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HB 6

Cain, Briscoe(R)

Relating to election integrity and preservation of the purity of the ballot box through the prevention of fraud in the conduct of an election.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Election omnibus bill. Provides that poll watchers to observe the conduct of an election and report any irregularities or violations.

Creates a criminal penalty for paid voter harvesting.

Requires courts give priority to election cases alleging fraud.

Prohibits public officials from altering or suspending an election procedure unless authorized by the law or the SOS.

Prohibits the distribution of a mail-in ballot application to a person who did not request or apply for it.

Requires elections officials to keep a log of issues and spoiled ballots.

Increases disclosure requirements for individuals who legally assist a voter.

Stipulates who can legally be in a polling location.

Details the legislative intent is to make uniforms consistent and uniform throughout the state.

**Last Action:** 3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

HB 20

Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to the release of defendants on bail.

**Remarks:** JBD - Judges have right to deny bail for violent or sex offenses - if constitutional amendment passes. Adds a number of offenses for which defendants may not be released on personal bond. Mandates use of pretrial risk assessment. Sets minimum qualifications for magistrates permitted to set bail for felonies and assault offenses, including training every 2 years. New obligation on court clerks to disseminate bond conditions to prosecutor and arresting law enforcement agency, which must input conditions into TCIC.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

[HB 1525](#) Huberty, Dan(R) Relating to the public school finance system.

**Companions:** [HB 3837](#) Huberty, Dan(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed

[SB 1536](#) Taylor, Larry(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Last Action:** 3-23-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.004, House Public Education

[HB 1545](#) Cyrier, John(R) Relating to the continuation and functions of the Commission on Jail Standards.

**Companions:** [SB 710](#) Hall, Bob(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

**Remarks:** JBD - Inmate handbooks must have procedures for filing complaints. Inspections must be prioritized on relative risk level of jails, which is to take into account time since last inspection. Permits abbreviated inspections for low-risk jails. Removes requirement that jails annually report number of inmates under 17. Commission may adopt standards that vary based on size, resources, and types of jails. Commission to adopt graduated, escalating enforcement actions for failure to timely correct noncompliance.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

[HB 1550](#) Cyrier, John(R) Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

**Companions:** [SB 711](#) Paxton, Angela(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** JBD - Grants TCOLE subpoena power for investigations of violations of law or rule. TCOLE to adopt rules by which it may compel peace officer to undergo examination by physician, psychologist or psychiatrist to ensure officer continues to meet license requirements. Permits emergency suspension if officer poses an imminent threat.

Establishes commission to study a number of issues, including whether there should be statewide standards for licensees and for entities authorized to employ licensees, licensing frequency, public accountability.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

[HB 1555](#) Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to the continuation of the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission as an advisory committee to the Texas Historical Commission.

**Companions:** [SB 708](#) Lucio, Eddie(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

**Remarks:** WLJ - Moves the Texas Holocaust and Genocide

Commission under the Historical Commission.

**Last Action:** 3-22-21 H Meeting set for 1:00 P.M. OR ADJ., E2.036, House Culture, Recreation, and Tourism

HB 1560 Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

**Companions:** SB 714 Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** WLJ - Continues the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation agency. Removes requirement for an auctioneer to be licensed prior to a county surplus auction. .

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Removed from hearing 03/24/21, Licensing and Administrative Procedures

HB 1565 Paddie, Chris(R) Relating to the continuation and transfer of the regulation of willed body programs to the Texas Funeral Service Commission and to the creation of the State Anatomical Advisory Committee.

**Companions:** SB 701 Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)  
3-16-21 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** WLJ - Extends the Texas Funeral Service Commission

**Last Action:** 3-17-21 H Committee action pending House Public Health

HB 1575 Cyrier, John(R) Relating to certain provisions applicable to state agencies subject to review by the Sunset Advisory Commission.

**Companions:** SB 712 Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** MGV - For state agencies subject to sunset review, prohibits public membership on state agency policymaking body.

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

HB 1600 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the review date for certain governmental entities subject to the sunset review process.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Extends various agencies subject to sunset through 2023

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 H Voted favorably from committee on House State Affairs

HB 1845 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

**Companions:** SB 709 Hall, Bob(R) (Identical)  
3-22-21 S Meeting set for 1:00 P.M., EXT

**Remarks:** WLJ - Extends the Commission on Fire Protection through 2033. Allows the commission to set a certificate valid up to 2 years instead of 1.

Repeals the fire fighter advisory committee.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Urban Affairs

HB 1860 Cyrier, John(R)

Relating to the sunset review process and certain governmental entities subject to that process.

**Companions:** SB 713 Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Committee on Administration

**Remarks:** WLJ - Makes PUC subject to sunset by 2023. OSFR - 2025 instead of 2021, TDI - 2025 instead of 2023.

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

HB 1865 Cain, Briscoe(R)

Relating to encouraging economic development through preferences for residents of this state and certain goods or services manufactured in this state and offered for sale by Texas bidders.

**Companions:** SB 1400 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires preference be given to purchase PPE manufactured in Texas by the state and any political subdivision.

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles shall give preference to residents of the state when hiring laborers, vendors and manufacturers.

**Last Action:** 3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

HB 1875 Landgraf, Brooks(R)

Relating to the creation of the business court and the court of 2 business appeals to hear certain cases.

**Remarks:** JBD - Create specialty trial court with statewide jurisdiction to handle derivative action on behalf of an organization and an action between or among organizations and/or owners / members, including action on contracts. 7 judges appointed by Governor for 2-year terms. Jury trials to occur in county where venue is proper, but parties and judge may agree to another county. State to provide office for the court clerk in Travis County, and offices for judges in the county seat of their respective residence counties. Court may be held in any county with local sheriff serving as bailiff. State to reimburse cost of sheriff.

Also establishes court of business appeals.

**Last Action:** 3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House

## Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

- HB 1900** Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to municipalities and counties that adopt budgets that defund law enforcement agencies.
- Remarks:** MGV - Defines defunding local govt as county or city that adopts a budget that reduces appropriation to the local govt's law enforcement agency, the # of peace officers, funding for OT, or funding for recruitment of new peace officers and for which the CJD of Govt office issues a written determination. Limits tax rate on "defunding" tax unit to rate the lesser of NNR or voter-approval tax rate.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
- HB 1950** Slawson, Shelby (F)(R) Relating to the control and funding of law enforcement and public safety services in certain political subdivisions.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Defund the police bill applicable only to City of Austin.
- Last Action:** 3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
- HB 2005** Meyer, Morgan(R) Relating to an exemption for certain cemeteries from cemetery location restrictions.
- Companions:**
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| <b>HB 3768</b> | Meyer, Morgan(R)  | (Identical) |
|                | 3-11-21 H Filed   |             |
| <b>SB 1604</b> | Whitmire, John(D) | (Identical) |
|                | 3-11-21 S Filed   |             |
- Remarks:** MGV - Exempts a private family cemetery at a presidential library and museum from cemetery location restrictions
- Last Action:** 3-23-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.010, House Land and Resource Management
- HB 2020** Gonzalez, Jessica(D) Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.
- Companions:**
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| <b>HB 1358</b> | Vasut, Cody (F)(R)  | (Identical) |
|                | 3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence |             |
- Remarks:** WLJ - Would subject the state and an agency or institution of the state to attorney fees in civil cases as other entities, including in contract suits.
- Last Action:** 3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
- HB 2021** Bonnen, Greg(R) Relating to state budget execution authority for certain federal funds.
- Remarks:** Establishes a Board on Administration of Federal Funds, which proposes whether to accept/reject various forms of federal funding and if accepted, how the funds would be allocated

**Last Action:** 3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

**HB 2025** Hunter, Todd(R)

Relating to certain statutes and governmental actions that relate to the federal census.

**Remarks:** MGV - Amends date of when a govt entity shall act on a published report of the Census to the later of September 1 of the year after calendar year census was taken or 1st day of first calendar month occurring after the 150th day after the date of report's publication. Applies 2010 census numbers to statutes that apply to political subdivisions until September 1, 2023.

**Last Action:** 3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

**HB 2075** Swanson, Valoree(R)

Relating to voting system equipment.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires for an electronic voting role to include a self assessment to ensure functionality and connectivity, to maintain a secure wireless connection that does not store or transmit outside the state and be capable of updating in real time. Prohibits the SOS from certifying any device that doesn't meet the requirements. Requires the device to update within 10 minutes or less.

Requires all software and data for the voting system to be manufactured, stored and held in the US.

Requires a contract to purchase election equipment to disclose the vendors personal information on anyone that holds 5% or more interest.

Prohibits voting equipment that doesn't allow the names on the ballot to be sorted by political party, creates a state jail felony for not arranging the ballot by political party.

**Last Action:** 3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

**HB 2100** Meyer, Morgan(R)

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

**Companions:** **HB 3509** Meyer, Morgan(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed  
**SB 63** Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)  
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

**Remarks:** MGV - Omnibus appraisal bill. Creates new ineligibility standards for an ARB director. Adds a restriction to employment by an appraisal district. Requires chief appraiser to include notice for modifying or denying an application. Allows owners of real or personal property to request delivery of notices by email. Creates 90 day period to determine removal of an ARB member. Requires 90 day period to make determination of an exemption; agricultural designation; right to appraisal. Requires a ARB hearing within 90 days if there is no agreement for a correction to an appraisal. Requires ARB hearing on protest within 90 days from filed notice.

