disaster including money transferred/deposited by law; any dedicated fee or tax; proceeds of sales of bonds; and investment earnings.

**Last Action:** 3- 3-21 S Filed

  [SB 1000](#) Hall, Bob(R) Relating to toll collection and enforcement by toll project entities.

**Companions:** [HB 3314](#) Cain, Briscoe(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

  [SB 1001](#) Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the capture and retention of biometric identifiers by governmental entities.

**Remarks:** JBD - Prevents government from capturing biometric identifiers of any person - ear print, heartbeat, gait, voiceprint, head or face geometry, or vascular pattern. Can only capture those things with a warrant. Fingerprint can be captured without a warrant. Government can retain photo or recording only if connected with a criminal investigation. Must destroy at end of investigation or prosecution. AG may sue for civil penalties not less than \$1000/day. Waives immunity.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

  [SB 1002](#) Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to reducing the criminal penalty for the operation of overweight vehicles transporting livestock.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Reduces the overweight truck fine for hauling livestock by 50% if it is proportionally over the axles and five or more miles from an international border crossing.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

- T**  [SB 1004](#) Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the procedure for an application for a writ of habeas corpus based on certain new evidence.  
**Companions:** [HB 3426](#) Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[HB 225](#) Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Identical) 3- 8-21 H Committee action pending House Criminal Jurisprudence  
**Remarks:** JBD - Creates habeas relief for new evidence.  
**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed
- T**  [SB 1005](#) Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the punishment for certain controlled substance possession offenses under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.  
**Remarks:** JBD - Lowers penalties and mandates probation for certain drug possession charges. Judge may suspend imposition of fine. Changes funding formula for probation departments to take into account defendants supervised for Class A possession.  
Authorizes CJAD to award grants for pre-trial intervention treatment, aftercare and supervision for Class A possession.  
**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed
- T**  [SB 1007](#) Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the electronic filing system used for the filing of documents in courts of this state.  
**Companions:** [HB 3840](#) Dominguez, Alex(D) (Identical) 3-11-21 H Filed  
**Remarks:** JBD - Permits Cameron, Hidalgo and Webb counties to charge not more than \$2 for each court electronic filing.  
**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed
- T**  [SB 1009](#) Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the administration of county primary funds.  
**Companions:** [HB 3574](#) Guerra, Bobby(D) (Identical) 3-10-21 H Filed  
**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed
- T**  [SB 1013](#) Buckingham, Dawn(R)

Relating to a local option election to allow the sale of certain alcoholic beverages on Sunday.

**Companions:** [HB 2232](#) Bucy, John(D) (Identical)  
2-24-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for local option election to approve Sunday alcohol sales.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

  [SB 1014](#) Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to performance and payment bonds for public work contracts on public property leased to a nongovernmental entity.

**Companions:** [HB 1477](#) Bell, Keith(R) (Identical)  
3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires payment and performance bonds for construction done on government property leased to private entities. Kaufman County bill.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

  [SB 1018](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to an early voting ballot voted by mail.

**Companions:** [HB 2411](#) Hinojosa, Gina(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[HB 1464](#) Hinojosa, Gina(D) (Identical)  
3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires an officially-prescribed application form for an early voting ballot to include a space for the voter to provide a change of residence address within the county, if applicable. Provides that, if an application for an early voting ballot includes a change of address within the county, the early voting clerk must notify the voter registrar of the change and the registrar shall update the voter's registration accordingly. Provides that an early voting clerk is not required to provide a form for a statement of residence to a voter who indicated a change of address within the county on the voter's application for an early voting ballot to be voted by mail. Provides that, for certain defective early voting ballots voted by mail, that the signature verification committee or early voting ballot board may return the carrier envelope to the voter by mail, if the signature verification committee determines that it would be possible to correct the defect and return the carrier envelope

before the time the polls are required to close on election day; or notify the voter of the defect by telephone or e-mail and inform the voter that the voter may come to the early voting clerk's office in person to correct the defect; or request to have the voter's application to vote by mail cancelled.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

  [SB 1023 Gutierrez, Roland \(F\)\(D\)](#) Relating to the authority of a governmental entity to impose a regulation governing the use of building products, materials, or methods that relates to water conservation.