**Last Action:** 3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House

## Ways and Means

- HB 3046** Middleton, Mayes(R) Relating to the identification of and prohibited cooperation by state and local entities with certain federal acts that violate the United States Constitution.
- Companions:** **SB 1248** Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the AG to write a monthly report evaluating the constitutionality of federal actions/rules and prohibit state agencies and/or political subdivisions from cooperating with the federal rule.
- Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
- HB 3048** White, James(R) Relating to a designated law enforcement office or agency.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Adds to definition of law enforcement to include a criminal investigation division of the AG's office.
- Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence
- HB 3051** Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to the authority of certain counties to create a county ethics commission.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Authorizes Harris County to create a county ethics commission.
- Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs
- HB 3053** Rodriguez, Eddie(D) Relating to the qualifications of judges of certain courts.
- Remarks:** WLJ - disqualifies a person from serving as a district, statutory, and statutory probate judge if they have ever been found to be a vexatious litigant.
- Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence
- HB 3056** Goodwin, Vikki(D) Relating to prohibiting billboards on cemetery property.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits billboards on cemetery property.
- Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management
- HB 3064** Metcalf, Will(R) Relating to creating the criminal offense of boating while intoxicated with a child passenger.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Creates state jail felony of boating while intoxicated w/ child passenger.
- Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

  HB 3066 Shaheen, Matt(R)

Relating to the verification of citizenship of an applicant for voter registration.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a voters registration be cancelled if they submit a change of address notice and do not provide proof of citizenship to DPS. Acceptable proof include a passport, a certified birth certificate of citizenship papers. Repeals submitting a voter registration to a deputy registrar, effective date of a registration/change of registration based on postage, fax date or post office cancellation mark.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

  HB 3069 Holland, Justin(R)

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

**Remarks:** JBD - Shortens the statute of limitations for governments to bring claims for defective or unsafe improvements or equipment against architects, engineers, interior designers and landscape architects who design, plan, or inspect construction from 10 years to 5 years. Same shortening for claims against contractor who did construction. Applies to vertical construction, not streets.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

  HB 3070 Ellzey, Jake (F)(R)

Relating to the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation to which certain disabled veterans and the surviving spouses and children of certain veterans are entitled.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a tiered exemption based on a veterans disability rating.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

  HB 3072 Shaheen, Matt(R)

Relating to the punishment for the offense of prostitution.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Increases penalty to state jail felony for prostitution if person is a peace officer, public security officer, reserve law enforcement officer, or employee of public school.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

  HB 3075 Coleman, Garnet(D)

Relating to the collection and reporting of certain information regarding mental health jail diversion.

**Companions:** [SB 1844](#) Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Increases information on mental health data collected on the arrest of a person with mental health to include the reason for arrest, discrepancies in diversion and use of restraints.



Requires an officer report to the agency the description why the person was arrested, initial reason for interaction, if there was a search and why, if they tried to divert, if they used restraint.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  HB 3080 Oliverson, Tom(R)

Relating to unsolicited provision of an application form for a ballot to be voted by mail and to procedures for verification of a ballot voted by mail.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a class a misdemeanor for mailing an absentee ballot without a request from the voter.

Requires thumbprint be provided on an application for mail. Requires thumbprint verification, via DPS, by the registrar.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

  HB 3085 Coleman, Garnet(D)

Relating to health care provider participation programs in this State.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for the matching payment of an LPPF to include any revenue other than net patient revenue. Requires HHSC submit a waiver to CMS on behalf of the local government/provider to ensure the mandatory payment is uniformly proportionate. Increases the mandatory payment to 6% in place of 4% and extends the chapter expiration to 2023.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

  HB 3086 Beckley, Michelle(D)

Relating to the identification required for voting of a voter with a recent name change.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a person to vote if their name changed within 2 years of the election and they provide certified documentation of the name on the voter role and the name on the ID presented.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

  HB 3088 Coleman, Garnet(D)

Relating to the administration of county mental health grant services established by the Health and Human Services Commission.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Increases the matching funds required for a community collaborative mental health grant to 25% for counties with a population less than 100k, 50% for counties with a population 100k-250k and 100 for counties over 250K.

Removes requirement that the program be self sustaining after 7 years.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

  HB 3100 Campos, Liz (F)(D)

Relating to requirements for governmental contracts

with nonprofit organizations regarding the use of money provided under those contracts.

**Remarks:** JBD - State agencies and political subdivisions may not enter into contract with charitable tax-exempt entity unless the contract contains written verification that the entity will not use more than 20% of funds for administrative purposes.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

  HB 3107 Clardy, Travis(R)

Relating to election practices and procedures.

**Remarks:** MGV - SOS election bill provide that in the case of an election in which any members of a political subdivision's governing body are elected from territorial units such as single-member districts, the state laws governing the election of unopposed candidates apply if each candidate for an office that is to appear on the ballot in that territorial unit is unopposed and no opposed at-large race is to appear on the ballot;

(2) require the notice of a general or special election to state the internet website of the authority conducting the election;

(3) provide that an election services contract may not change a political subdivision's requirement to keep an election officer's office open for election duties for at least three hours each day, during regular office hours, on regular business days during a specified period of time prior to election day and ending not earlier than the 40th day after election day;

(4) expand the methods of notice that an election authority conducting the drawing to order names of candidates on the ballot may use to notify candidates of the date, hour, and place of the drawing in include telephone, email, and personal written notice;

(5) require an election officer at the polling place to maintain a registration omissions list;

(6) provide that if the name of a voter who is offering to vote is not on the precinct list of registered voters, an election officer may contact the voter registrar regarding the voter's registration status;

(7) provide that provisional voting records are not available for public inspection until the first business day after the date the early voting ballot board completes the verification and counting of provisional ballots and delivers the provisional ballots and other provisional voting records to the general custodian of election records;

(8) provide that a voter may deliver a marked mail ballot in person to the main early voting polling place only while the polls are open during the early voting period or on election day;

(9) require the authority with whom an application for a place on the ballot must be filed to designate an email address in the notice of deadlines for filing an application for a place on the ballot;

(10) provide that for cities conducting recall elections, a vacancy in an officer's office occurs on the date of the final canvass of a successful recall election; and

(11) eliminate the requirement that an election precinct established for an election ordered by a city may not divide a county election precinct except as necessary to follow the city's boundary.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

  HB 3111 Meyer, Morgan(R)

Relating to the criminal offense of online solicitation relating to a minor.

**Remarks:** MGV - Creates criminal offense of online (over the internet, by email or text, or commercial online service) solicitation relating to a minor

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

  HB 3113 Thompson, Ed(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:** SB 876 Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)  
3-16-21 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

**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:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

  HB 3114 Shine, Hugh(R)

Relating to rules or procedures of the Commission on Jail Standards regarding prisoner visitation.

**Remarks:** JBD - Currently, mandate that prisoners have at least 2 opportunities for in-person visits per week does not apply to jail in existence pre-Sept 2015 that can't comply because of costs. Bill says any such jail that undergoes a renovation or addition still does not have to comply with in-person visitation mandate.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

  HB 3119 Turner, John(D)

Relating to an exception to the application of the offense of illegal voting.

**Companions:** SB 1498 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - creates an exception to the offense of illegally voting to include voting or attempting to vote a provisional ballot and not knowing the circumstances that made the person ineligible or that they were ineligible.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

  HB 3120 Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the eligibility of an injured employee for

lifetime income benefits under the workers' compensation system.

**Companions:** [HB 3676](#) Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 2181](#) Nelson, Jane(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 1450](#) Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical)  
 3-10-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands conditions that qualify a person for never being able to work again under workmans comp to include a permanent cognitive deficit that renders them unemployable or affects their quality of life that eliminates their ability to engage in usual cognitive processes, burns on both feet, one hand and one foo, or one hand and the face or permanent disability as determined by DOJ if they are a first responder of a political subdivision that self insures.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

  [HB 3121](#) Turner, John(D)

Relating to a voluntary quality standards certification process for certain private residential psychiatric treatment facilities that provide treatments and services to youth.

**Companions:** [SB 1218](#) Johnson, Nathan(D) (Identical)  
 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

  [HB 3122](#) Turner, John(D)

Relating to electronic correction of voter registration information.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires upon an electronic voter registration correction that indicates the voter now resides in a new county, the registrar forwards the notice to the new county and coordinate in cancelling the registration in the previous county in which they resided.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

  [HB 3124](#) Vasut, Cody (F)(R)

Relating to carrying a handgun on the premises of a public employer.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits a public entity from prohibiting an employee from carrying a handgun on premises owned by the entity.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  [HB 3125](#) Allison, Steve(R)

Relating to the payment of costs for certain mental health hearings or proceedings and a county's entitlement to reimbursement for those costs.

**Companions:** [SB 1398](#) Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)  
 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to

## committee on Senate Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** WLJ - removes the option to seek reimbursement on the costs of a mental health hearing from the patient and repeals the requirement to verify a public facility is not first available and the requirement for commissioners court approves the payment.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

  HB 3136 Beckley, Michelle(D)

Relating to allowing the governing bodies of certain political subdivisions to call for a local option election relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages.