**Remarks:** WLJ - allows a governmental entity to impose a regulation regarding the use of a building production, material or standard that implements certain water conservation plans or programs, or is a requirement imposed by the Texas Water Development Board as a condition of applying for or receiving financial assistance under a program administered by the board.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

  [SB 1025 Birdwell, Brian\(R\)](#) Relating to the authority of the legislature and governor with respect to certain disaster or emergency declarations.

**Remarks:** MGV - During a declared state of disaster, permits only the Leg to suspend a provision in Crim Pro, Election, or Penal code; restrict the operation of businesses, or renew the Gov's declaration.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

  [SB 1027 West, Royce\(D\)](#) Relating to the authority of an owner of certain residential real property to pay the ad valorem taxes imposed on the property in installments.

**Remarks:** WLJ - property taxes imposed by a taxing unit in a tax year on property that is used for residential purposes and has fewer than three living units, a person may pay the taxing unit's property taxes on property that the person owns in eight equal installments without penalty or interest if the person: (1) provides written notice to the taxing unit not later than December 31 of the year for which the taxes are imposed that the person will pay the taxes in eight equal monthly installments; and (2) pays the first installment before the date on which the taxes become delinquent.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

- T**  [SB 1029](#) Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain solar or wind-powered energy devices.
- Companions:** [HB 3795](#) Button, Angie Chen(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed
- Remarks:** WLJ - a person is entitled to an exemption from property taxes of the appraised value of a solar or wind-powered energy device owned by the person that is installed or constructed on real property and primarily for production and distribution of energy for on-site use, regardless of whether the person owns the real property on which the device is installed or constructed.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed
- T**  [SB 1034](#) Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the inclusion in a notice of appraised value of a property owner's residence homestead delivered to the owner by the chief appraiser of an appraisal district of information regarding the sales prices of other single-fam
- Remarks:** WLJ - requires the notice of appraised value delivered to a residential property owner by the chief appraiser of an appraisal district to include a separate document dedicated to providing sales price information for each single-family home recently sold in the same neighborhood as the residence homestead.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed
- T**  [SB 1035](#) Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to meals provided to jurors during deliberation of a civil case in certain district courts.
- Companions:** [HB 2375](#) Johnson, Ann (F)(D) (Identical)  
2-26-21 H Filed
- Remarks:** MGV - Increases from \$3 per meal to a reasonable amount for a juror in a civil case.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed
- T**  [SB 1036](#) Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to regulation of certain facilities and establishments with respect to, civil remedies for certain criminal activities affecting, and certain criminal offenses involving health, safety, and welfare.
- Companions:** [HB 1540](#) Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Meeting set for 2:00  
P.M., E2.010, House Criminal  
Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** if a law enforcement agency has reason to believe an activity related to prostitution or the violation of licensing requirements related to massage therapy or massage services has occurred at property that is leased to a person operating a massage establishment, the law enforcement agency may provide written notice by certified mail to each person maintaining the property of the alleged activity; a person or enterprise commits racketeering if, for financial gain, the person or enterprise commits an offense related to trafficking of persons; and a sex offender who is placed under community supervision may not go in, on, or within 1,000 feet of certain child-care facilities that operate as residential treatment centers.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

  [SB 1039](#) Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to establishing an advisory board to study surface water and groundwater interaction.

<b>Companions:</b>	<a href="#">HB 4570</a>	Larson, Lyle(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
	<a href="#">HB 2652</a>	Larson, Lyle(R)	(Identical)
		3- 2-21 H Filed	

**Remarks:** WLJ - establishes the nine-member Surface Water and Groundwater Interaction Advisory Board and sets out provisions relating to the board's member composition and the board's chair. The bill requires the board, in consultation with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, groundwater conservation districts, and river authorities, to study:

- the extent to which surface water and groundwater interact in Texas;
- challenges arising in Texas from the interaction of surface water and groundwater; and
- approaches to mitigating challenges arising in Texas from the interaction of surface water and groundwater.