**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes commissioners court to order a local option election in the county or JP precinct to determine whether sale of alcohol should be prohibited.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

  HB 3139 Longoria, Oscar(D)

Relating to the authority of all governmental bodies to hold open and closed meetings by telephone or videoconference call.

**Companions:** [HB 1888](#) Fierro, Art(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House State Affairs  
[SB 1515](#) Gutierrez, Roland (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Permits a governmental body to hold an open or closed meeting by conference call. Removes requirement for a public hearing on a tax rate to be held inside a publicly owned building.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

  HB 3147 Cole, Sheryl(D)

Relating to the deadline for an early voting ballot board to determine whether to accept voters' ballots.

**Companions:** [HB 3487](#) Cole, Sheryl (F)(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Extends from day 9 to day 10 days after an election, for the early voting ballot board to verify and accept provisional ballots. Requires the early voting ballot board to determine whether to accept a mail ballot no later than 10th day after an election.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

  HB 3151 Leman, Ben(R)

Relating to municipalities and counties that adopt budgets that reduce the funding or personnel allocated for law enforcement agencies.

**Remarks:** MGV - Deems a defunding local govt as county or city that adopts a budget, in comparison to preceding year, reducing appropriation to local gov's law enforcement agency, # of

peace officers authorized to employ, funding for peace officer OT, funding for recruitment, training of new peace officers and Gov's office issues written determination.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

**HB 3152** Noble, Candy(R) Relating to candidates who are ineligible for office.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows SOS to petition a district court for appropriate relief if a candidate has withdrawn, died, or is ineligible but name appears on ballot.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

**HB 3154** Beckley, Michelle(D) Relating to the issuance of a wireless emergency alert after a statewide disaster declaration.

**Companions:** **HB 3168** Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires DPS to request that FEMA notify residents of a state of disaster by issuing a wireless emergency alert to cell phones

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

**HB 3159** Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to Texas Department of Transportation and regional mobility authority comprehensive development agreements.

**Remarks:** allow TxDOT to enter into comprehensive development agreements for the IH-35 project in Travis and Williamson Counties, the IH 45 North project in Harris County, the Hempstead Managed Tollway project in Harris County, the IH-30 project in Tarrant County from IH-35W to Fielder Road, the IH-635 East project in Dallas County from US-75 to IH-30, and the IH-35E project in Dallas County from IH-635 to US-380, adding to the current list of projects listed in Transportation Code.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

**HB 3160** Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to Texas Department of Transportation and regional mobility authority comprehensive development agreements.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Authorizes TxDOT and RMAs to enter into a d/b CDA or a CDA for the projects previously listed in statute as being eligible for a CDA (prior to CDA authority expiring August 31, 2017), with such authority expiring on August 31, 2031

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

**HB 3161** Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to the establishment of community paramedicine programs to coordinate health care

services and improve health care provision.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Permits a county/city to establish a paramedicine program to qualify for federal funding.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

HB 3168 Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to the issuance of a wireless emergency alert after a statewide disaster declaration.

**Companions:** HB 3154 Beckley, Michelle(D) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires DPS notify residents, via wireless device, as soon as practicable following a Governors emergency declaration.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

HB 3170 Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to the mandatory placement on deferred adjudication community supervision of certain defendants charged with possession of certain substances listed in Penalty Group 2 under the Texas Controlled Subst

**Remarks:** MGJ - Mandates deferred adjudication community supervision for possession of THC, other than marihuana

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

HB 3171 Slaton, Bryan (F)(R) Relating to the selection of the chief appraiser of an appraisal district.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Makes the chief appraiser position an elected office. Establishes a filing fee.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 3173 Lopez, Ray(D) Relating to certain peace officer hiring policies related to applicant credit history.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Prohibits a law enforcement agency of county or city from adopting or enforcing a hiring policy that automatically disqualifies peace officer applicants due to poor credit history and considers credit history beyond five years.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

HB 3174 Lopez, Ray(D) Relating to certain peace officer hiring policies regarding applicants with a history of marihuana use.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Prohibits law enforcement agency of county or city from adopting/enforcing a hiring policy that automatically disqualifies a peace officer applicant b/c of prior marijuana use and considers use beyond 3 years.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

**HB 3189** Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for school supplies purchased by a teacher.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Sales tax exemption for teacher supplies worth less than \$100

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**HB 3193** Shine, Hugh(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:** **SB 1088** Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

**Remarks:** Under certain circumstances, a lessee may file a protest concerning a leased property. The Tax Code requires the owner to send the lessee a copy of any notice of appraised value for the leased property. It also gives the lessee the right to request that the appraisal district send him the notice of appraised value. This bill would make it clear that those notice provisions apply to only a lessee of real property.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**HB 3195** Meza, Terry(D) Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for taxable items used to assist persons with an intellectual, developmental, or cognitive disability.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a sales tax exemption for devices used to assist a person with an intellectual, developmental or cognitive disability.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**HB 3199** Meza, Terry(D) Relating to cemeteries in certain municipalities and counties.

**Remarks:** MGV - For counties w/ population of more than 750,000 and counties adjacent, allows an individual, corp, partnership, firm, trust, or assn to apply w/ commissioners court to establish or use a cemetery located w/in county limits.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management

**HB 3200** Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) Relating to the procedures following the rejection of a ballot voted by mail.

**Remarks:** add the ability to supply an e-mail address on an application form for an early voting ballot and voter's preferred contact method; require, not later than 24 hours after a ballot is rejected, the presiding judge of the early voter's ballot board to: (a) notify the voter of the rejection of the voter's ballot



using the voter's preferred contact method; (b) inform the voter that, time permitting, the voter may request new balloting materials; or vote by personal appearance; and (c) deliver written notice of the reason for the rejection of a ballot to the voter; applies only to an early voting ballot voted by mail: (a) for which the voter did not sign the carrier envelope certificate; (b) for which it cannot immediately be determined whether the signature on the carrier envelope certificate is that of the voter; (c) missing any required statement of residence; or (d) containing incomplete information with respect to a witness.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

  HB 3201 Meza, Terry(D)

Relating to the appointment of volunteer deputy voter registrars.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits not appointing a volunteer deputy registrar on the bases of sexual orientation, gender identify or political affiliation.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

  HB 3205 Ellzey, Jake (F)(R)

Relating to increasing the criminal penalty for committing certain offenses while wearing a mask or military-style gear.

**Remarks:** MGV - Increases punishment to next higher category for committing disorderly conduct, rioting, or obstructing a highway while wearing mask or military-style gear

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

  HB 3216 Harris, Cody(R)

Relating to legislative leave for certain peace officers commissioned by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

**Companions:** SB 983 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a police officer commissioned by Parks and Wildlife to transfer up to 8 hours of leave to a pool.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Culture, Recreation, and Tourism

  HB 3217 Harris, Cody(R)

Relating to the authority of certain counties to impose a hotel occupancy tax and the use of revenue from that tax.

**Remarks:** HOT Tax for a county of 57k - 65k

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

  HB 3219 Hull, Lacey (F)(R)

Relating to the acceleration of an appeal of an election contest.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals the acceleration of an appeal of an election

contest. Applies to a general, special and primary election.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

  [HB 3221](#) Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to the accrual of a cause of action for purposes of certain laws governing certain construction liability claims.

**Companions:** [SB 1781](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - As of 2019, governmental entities cannot bring action for construction defect until they notify responsible party in writing of the specific defect and condition of the project. The bill states a cause of action does not accrue until the postmark date of that report. Seemingly, this clarifies that no action may be filed before the mailing date of the report.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

  [HB 3226](#) Hinojosa, Gina(D)

Relating to establishing a minimum wage for essential workers.

**Remarks:** MGV - Establishes \$15/hr min wage for essential workers.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev

  [HB 3233](#) Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to the establishment by certain counties and hospital districts of disease control pilot programs to reduce the risk of certain infectious and communicable diseases.

**Companions:** [SB 2130](#) Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for expanded participation of a needle exchange program to include the counties and hospital district that establish a disease control pilot program.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

  [HB 3237](#) Israel, Celia(D)

Relating to authorizing an optional county fee on vehicle registration in certain counties to be used for transportation projects.

**Companions:** [SB 1078](#) Watson, Kirk(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 1837](#) Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** aph - adds Travis and Williamson counties to the list of counties that can charge an additional \$20 on vehicle registration for transportation projects. The fee must be passed by referendum and by the commissioner's court.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

  [HB 3241](#) Schofield, Mike(R)

Relating to compensation for damages caused by governmental actions that close or effectively close businesses.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Entitles a business owner to bring an action against a government for compensation due to a governmental ordinance that decreases or closes a business. Does not apply to a nuisance, violation of law, licensing issue or taxing issue.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

  [HB 3243](#) Shine, Hugh(R)

Relating to the payment of delinquent ad valorem taxes on property subject to a tax sale.

**Companions:** [SB 1764](#) Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - A tax office could insist that certain delinquent taxes be paid in cash, with a certified or cashier's check, or with or with an electronic funds transfer (not by a check that might bounce or a credit card). The law would apply to property seized under a tax warrant and to property subject to an order of sale from a court.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

  [HB 3246](#) Reynolds, Ron(D)

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

**Companions:** [HB 1949](#) Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs  
[HB 2017](#) Thierry, Shawn(D) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs  
[HB 4178](#) Fierro, Art(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed  
[SB 306](#) Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires Dep. of Ag, TCEQ, GLOS, TDHCA, TDI, TPWD, DPS, PUC, Comptroller, Texas A&M and TWDB to include a climate change mitigation report in their strategic plans.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

  [HB 3247](#) Schofield, Mike(R)

Relating to the alteration of voting standards, practices, or procedures.

**Remarks:** WLJ - prohibit an election official of a political subdivision from seeking to alter, in response to a pandemic disaster, any voting standard practice, or procedure in a manner not otherwise expressly authorized by state law, unless the election official first obtains approval of the proposed

alternation from the secretary of state by submitting a written request for approval to the secretary of state; prohibit the secretary of state from approving a request unless a condition directly caused by the pandemic disaster has made the conduct of the election infeasible in the absence of the alteration; and provide that, in the absence of the governor's disaster declaration, an election official of a political subdivision may not alter any voting standard, practice, or procedure in a manner not otherwise expressly authorized by law.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

  HB 3248 Gonzalez, Jessica(D)


Relating to the regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, processing, distribution, sale, testing, transportation, delivery, transfer, possession, use, and taxation of cannabis and cannabis products and local regulation

**Remarks:** authorize the cultivation, manufacture, processing, distribution, sale, testing, transportation, delivery, transfer, possession, use, and taxation of cannabis and cannabis products; (2) provide that a person may prohibit or restrict the possession, consumption, cultivation, distribution, processing, sale, or display of 77

cannabis or cannabis products on property the person owns, occupies, or manages; (3) establish a cannabis sales tax at the rate of 10 percent of the sales price of cannabis or a cannabis product; (4) create a cannabis establishment regulation and oversight local share account that consists of 20 percent of the cannabis sales tax in (3); (5) provide that money in the cannabis establishment regulation and oversight local share account may be used by the comptroller only to make a cannabis establishment regulation assistance payment to a qualifying local government, which is a municipality or county in which at least one cannabis establishment is located during any portion of the applicable fiscal year; (6) provide that to serve the state purpose of ensuring that local governments in which cannabis establishments are located may effectively participate in the regulation and oversight of those establishments, a qualifying local government is entitled to a cannabis establishment regulation assistance payment from the state equal to the cost incurred by the local government to enforce regulations under the bill for each fiscal year that the local government is a qualifying local government; (7) provide that a license holder to operate as a cannabis grower, cannabis establishment, cannabis secure transporter, or cannabis testing facility may not operate in a county or municipality without an order or ordinance adopted by the county or municipality, as applicable, authorizing the operation of cannabis growers, cannabis establishments, cannabis secure transporters, or cannabis testing facilities in the county or municipality; (8) provide that a county or municipality that authorizes the operation of cannabis growers, cannabis establishments, or cannabis testing facilities in the county or municipality may adopt regulations consistent with the bill governing the hours of operation, location, manner of conducting business, and number of cannabis growers, cannabis establishments, cannabis secure transporters, or cannabis testing facilities; (9) provide that a health authority may, on presenting appropriate credentials to the license

holder or employee of the cannabis establishment: (a) enter at reasonable times the premises of a cannabis establishment; (b) enter a vehicle being used to transport cannabis; or (c) inspect at reasonable times, within reasonable limits, and in a reasonable manner, the establishment or vehicle and all equipment, finished and unfinished materials, containers, and labeling of any item; (10) provide that a county, municipality, or health authority, as applicable, shall maintain a record of any complaints made regarding the operations of a cannabis establishment and investigate a complaint or refer the complaint to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, as appropriate; (11) require a license to operate as a cannabis grower, cannabis establishment, cannabis secure transporter, or cannabis testing facility; and (12) create a criminal offense.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

  [HB 3249](#) [Gonzalez, Jessica\(D\)](#) Relating to prohibiting the arrest of a person for a violation of a condition of community supervision based on certain drug test results.

**Companions:** [HB 2974](#) Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)


**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits judge from issuing a warrant for violation of community supervision solely because a drug test indicates THC or cannabidiol was present.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Corrections

  [HB 3251](#) [Thompson, Ed\(R\)](#) Relating to the use of unmanned aircraft.


**Remarks:** WLJ - Clarifies that a drone can capture an image on private property if the owner consents to a certain law enforcement searches. Includes misdemeanor and fine only crimes that drones may be used for.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  [HB 3256](#) [Harless, Sam\(R\)](#) Relating to the confidentiality of a public school teacher's or principal's home or residence address in certain government records and documents.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for a teacher/principal at public school to retract their home address in public documents.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

  [HB 3259](#) [Sanford, Scott\(R\)](#) Relating to the employment of certain peace officers, detention officers, county jailers, or firefighters who are injured in the course and scope of duty.

**Companions:** [HB 2047](#) Talarico, James(D) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

**Remarks:** WLJ - an employer, excluding a city/county that has adopted

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

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

  HB 3260 Thierry, Shawn(D)

Relating to ad valorem taxation, including the disclosure of the sales price of real property to use in appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes and the effect of an unfunded mandate on the use by a political subdivision.

**Remarks:** As an alternative to adopting a percentage homestead exemption, a taxing unit's governing body could adopt an exemption in a fixed dollar amount. The minimum amount for the exemption would be \$5,000, and the maximum amount would be \$100,000. A taxing unit's tax bill would have to state the total dollar amount of certain homestead exemptions not available to all homeowners and disabled veterans' exemptions granted by the taxing unit in the past year and state how those exemptions affected the unit's tax rate for that year.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

  HB 3263 Middleton, Mayes(R)

Relating to the determination of the boundaries of, and the enforcement of the law governing access to, public beaches.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits beach landowners to grant easements to state, county or city for dune projects to protect against storm surge. Landowner must also grant a public use easement. Includes liability protections for landowner.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Natural Resources

  HB 3266 Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to personal contact information submitted by certain local officials to the Texas Division of Emergency Management and local health departments.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires personal contact info to be submitted by county judge, director of county local health department to TDEM and local health depts.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  HB 3269 Noble, Candy(R)

Relating to the requirement that a ballot to be voted by mail be canceled and returned before voting in person.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a process to cancel a mail in ballot to include

keeping a log of cancelled ballots, located in a secure container with a chain of custody. Requires an electronic record be sent to the SOS.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

**HB 3274** Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) Relating to an application for ballot to be voted by mail submitted by telephonic facsimile machine or electronic transmission.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Changes the time an application for a ballot by mail must be submitted by mail and received by the voting clerk from 4 business days after the fax is sent to 7 days before the election.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

**HB 3276** Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the security of voted ballots.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the placing of a peace officer outside of the ballot tabulation counting station in place of a guard. Requires a video recording of the ballots from the time the ballots are delivered until canvassing is complete. they must be stored for one calendar year.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

**HB 3280** Paul, Dennis(R) Relating to election integrity.

**Remarks:** impose nepotism restrictions on the appointment of alternate presiding judges, election clerks, and election officers; (2) require an early voting clerk, as soon as practicable after the deadline for returning mail ballots, to prepare a report that lists the name and voter registration number of each voter whose ballot voted by mail that: (a) was received before the deadline; and (b) has not been accepted or rejected by the early voting ballot board; (3) require an early voting clerk, as soon as practicable after the appropriate authority appoints the signature verification committee, to provide written notice each person appointed as a member containing certain election information; and (4) require the authority establishing a central counting station, as soon as practicable after the appointment of a central counting station election officer, to provide written notice to the person appointed as a central counting station election officer containing certain election information.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

**HB 3281** Paul, Dennis(R) Relating to practices and procedures for an early voting ballot voted by mail.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a mail in ballot be submitted within 15 days of the election and arrive within 4 days before election day.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

HB 3282 Canales, Terry(D)

Relating to the authority of a district engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation to temporarily lower the speed limit at a highway maintenance activity site.

**Companions:** SB 1274 Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

**Remarks:** WLJ - Authorizes a TxDOT district engineer to temporarily lower a prima facie speed limit for a highway or part of a highway in a district if the district engineer determines that the prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe because of highway maintenance activities at the site.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 3284 Dutton, Harold(D)

Relating to de novo review of certain juvenile matters referred to juvenile court masters in Harris County.

**Remarks:** JBD - Harris County Juvenile Court judge may review de novo any decision of a juvenile court master.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues

HB 3285 Button, Angie Chen(R)

Relating to eligibility to serve as an interpreter in an election.

**Companions:** SB 331 Johnson, Nathan(D) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows an election officer to appoint an interpreter for a voter who has not selected their own.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

HB 3286 Schofield, Mike(R)

Relating to the posting of certain parking signs in a public right-of-way by a local government

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a county/city of 220k or more to accept a request to post signs to regulate parking in a public right of way from an owner of a commercial property.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 3288 Neave, Victoria(D)

Relating to reporting of unanalyzed evidence of sexual assault or other sex offenses by law enforcement agencies and public accredited crime laboratories.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires each crime lab to submit a quarterly report on the number of sexual assault kits that have not been analyzed yet.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

HB 3291 Gonzalez, Mary(D)

Relating to the criminal penalty for reckless driving and



to the limitation on the authority to arrest a person for certain traffic offenses punishable by fine only.