Requires the board to deliver to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and each member of the legislature, not later than December 1, 2020, a report on the board's determinations based on the study. The bill requires the board to deliver to any such person related information on request.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

- T**  [SB 1040](#) Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to a landlord's notice to residential tenants regarding rent increases.
- Companions:** [HB 624](#) Neave, Victoria(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)
- Remarks:** Establishes a 7-day notification period for landlords to tenants of increases in rent prior to any notification period for tenants to landlords of notice to vacate
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed
- T**  [SB 1041](#) Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to increasing the rates of the state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes.
- Companions:** [HB 4217](#) Israel, Celia(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 1077](#) Watson, Kirk(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[HB 2931](#) Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)  
3- 5-21 H Filed
- Remarks:** aph - establishes a \$25,000 ceiling for homestead exemptions for all taxing entities if approved by that taxing unit.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed
- T**  [SB 1042](#) Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to a data collection program established by the attorney general regarding defendants in certain criminal cases and access to information stored in criminal justice information databases.
- Remarks:** JBD - Requires AG to collect a list of data regarding all Class B and above offenses and post that data on AG's website. AG may promulgate rules, and prosecutors and law enforcement agencies must cooperate as required by the AG.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed
- T**  [SB 1043](#) Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(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  
[HB 2373](#) Goodwin, Vikki(D) (Identical)  
2-26-21 H Filed
- Remarks:**

WLJ - Allows for election drop boxes, allows for multiple boxes..

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

**T**  [SB 1045](#) Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to certain claims against the third-party administrator or vendor of health benefits for the employees of a political subdivision.

**Remarks:** JBD - Third-party administrators of political subdivision's health benefits plan may be liable for coverage dispute.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

**T**  [SB 1047](#) Seliger, Kel(R) Relating to the execution of a search warrant for taking a blood specimen from certain persons in certain intoxication offenses.

**Companions:** [HB 1893](#) Smithee, John(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** WLJ - Permits a warrant for a blood specimen on suspicion of an intoxicated offense to be executed in an adjacent county and by any law enforcement officer authorized to make an arrest.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

**T**  [SB 1048](#) Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the establishment of a sanitarian recruitment and retention program in border counties for public health purposes.

**Remarks:** MGV - To extent money is available, requires DSHS to establish a sanitarian and retention program in border counties.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

**T**  [SB 1049](#) Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to demonstration programs for childhood obesity and chronic disease prevention in certain border counties.

**Remarks:** MGV - Applies to Cameron County. Requires DSHS to establish demonstration programs for childhood obesity and chronic disease programs.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

**T**  [SB 1050](#) Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to health professional continuing education to address communicable and other diseases in border counties.

**Remarks:**

MGV - In border counties, to extent funds are available, requires DSHS, in collaboration with health authorities, local health depts, and public health districts to provide continuing ed designed to reduce diseases to community health workers, health professionals, and employees of local health dept or public health district.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

  [SB 1052](#) Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to an application for court-ordered mental health services.

**Remarks:** JBD - Expands correct jurisdiction for filing of application for court-ordered mental health services to include a county where the person is being assessed in an ER or hospital.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

  [SB 1054](#) Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to mandatory conditions of community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision concerning certain searches.

**Remarks:** JBD - Conditions of parole and felony probation must include a requirement that the person permit the parole/probation officer to search the person's person, vehicle or residence if the officer has reasonable suspicion a crime or release violation has occurred or is about to occur.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

  [SB 1055](#) Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to motor vehicle accidents involving a pedestrian or other vulnerable road user within the area of a crosswalk.

**Companions:** [HB 2081](#) Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical)  
2-23-21 H Filed

**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:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

  [SB 1056](#) Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to criminal liability for reporting false information to draw an emergency response.

**Companions:** [HB 3017](#) Wu, Gene(D) (Identical)  
3- 5-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - New offense for false report likely to cause emergency response by law enforcement or other emergency responder.

**Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed

  [SB 1064](#) Alvarado, Carol(D) Relating to registration and inspection requirements for certain local government fleet vehicles.

**Companions:** [HB 2262](#) Schofield, Mike(R) (Identical)  
2-24-21 H Filed

**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:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  [SB 1066](#) Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to common and public nuisances.

**Companions:** [HB 167](#) Ortega, Lina(D) (Identical)  
2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits issuance of temporary restraining orders for nuisances.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  [SB 1067](#) Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to the hours for public consumption of alcoholic beverages.

**Companions:** [HB 170](#) Ortega, Lina(D) (Identical)  
2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  [SB 1068](#) Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to licensing examinations for certain court interpreters.