**Remarks:** JBD Expands list of traffic offenses for which arrest is not permitted to include fine-only reckless driving and failure to signal. Punishment for reckless driving reduced to fine only unless injury or damage occurs.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  HB 3292 Neave, Victoria(D)

Relating to the issuance of a driver's license or personal identification certificate to a homeless individual.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Exemption of a fee for a person who is homeless for the issuance of a drivers license or identification certificate.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  HB 3294 Bell, Cecil(R)

Relating to funding for the Texas emissions reduction plan.

**Companions:** SB 1263 Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

**Remarks:** WLJ - Currently TERP remit fees to the Texas Mobility Fund, this would remit to the mobility fund and TERP in equal amounts.

If passed, TERP would no longer remit to the Texas Mobility Fund. Rather, TxDOT would remit to the Texas Mobility Fund and TERP in equal amounts.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

  HB 3295 Thompson, Senfronia(D)

Relating to the prosecution of certain actions by district and county attorneys under the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act.

**Companions:** SB 1214 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits district and county attorneys to bring actions against unlicensed massage parlors.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

  HB 3297 Allison, Steve(R)

Relating to conduct constituting the criminal offense of election fraud.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Increases election fraud from a class A misdemeanor to a second degree felony.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

- [HB 3302](#) Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to the order of names of certain candidates on a ballot.
- Remarks:** WLJ - requires the order of candidates names on a ballot for a runoff election to be in the same order as the original ballot.
- Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections
- [HB 3303](#) Schofield, Mike(R) Relating to the procedure for making any change from any voting standard, practice, or procedure authorized by the Election Code.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits any election official, from creating, altering or suspending any voting standard, practice or procedure not in the code.
- Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections
- [HB 3304](#) Metcalf, Will(R) Relating to exemptions from the motor vehicle use tax for a motor vehicle brought into this state by an active duty member of the United States armed forces or the member's spouse.
- Companions:** [HB 947](#) Metcalf, Will(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)
- Remarks:** aph - exempts vehicles purchased out-of-state from sales tax if the vehicle is brought into TX by active duty members or their spouse.
- Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
- [HB 3309](#) Harris, Cody(R) Relating to option contracts to acquire real property for high-speed rail projects.
- Companions:** [HB 1368](#) Harris, Cody (F)(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)
- Remarks:** WLJ - Upon a bankruptcy petition, by a company planning a high speed rail project, a property option contract is voided.
- Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
- [HB 3310](#) Ellzey, Jake (F)(R) Relating to the acquisition of necessary real property for the construction of a high-speed rail project.
- Remarks:** Prohibits a private entity from beginning construction of a high-speed rail project unless TxDOT has determined that the entity has acquired all real property necessary for the construction of the project.
- Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
- [HB 3311](#) Ellzey, Jake (F)(R) Relating to the composition of the statewide passenger rail system coordinated by the Texas Department of Transportation.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Clarifies that the statewide passenger rail system coordinated by TxDOT does not include high-speed rail.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 3312 Harris, Cody(R)

Relating to the disposition of real property acquired for high-speed rail projects.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Provides that a person whose property was acquired by a private entity through the use of eminent domain for a highspeed rail project is entitled to notice and opportunity to repurchase the property before all other purchasers for the price paid to the owner by the at the time the entity acquired the property if the high-speed rail project is canceled or the property is not used for the project by the 10th anniversary from the date it was acquired.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management

HB 3313 Morales, Eddie (F)(D)

Relating to requiring an employee of the legislature to resign on becoming a candidate for a seat in the legislature.

**Remarks:** JBD - Resign-to-run for employees of legislature running for house or senate.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

HB 3314 Cain, Briscoe(R)

Relating to toll collection and enforcement by toll project entities.

**Companions:** SB 1000 Hall, Bob(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

**Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals toll enforcement provisions applicable to each toll project entity, including the habitual violator enforcement and ability to enforce notices of nonpayment served in person on a vehicle not registered in the state, and criminal penalties under Chapter 284. Consolidates the various existing payment and enforcement provisions into one subchapter applicable to all toll project entities.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

HB 3315 Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D)

Relating to the creation of a pretrial intervention program for certain youth offenders.

**Remarks:** JBD - Mandates all counties to create pretrial intervention program for person 18 or younger charged with any Class B or above, but prosecutor must consent for each person to be eligible. Require adult probation to supervise all participants. Reasonable reimbursement fees may be assessed.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues

HB 3316 Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to the duties of peace officers investigating a

family violence allegation or responding to a disturbance call that may involve family violence.

**Remarks:** JBD - Peace officers responding to incident that might involve family violence are prohibited from arresting a person for another offense or warrant. I suspect intent is to remove impediments to calling police.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

  [HB 3317](#) Metcalf, Will(R)

Relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.

**Remarks:** WLJ - would impose a 10% cap on year-to-year increases in the appraised values of all real properties. For non-homestead properties, the cap would first apply to a property in the year after the first year that the owner owned it on January 1. It would cease to apply in the first year following a change of ownership unless the new owner were the spouse of the former owner. For a property with multiple owners, a change in 50% or more of the ownership would end the cap.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

  [HB 3321](#) Metcalf, Will(R)

Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

**Companions:**

<a href="#">HB 383</a>	Bohac, Dwayne(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
<a href="#">HB 946</a>	Metcalf, Will(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
<a href="#">HB 4329</a>	Gutierrez, Roland(D)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
<a href="#">SB 489</a>	Kolkhorst, Lois(R)	(Identical)

3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

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

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

  [HB 3322](#) Metcalf, Will(R)

Relating to the selection and administration of an appraisal review board in certain counties.

**Companions:** [SB 1099](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

**Remarks:** WLJ - The ARBs in Fort Bend and Montgomery counties would consist of three members elected at large. The members would select the ARB's chairperson and secretary. The members could determine the number of auxiliary members necessary to assist them. The county commissioners would select the auxiliary members, but the regular members would make recommendation to the commissioners. A member could be removed for failing to attend a comptroller's training class.

**Last Action:** 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**HB 3328** Bernal, Diego(D) Relating to the periodic review and expiration dates of state and local tax preferences.

**Remarks:** WLJ - require the comptroller to identify each state and local tax preference and develop a review schedule under which tax preferences are reviewed once during each six-year period; (2) require the Legislative Budget Board (LBB) to periodically review each state and local tax preference according to the schedule created by the comptroller; (3) require the LBB to file a preliminary report on tax preferences to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee not later than September 1 of each even-numbered year; (4) require the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee to review the preliminary report and, not later than December 1 of each even-numbered year, provide to the governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the house a final report on the reviews of tax preferences; (5) provide that each tax preference enacted by the legislature that becomes law on or after January 1, 2022, expires six years after the date it takes effect, unless the legislature provides an earlier or later expiration date; and (6) provide that a tax preference that became law before January 1, 2022, and that remains in effect on that date, expires January 1, 2028, unless the legislature provides for an earlier or later expiration date

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

**HB 3330** Vasut, Cody (F)(R) Relating to remote meetings under the open meetings law.

**Remarks:** JBD - Limits the circumstances in which a member of a governmental body may participate in public meeting remotely. Includes disaster or, with consent of a quorum, a member is ill, has to attend funeral, or on active duty in military. Presiding officer must be at location open to the public exist in disaster.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

**HB 3335** Johnson, Jarvis(D) Relating to the charging of higher prices by retail electric providers during a declared disaster.

**Remarks:** Adds to the definition of false misleading practices the selling of electricity by a REP at 200% higher than market rate.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

**HB 3336** Bowers, Rhett(D) Relating to the confiscation of packaged, unopened fireworks by a municipality that regulates fireworks.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits confiscation of packaged, unopened fireworks by a city that regulates fireworks.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

**HB 3337** Bowers, Rhett(D) Relating to signage displayed by a retail fireworks permit holder.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires signage displayed at a retail fireworks site to

read: "The possession or use of fireworks is illegal in many jurisdictions. You are responsible for knowing and following the law of any jurisdiction to which you transport an item purchased from this location"

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HB 3338 Bowers, Rhetta(D)

Relating to activities the tolerance of which may constitute maintenance of a common nuisance.

**Remarks:** MGV - Expands common nuisance to include burglary of vehicles

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HB 3340 Swanson, Valoree(R)

Relating to the appeal of certain orders regarding dangerous dogs.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows an owner of a dangerous dog to appeal a JP's order to humanely destroy a dog to a county court or county court at law.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HB 3341 Swanson, Valoree(R)

Relating to a pilot program for recording activity at a ballot counting station.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a pilot project in two counties for large, medium and small to video record ballot counting activity in 20% of the precincts in the counties.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HB 3342 Bowers, Rhetta(D)

Relating to the definition of illegal fireworks.

**Remarks:** MGV - Expands definition of illegal fireworks to include fireworks manufactured, sold in violation of an ordinance or order enacted by a county or city prohibiting or further regulating fireworks.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HB 3345 Wu, Gene(D)

Relating to public access to the audit records of certain governmental entities.

**Remarks:** WLJ - requires any board created by a political subdivision to make any audit records available tot the public on request within 5 days of the completion and post it on the existing website.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HB 3347 Schofield, Mike(R)

Relating to the date on which the election for statewide elected officials and members of the legislature is held.