**Companions:** [HB 2656](#) Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)  
3- 2-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires licensing examinations for court interpreters to be held in person in each county with a population of 800,000 or more at least annually or in person at times and places designated by licensed court interpreter advisory board, and online at least 2x/year.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

- T**  SB 1069 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to the delegation of certain authority of a county judge or commissioners court in certain counties.
- Companions:** HB 2272 Ordaz Perez, Claudia (F) (Identical)  
(D)  
2-24-21 H Filed
- 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:** 3- 5-21 S Filed
- T**  SB 1070 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to the selection of public members to serve on a county's salary grievance committee.
- Companions:** HB 840 Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)  
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs
- Remarks:** WLJ - Creates an alternate salary grievance selection committee process. Allows for the selection of a randomized list for the selection by the court.
- Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed
- T**  SB 1073 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the operations of health care provider participation programs in certain counties.
- Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed
- T**  SB 1080 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to service contracts for leased or purchased motor vehicles.
- Companions:** HB 735 Minjarez, Ina(D) (Identical)  
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures
- Remarks:** JBD - Permits sale of vehicle service contracts on leased vehicles.
- Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed
- T**  SB 1088 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the applicability of provisions entitling certain lessees to receive a copy of a notice of appraised value delivered to a property owner by the chief appraiser of an appraisal district.

**Companions:** [HB 3193](#) Shine, Hugh(R) (Identical)  
3- 8-21 H Filed

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  [SB 1090](#) Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities regarding building products, materials, or methods used in the construction or renovation of residential or commercial buildings.

**Remarks:** JBD - Current ban on local mandates for certain building products does not apply to governmental entities certified as Dark Sky Community. Bill would also exempt those governmental entities that intend to apply for Dark Sky certification, so long as regulation of outdoor lighting not more restrictive than minimum needed for certification.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  [SB 1093](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the administration of a veterans treatment court program.

**Companions:** [HB 408](#) Metcalf, Will(R) (Identical)  
3-17-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.026, House Corrections

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits veterans to participate in veteran treatment court program in county adjacent to county of residence.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  [SB 1096](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

**Companions:** [SB 657](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - would reduce the property tax appraisal cap on residence homesteads from ten to five percent.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  [SB 1097](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to retainage requirements for certain public works construction projects.

**Companions:** [HB 692](#) Shine, Hugh(R) (Identical)  
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

**Remarks:**

JBD - Addresses retainage related to public works contracts. Much of this has been negotiated through 2017 and 2019, but issue remains regarding contractor entitlement to avoid fixing noncompliant work.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

-   [SB 1098](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to certain contracts regarding airports and associated air navigation facilities operated by or on behalf of a local government.
- Companions:** [HB 1739](#) Romero, Ramon(D) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits a local government entering into a contract for airport infrastructure or equipment with an entity found to have misappropriated intellectual property or trade secrets and is owned wholly or partly by a foreign government.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

-   [SB 1099](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the selection and administration of an appraisal review board in certain counties.
- Companions:** [HB 3322](#) Metcalf, Will(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Applies to Montgomery County. Composes ARB of three members elected at general election for state and county officers.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

-   [SB 1100](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the creation of a specialty treatment court for certain individuals residing with a child who is the subject of a juvenile court case.
- Companions:** [HB 2688](#) Metcalf, Will(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 997](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[HB 454](#) Metcalf, Will(R) (Identical)  
3- 8-21 H Committee action pending House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues

**Remarks:** VRS - Creates a family drug court program for parents/adults who live with a juvenile offender to

obtain treatment for substance abuse. Allows the commissioners court of a county to create the program, and allows the drug court to determine whether the program participant pays for the cost of treatment based on their income. Requires the county to explore using court improvement project money and/or federal/state money to fund the program.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  [SB 1110](#) Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to emergency review of election law violations.

**Remarks:** WLJ - not later than the 60th day before the date of a regular or special election, the presiding judge of each administrative judicial region shall appoint not fewer than three retired judges to serve as emergency election review judges to preside over election violation complaints; and create a review process by which an action alleging a violation of the election code, that is filed within 45 days of an election by a candidate in the election or a state or county chair of a political party that has a candidate in the election, to request emergency injunctive relief to prevent the alleged violation from continuing.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  [SB 1111](#) Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the residence address of a voter for purposes of a response to a confirmation notice sent by the voter registrar.