**Remarks:** WLJ - All statewide elected officers, except the sos and legislature shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Mondy in November in Odd years starting 11/7/2023.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HB 3348 Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to a protective order regarding a defendant

HB 3350

charged with certain offenses against persons or property.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits victims to apply for protective orders associated with long list of offenses, including property offenses.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

 HB 3354 Burrows, Dustin(R)

Relating to the location of certain justice courts.

**Companions:** SB 1147 Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** JBD - Adjusts a bracket so that Lubbock may have a JP court in the county courthouse which is outside of boundaries of that JP precinct.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

 HB 3356 Hefner, Cole(R)

Relating to a requirement that an auditable voting system be used in an election.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Effective 1/1/2023 Requires an auditable voting system that uses a paper record and receipt for the voter.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

 HB 3359 Rodriguez, Eddie(D)

Relating to the authority of the governing body of a taxing unit other than a school district to adopt an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion, expressed as a dollar amount, of the appraised value.

**Remarks:** WLJ - would allow a taxing unit other than a school district to adopt a homestead exemption in a fixed dollar amount. The amount could be anything up to 20% of the average market value of homesteads in the taxing unit. The minimum amount of the exemption would be \$5,000.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

 HB 3361 Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to the enforcement of certain federal firearm, firearm accessory, and firearm ammunition regulations within the State of Texas.

**Remarks:** JBD - Exempts firearms, firearm accessories and ammunition manufactured and remaining in Texas from all federal regulation. AG to seek declaratory judgment in federal court on behalf of any citizen that notifies AG of intent to manufacture in Texas.

State and local governments may not adopt or by consistent action permit enforcement of federal firearms regulations adopted after 1/1/21. Class A misdemeanor and loss of state grant funds.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

 HB 3362 Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to the provision of electricity service in this state.

**Companions:** SB 2052 Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)

3-12-21 S Filed

[SB 2109](#)

Schwertner, Charles(R) (Identical)

3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - provide that a retail electric customer is entitled to: (a) participate in demand response programs through retail electric providers and demand response providers; and (b) receive notice from the retail electric provider that serves the customer: (i) when the independent organization for the ERCOT power region issues an emergency energy alert about low operating reserves to providers of generation in the power region; or (ii) of imminent rolling outages and the length of time the outages are planned or expected to last; (2) require the Public Utility Commission to adopt rules that require each retail electric provider in the ERCOT power region to create a residential demand response program to reduce the average total residential load by at least: (a) one percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2022; (b) two percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2023; (c) three percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2024; and (d) five percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2025; and (3) require the PUC to adopt rules that require all electric utilities, municipally owned utilities, and electric cooperatives that own transmission and distribution assets in this state to file and implement an outage plan that includes a plan for shutting off customer access to electricity in the event of the need for rolling outages to prevent brown-outs and black-outs.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  [HB 3363](#) Harless, Sam(R)

Relating to the issuance and execution of certain search warrants in a criminal investigation and the admissibility of evidence obtained through certain searches.

**Companions:** [SB 1867](#) West, Royce(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires warrant for law enforcement to obtain location information for wireless devices.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  [HB 3365](#) Klick, Stephanie(R)

Relating to a statewide opioid settlement agreement.

**Companions:** [SB 1794](#) West, Royce(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Establishes TX Opioid Abatement Fund Council administratively attached to Comptroller's office. Provides distribution of funds in accordance with settlement term sheet. Prohibits a govt entity from being a released claim against a released entity.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  [HB 3373](#) Burrows, Dustin(R)

Relating to the certification of live music venues by and other duties of the Texas Music Office.

**Companions:** [SB 1404](#) Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)



3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Natural  
Resources/Economic Development

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a certification for a live music venue to get grants from federal resources. Exempts sexually oriented businesses.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HB 3376 Meyer, Morgan(R)

Relating to the effect of a disaster on the calculation of certain tax rates and the procedure for adoption of a tax rate by a taxing unit.

**Companions:** SB 1438 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Finance

**Remarks:** WLJ - Any taxing unit with territory located in a declared disaster area could calculate its voter-approval tax rate in the manner applicable to a special taxing unit, i.e., it could multiply its no-new-revenue m&o rate by 1.08 instead of 1.035. But that rule would apply only if the disaster caused physical damage to any property in the unit (e.g., someone was so sick from COVID-19 that she let her upstairs bathtub overflow). The taxing unit's governing body would decide how the voter-approval tax rate would be calculated. The taxing unit could continue using 1.08 in its calculation from year to year until the third year after the disaster or the first year in which the taxing unit's total taxable value exceeded its total taxable value in the year of the disaster. A taxing unit other than a school district would not have to hold an election in the year following a declared disaster (including a tornado or hurricane but not including a pandemic) if the taxing unit were required to spend extra money responding to the disaster. Under the same circumstances, a school district would not have to hold an election if the governor had requested federal disaster assistance for the area in which the school district was located. If any taxing unit adopted a tax rate higher than its voter-approval rate without holding an election, the amount of the difference could not be considered when the unit calculated its voter-approval rate in the next year.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HB 3377 Krause, Matt(R)

Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.

**Companions:** SB 808 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)  
3-15-21 S Committee action pending Senate  
State Affairs

**Remarks:** JBD - Will subject all entities - including governments - to liability for attorney fees when defendant in certain civil lawsuits, most notably suits for rendered services, furnished material, and performed labor. Prevailing party in suit on oral or written contract may recover attorney fees.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HB 3385 Rogers, Glenn (F)(R)

Relating to a landowner's bill of rights statement in connection with the acquisition of real property through eminent domain.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires Landowners' Bill of Rights given in eminent domain actions to include information on report of decreased value of remaining property that may be filed by landowner with appraisal district.


**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HB 3390 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to the purchase of cybersecurity insurance coverage by the Texas Department of Transportation.

**Companions:** SB 1908 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed


**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires TxDot to purchase cybersecurity insurance.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HB 3394 Metcalf, Will(R) Relating to determining the incapacity of a proposed guardian or guardian.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Requires a court on its own or upon written application to order an investigation into where a proposed or appointed guardian is incapacitated.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HB 3396 Meza, Terry(D) Relating to provision of behavioral health services under Medicaid using audio-only technology and to reimbursement for those services.

**Companions:** SB 1275 West, Royce(D) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a Medicaid recipient and child health enrollee to receive behavioral health services via audio only services and reimbursed at the same rate as in person. .


**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HB 3399 Ortega, Lina(D) Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to provide road services on federal military property.

**Companions:** SB 1910 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Permits TxDOT to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Defense or another federal entity to allow TxDOT to assist with the provision of road maintenance, improvement, relocation, or extension services for military installations. Prohibits the use of state funds under such an agreement.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HB 3410 Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to publication and posting of notice by governmental entities and representatives.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits posting of notices on government's website instead of in newspaper.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

**HB 3411** [Button, Angie Chen\(R\)](#) Relating to temporarily decreasing the rate of the mixed beverage gross receipts tax.

**Companions:** [SB 1249](#) Taylor, Larry(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

**Remarks:** WLJ - Decreases the mixed beverage tax from 6.7% to 4.7% until 9/1/23

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

**HB 3415** [Goldman, Craig\(R\)](#) Relating to the authority of certain counties to require photo identification to file certain documents with the county clerk.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Decreases the bracket from 3.3m to 800k for a county clerk to require presentation of an ID to file property records.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

**HB 3421** [Hinojosa, Gina\(D\)](#) Relating to grand jury proceedings.

**Companions:** [SB 1119](#) Johnson, Nathan(D) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

**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- 9-21 H Filed

**HB 3424** [Slawson, Shelby \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to organized election fraud activity.

**Companions:** [SB 1568](#) Fallon, Pat (F)(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ CS - AG can bring injunction relief must have preponderance of evidence.

- Creates a civil penalty for engaging in organized election fraud.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

**HB 3428** [Krause, Matt\(R\)](#) Relating to the compensation of criminal law magistrates appointed for certain district courts and criminal county courts at law in Tarrant County.

**Remarks:** JBD - Removes salary cap fro magistrates Tarrant County.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

**HB 3429** [Harris, Cody\(R\)](#) Relating to inspection requirements for buyer's temporary tags for vehicles sold to nonresident buyers of certain vehicles.

**Companions:** SB 1543 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - vehicle may be issued and display a buyer's tag without satisfying the inspection requirements of Chapter 548 if: the buyer of the vehicle is not a resident of this state; and the vehicle at the time of purchase, is not located or required to be titled or registered in this state; will be titled and registered in accordance with the laws of the buyer's state of residence; and will be inspected in accordance with the laws of the buyer's state of residence, if the laws of that state require inspection.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

HB 3434 Oliverson, Tom(R) Relating to the time frame for passing certain licensing examinations for applicants seeking a license to practice medicine.

**Companions:** SB 1414 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

HB 3435 Smithee, John(R) Relating to an expedited response by a governmental body to a request for public information.

**Companions:** SB 1492 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Establishes a voluntary system by which trained employees of governmental bodies may withhold information without requesting AG opinion. Decision may be appealed by requestor, triggering regular AG opinion process. Similar to HB 2328 in 2017 supported by CUC.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

HB 3437 Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to the authority of a taxing unit other than a school district to establish a limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes that the taxing unit may impose on the residence homesteads.

**Companions:** HB 1061 Bucy, John(D) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means  
HB 1283 Wilson, Terry(R) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

HB 3439 Deshotel, Joe(D) Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of certain nonexempt property used for low-income or moderate-income housing.

**Remarks:** Current law would be expanded to include property owned "for the purpose of" renting units to eligible tenants even if they are not actually rented. But a property would have to be subject to an active land-use-restriction agreement under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program. When appraising a property under construction and not yet stabilized, the appraisal district would estimate the property's gross income potential and operating expenses based on the property's projected income and expenses for the first full year of operation as established in the underwriting report pertaining to the property prepared by the TDHCA. Those figures would be prorated based on how much of the total construction budget had been spent as of January 1. For a property that was complete but not yet stabilized, the income and expenses contained in the underwriting report would be adjusted to reflect the actual occupancy of the property on January 1.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

HB 3447 White, James(R) Relating to certain procedures concerning the welfare of prisoners confined in county jails.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires all jails to designate a family liaison office to provide family with info on inmate family member, notify inmates about family emergencies, and assist with visitation issues. Jail Commission to check on inmate welfare upon receipt of complaint alleging abuse or lack of medical care.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3448 White, James(R) Relating to prohibiting the secretary of state from waiving or suspending the application of certain election law provisions.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits the SOS from waiving election code provisions and rules.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3451 White, James(R) Relating to the suspension of driver's licenses.

**Companions:** SB 822 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Transportation

**Remarks:** JBD - Extends shortened period of DL suspension passed in 2019 to all suspensions, regardless of when they occurred.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3453 White, James(R) Relating to access to certain litigation, law enforcement, corrections, and prosecutorial records under the public information law.

**Remarks:** JBD - Guts the "litigation exception" to release of information by making all information public except the names of the person involved in the litigation may be withheld. Same with law enforcement exception - all information is public except the name of person being investigated.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

- HB 3454** White, James(R) Relating to certain employment and occupational licensing restrictions based on a person's prior conviction.
- Remarks:** JBD - Persons cannot be denied occupational license or commercial DL solely because of nonviolent, nonsexual prior conviction.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed
- HB 3458** White, James(R) Relating to expunging federal tax liens from county deed records.
- Remarks:** MGJ - After a certificate of release or withdrawal of a fed tax lien is filed, authorizes the filing officer to expunge all references to the lien.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed
- HB 3460** Hernandez, Ana(D) Relating to the creation of a grant program to provide direct financial assistance to certain residents of this state who were affected by the winter disaster of 2021.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Creates grant program in Comptroller's office to provide direct financial assistance to local govts to provide to residents affected by the 2021 winter disaster.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed
- HB 3463** Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to determining the residence of incarcerated persons.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Provides residency does not transfer to a person institutionalized for purposes of voting and the census.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed
- HB 3466** Morales Shaw, Penny (F)(D) Relating to protective orders.
- Companions:**
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| <b>HB 39</b>  | Neave, Victoria(D)   | (Identical) |
|               | 3-16-21 H Reported favorably from committee on House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues    |             |
| <b>HB 453</b> | Moody, Joe(D)  | (Identical) |
|               | 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues |             |
| <b>SB 47</b>  | Zaffirini, Judith(D)   | (Identical) |
|               | 3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice                  |             |
- Remarks:** MGJ - Requires proof of service was filed w/ court before hearing for a court to render a protective order on a respondent who doesn't attend a hearing.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed
- HB 3467** Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the amendment of an existing comprehensive development agreement for State Highway 130.

**Remarks:** wlj - Permits TxDOT to extend the term of the SH 130 (Segments 5 and 6) CDA for an additional 20 years if the amendment to the CDA providing for the extension outlines the benefit the state will derive from extending the term of the CDA and requires the private participant which operates SH 130 to provide funds to TxDOT in an amount agreed to by TxDOT and the private participant.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3469 Hinojosa, Gina(D)

Relating to certain notice requirements and filing requirements in court proceedings involving persons with mental illness.

**Companions:** HB 2936 Hinojosa, Gina(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
SB 213 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

**Remarks:** WLJ - For a mental health commitment requires a copy of the commitment notice to be delivered by hand by a sheriff or constable of the county or as directed by the court. Allows a mental health hold to be filed electronically with the requirement the original papers be maintained and made available upon a request. Removes 72 hour filing requirement.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3478 Rose, Toni(D)

Relating to the prosecution of the offenses of reckless driving and racing on a highway and to the forfeiture of contraband relating to that conduct.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits forfeiture of vehicles used in reckless driving and street racing if defendant has 3 or more convictions.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3480 Rose, Toni(D)

Relating to the establishment by toll project entities of a discount program for electronic toll collection customers.

**Companions:** HB 3495 Herrero, Abel(D) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a toll project entity to establish a discount program for electronic toll collection customers which would in turn, trigger the requirement that any toll discount program include free or discounted tolls for certain military veterans.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3482 Rose, Toni(D)

Relating to the definition of "indigent defense compensation expenditures" for purposes of the adjustment of a county's no-new-revenue maintenance and operations rate to reflect increases in those expenditures.

**Companions:** SB 638 West, Royce(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to

**Remarks:** aph - allows the expenditures for a public defender's office to be exempted from NNRR calculations for the purposes of holding an election for increases.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  HB 3483 Rose, Toni(D)

Relating to increasing the punishment for the criminal offense of making a false alarm or report to cause action by a law enforcement agency against another person and for making that false alarm.

**Remarks:** JBD - Increased penalty if defendant makes false report against an individual based on bias of race, color, disability, religion, origin, ancestry, age, gender, sex preference or status as peace officer or judge.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  HB 3484 Rose, Toni(D)

Relating to the authority to arrest a person without a warrant.

**Remarks:** JBD - Limits to current authority of any person to make an arrest for a felony or an offense against the public peace committed in the person's presence by requiring the offense occur in the person's residence.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  HB 3486 Thompson, Senfronia(D)

Relating to an agreement with a private entity for dynamic message signs used in certain statewide alert systems.

**Companions:** SB 826 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Transportation

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires TXDOT to enter into an agreement w/ a private entity for dynamic message signs used in statewide alert systems involving missing persons, .

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  HB 3487 Thierry, Shawn(D)

Relating to the composition of the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

**Remarks:** WLJ - PUC composed of 7 with two elected by thte general public.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  HB 3488 Parker, Tan(R)

Relating to identification requirements for early voting by mail.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires an official application for early voting ballot be used. Stipulates what information must be included. Requires rejection if any information is missing. Requires Identification information be included on the ballot envelope also.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed



  [HB 3490](#) Deshotel, Joe(D)

Relating to the authority of an owner of residential rental property on which a tenant has defaulted on the obligation to pay rent during the COVID-19 pandemic to pay the ad valorem taxes imposed on the property in installments.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Applies to small residential rental properties, those with fewer than five units. If a tenant defaulted on his rent as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic and could not be evicted, the owner would have the right to pay taxes in monthly installments. The first payment would be paid before the delinquency date and would be accompanied by the owner's affidavit setting out their right to pay in installments. They could choose to pay in either twelve or eighteen monthly installments, and would not incur penalties or interest.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  [HB 3491](#) Parker, Tan(R)

Relating to the security of electronic voting system media.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a log for tracking unique identifier of each electronic voting system media signed by the chain of custody clerk upon transfer.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  [HB 3492](#) Frank, James(R)

Relating to limiting the assessment of certain fees during declared states of disaster.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits state, local assessment of fees during state and local declared states of disasters.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  [HB 3493](#) Parker, Tan(R)

Relating to prevention and early intervention services by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires DFPS to develop a request for information to assist in development of strategic plan and send to stakeholders, including local agencies.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  [HB 3495](#) Herrero, Abel(D)

Relating to the establishment by toll project entities of a discount program for electronic toll collection customers.

**Companions:** [HB 3480](#) Rose, Toni(D) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a toll project entity to establish a discount program for electronic toll collection customers which would in turn, trigger the requirement that any toll discount program include free or discounted tolls for certain military veterans.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed


  [HB 3497](#) Metcalf, Will(R)

Relating to the cessation of tolls by toll project entities in certain circumstances.

**Companions:** [HB 505](#) Metcalf, Will(R) (Refiled from 86R)

**Remarks:** aph - Ties the end of a toll project to the retirement of bonds and interest on the project. Project owner can only continue the tolls on the project if it ask for an election and voter approve the continuation for five years.


**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  HB 3498 Metcalf, Will(R) Relating to the construction of nontolled frontage roads adjacent to certain toll projects.

**Companions:** [HB 506](#) Metcalf, Will(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)


**Remarks:** aph - Prohibits the building of a toll project along a previously non-tolled roadway unless the entity building to project includes as least one non-tolled lane of frontage road in each direction.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  HB 3501 Frank, James(R) Relating to limiting the assessment of certain fees and taxes during declared states of disaster.


**Remarks:** MGV- Prohibits state, local assessment on fees and taxes during state, local declared states of disaster.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  HB 3502 Lambert, Stan(R) Relating to organization of, meetings of, and voting by condominium unit owners' associations and property owners' associations.