**Companions:** [HB 3974](#) Paul, Dennis(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - modify the definition of "residence" for purposes of elections to provide that a person may not establish residence for the purpose of influencing the outcome of a certain election; a person may not establish a residence at any place the person has not inhabited; and a person may not designate a previous residence as a home and fixed place of habitation unless the person inhabits the place at the time of designation and intends to remain.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  [SB 1112](#) Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to signature verification on an early voting ballot voted by mail.

**Remarks:** WLJ - prohibit a county clerk, elections administrator, early voting clerk, or early voting ballot board from suspending the signature verification requirements for accepting early voting ballots voted by mail; and (2) creates a

Class A misdemeanor for a violation of this prohibition.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  SB 1113 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to a registrar's failure to cancel voter registrations under applicable law.

**Remarks:** WLJ - SOS may withhold funds if a registrar fails to timely cancel voter registrations

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  SB 1114 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to verification of the citizenship status of certain registered voters.

**Remarks:** WLJ - adds notification of a person disqualified from jury service due to lack of citizenship status to when the registrar delivers to the voter written notice to verify address and status.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  SB 1115 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the time in which early voting is conducted.

**Remarks:** WLJ - any runoff election resulting from an election held on a uniform election date, the period for early voting by personal appearance begins on the 12th day before election day and continues through the fourth day before election day; provide that, unless ordered by a court, voting time during early voting may not last more than 12 hours in one day; and establish the following hours for early voting for any election in which a county clerk or city secretary is the early voting clerk: (a) on any weekday of the first week of the early voting period, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; (b) on a Saturday during the early voting period; from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m.; (c) on a Sunday during the early voting period, from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.; and (d) on any weekday of the last week of the early voting period, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  SB 1116 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to a county, city, or independent school district posting election results on an Internet website.

**Remarks:** WLJ - a county that holds or provides election services, and a city or independent school district that holds an election, and maintains an Internet website, shall publish the following as soon as practicable after the election: (a) the results of each election; (b) the total number of votes cast; and (c) the total number of votes cast for each

candidate or for or against each measure; and such information to be accessible without having to make more than two selections or view more than two network locations after accessing the Internet website home page of the county, city, or district, as applicable.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  [SB 1119](#) Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to grand jury proceedings.  
**Companions:** [HB 3421](#) Hinojosa, Gina(D) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits attorney for accused in grand jury if requested by grand jury and solely to make presentation on behalf of client.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  [SB 1121](#) Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to a change of name and sex for certain persons and the issuance of associated birth records and documentation.  
**Companions:** [HB 2024](#) Rosenthal, Jon(D) (Identical)  
2-22-21 H Filed

**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:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  [SB 1122](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to participation in the comptroller's contracts for travel services.  
**Companions:** [HB 2894](#) Holland, Justin(R) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals authority to charge a county/ISD a fee for participating in the Comptrollers Contracted services.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

  [SB 1125](#) Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the disposition of certain controlled substance property and plants seized by or forfeited to a law enforcement agency.  
**Remarks:** JBD - Permits drugs subject to destruction order to be turned over to crime labs for training, research and test validation.

**Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

-   [SJR 43](#)   [West, Royce\(D\)](#)   Proposing a constitutional amendment establishing the Texas Redistricting Commission and providing redistricting procedures for state legislative, state judicial, and congressional districts.
- Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment establishing TX Redistricting Commission.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Special Committee on Redistricting
-   [SJR 44](#)   [Powell, Beverly\(D\)](#)   Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to provide financial assistance to political subdivisions located in areas of the state affected by a disaster, including an epi
- Remarks:** JBD - Permits state to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds for disaster planning and response revolving fund.
- Last Action:** 3- 3-21 S Filed
-   [SJR 45](#)   [Birdwell, Brian\(R\)](#)   Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the powers of the governor and the legislature following certain disaster or emergency declarations.
- Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment requiring Gov to convene Leg in special session to renew a state of disaster.
- Last Action:** 3- 4-21 S Filed
-   [SJR 46](#)   [Creighton, Brandon\(R\)](#)   Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to set a lower limit and provide for more than one limit on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.
- Companions:** [SJR 38](#)   [Creighton, Brandon\(R\)](#)   (Refiled from 86R Session)
- Remarks:** WLJ - Constitutional Amendment changes the 10% cap to 3% if the home's appraised value is \$1 million or less and 5% if the home's value is more than \$1 million.
- Last Action:** 3- 5-21 S Filed

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