**Companions:** [SB 1939](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed


  HB 3503 Lambert, Stan(R) Relating to the representation of parties in justice court cases and to the correction or removal of certain obsolete provisions of the Property Code.

**Companions:** [SB 1938](#) Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits parties in JP court to be represented by attorney, self, or an authorized agent. JP may permit pro se individuals to be assisted by family member.

Remainder of bill updates or removes obsolete statutory references.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  HB 3508 Ellzey, Jake (F)(R) Relating to the investigation and prosecution of certain criminal offenses against persons, property, and public order.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires persons arrested for riot, blocking highway, or disrupting a meeting to be held at least 12 hours. Expands AG's prosecution authority, and no consent of local

prosecutor required. Local prosecutor must assist if requested by AG.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3509 Meyer, Morgan(R) Relating to the system for appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes.

**Companions:** HB 2100 Meyer, Morgan(R) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means  
SB 63 Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)  
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

**Remarks:** MGV - Omnibus appraisal bill. Creates new ineligibility standards for an ARB director. Adds a restriction to employment by an appraisal district. Requires chief appraiser to include notice for modifying or denying an application. Allows owners of real or personal property to request delivery of notices by email. Creates 90 day period to determine removal of an ARB member. Requires 90 day period to make determination of an exemption; agricultural designation; right to appraisal. Requires a ARB hearing within 90 days if there is no agreement for a correction to an appraisal. Requires ARB hearing on protest within 90 days from filed notice.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3513 Canales, Terry(D) Relating to the creation of additional judicial districts in Hidalgo County.

**Remarks:** JBD - 2 new district courts in Hidalgo

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3515 Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to certain contracts awarded by the Texas Department of Transportation.

**Companions:** SB 1270 Seliger, Kel(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

**Remarks:** WLJ - Permits TxDOT to forgo competitive bidding for the award of contracts below a certain amount which are for materials to be used in the construction or maintenance of a highway; or traffic control or safety devices to be used on a highway.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3521 Hunter, Todd(R) Relating to the definition of coercion for purposes of trafficking of persons.

**Remarks:** would define "capture" as the actual care, custody, control or management of any physical or electronic representation of an image that is capable of being copied or destroyed. The bill also defines "surveillance" as the intentional and continuous close observation of an individual or property.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

- HB 3523 Bucy, John(D) Relating to notification by the secretary of state when a person convicted of a felony becomes eligible to vote.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the SOS to provide, to a person convicted of a felony who regains their eligibility to vote, notice that they are now eligible to vote and a voter registration application.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed
- HB 3524 Bucy, John(D) Relating to the elements of the offense of illegal voting.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Creates an exception to illegal voter if the person isn't aware of the circumstances that make them ineligible.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed
- HB 3525 Bucy, John(D) Relating to the verification of an application or ballot voted by mail.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a right to cure a ballot prior to rejection.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed
- HB 3526 Bucy, John(D) Relating to electronic voter registration through a voter registration agency.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Provides for adoption of procedures for a voter registration agency to deliver a completed voter registration application over the internet.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed
- HB 3527 Bucy, John(D) Relating to the availability of certain voter information.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires an early voting clerk to submit to the SOS election day information on the roster to be posted on the SOS website.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed
- HB 3534 Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to the acceptance of identification for voters who identify as transgender.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a training program for election staff to deal with voters who identify as transgender.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed
- HB 3535 Hunter, Todd(R) Relating to the availability of dates of birth under the public information law.
- Companions:** [SB 926](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
- 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:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3537 Paul, Dennis(R) Relating to the feasibility of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system.

**Companions:** SB 1266 Taylor, Larry(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

**Remarks:** MGV - Establishes a joint interim committee to study creating, maintaining a coastal barrier system.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3538 Shine, Hugh(R) Relating to local sales and use tax administration.

**Remarks:** MGV - Provides that the sale of a taxable item purchased by a retailer from a related entity is consummated at the place of business of the related entity for local sales tax.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3539 Zwiener, Erin(D) Relating to requirements for onsite power generation.

**Remarks:** WLJ - would require the Railroad Commission to require storage facilities to maintain onsite generation necessary to pump gas from the facility for a minimum of 12 hours.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3540 Shine, Hugh(R) Relating to the eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits of individuals who serve on the appraisal review board of an appraisal district.

**Companions:** SB 1432 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

**Remarks:** WLJ - A person who serves on an appraisal review board is not eligible for unemployment benefits.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3547 Allen, Alma(D) Relating to the eligibility of certain criminal defendants for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information.

**Remarks:** JBD - Establishes automatic right to order of nondisclosure for most offenses upon successful completion of probation.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3548 Bonnen, Greg(R) Relating to a limit on the rate of growth of certain appropriations.

**Companions:** SB 1336 Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

**Remarks:** WLJ - Bases limits on rate of appropriations growth on the growth rate of the Texas population and other factors

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

- HB 3549** Coleman, Garnet(D) Relating to the appointment of counsel to represent indigent defendants.
- Remarks:** JBD - Sets case load caps for attorneys taking appointments in criminal cases in Harris County. County may withhold payment for any cases exceeding cap.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

- HB 3550** Deshotel, Joe(D) Relating to the availability of certain information regarding an application for or the award of disaster recovery funds under the public information law.
- Remarks:** JBD - Makes public information contained in an application or award of state or federal disaster recovery funds.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

- HB 3551** Craddick, Tom(R) Relating to the release of certain data purchased by the Texas Department of Transportation.
- Remarks:** WLj - Requires TxDot to release written/electronic copy of all data for the purpose of conducting a study on the Ports-to-Plains Corridor disaggregated by county.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

- HB 3552** Johnson, Julie(D) Relating to the promotion of breast-feeding and the prohibition against interference with or restriction of the right to breast-feed.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a state agency to create a policy supporting breast feeding. Requires the comptroller to include the policy and prohibition against interference at each taxpayer seminar . Allows a mother to bring a civil action \$500/day against someone who interferes.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

- HB 3553** Neave, Victoria(D) Relating to a grant program for mobile crisis outreach teams.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Would create a \$5m grant program for counties/cities for mobile crisis outreach teams overseen by HHSC. Requires tiered matching grants based on population.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

- HB 3555** Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the disposition and use of proceeds and property from criminal asset forfeiture.
- Remarks:** JBD - Cuts law enforcement agencies out of receiving any proceeds of criminal forfeitures. Of the funds currently going to state, 50% would go to local prosecutor.
- Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

- HB 3556** Clardy, Travis(R) Relating to the training of volunteer deputy voter registrars.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires volunteer deputy voter registrar training to be administered in person.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  [HB 3566](#) Cortez, Philip(D) Relating to the ballot application requirements for the election of a precinct chair.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires ballot application for the election of a precinct chair to meet candidacy for public office application requirements, an email address, phone #.


**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  [HB 3569](#) Parker, Tan(R) Relating to the creation of an additional judicial district in Denton County.

**Companions:** [SB 1548](#) Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates new district court in Denton County

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  [HB 3574](#) Guerra, Bobby(D) Relating to the administration of county primary funds.

**Companions:** [SB 1009](#) Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs


**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a county precinct chair to maintain the county primary fund separate from other funds and execute an affidavit.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  [HB 3577](#) Guerra, Bobby(D) Relating to disaster preparedness education.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires TDEM to develop disaster preparedness educational materials.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  [HB 3582](#) Guerra, Bobby(D) Relating to the awarding of grants to initiate, expand, maintain, and improve emergency medical services and to support medical systems and facilities that provide trauma care.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Adds to criteria for EMS grants development of a centralized system for the dispatch, triage, transport and transfer of patients.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  [HB 3584](#) Murr, Andrew(R) Relating to monuments, markers, and medallions controlled by the Texas Historical Commission.

**Companions:** [SB 1501](#) Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Provides monuments, markers, medallions controlled

by THC is state property solely under the commissione's custody and control and may not be altered without permission of the commission. Waives immunity.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

**HB 3585** Meyer, Morgan(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:** **SB 916** Seliger, Kel(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires TDLR to add notation of noncompliance in the record of a chief appraiser who has failed to comply w/Comptroller's recommendations following a review of the CAD. Allows local govt entities to request from TDLR information on a registered professional appraiser the entity is considering to appoint as chief appraiser.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

**HB 3586** Sherman, Carl(D) Relating to the creation of the Texas Sentencing Commission and to the collection and analysis of certain criminal sentencing information.

**Remarks:** JBD - Creates permanent commission to make recommendations regarding criminal sentences.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

**HB 3587** Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) Relating to the processing of applications for a license to carry a handgun during a state of disaster or state of emergency.

**Remarks:** JBD - Prohibits refusal to accept handgun licenses and stoppage of review by DPS in disaster or emergency.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

**HB 3590** Swanson, Valoree(R) Relating to the acceptance of donations by a county commissioners court for the performance of certain functions.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits a commissioners court from accepting donations for the administration of an election.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

**HB 3596** Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to the protection of religious organizations.

**Companions:** **SB 1681** Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Waives immunity of state and local governments for violations of Freedom of Worship provision of TX Constitution. Injunctive and declaratory relief, as well as fees and costs. AG may bring suit or may intervene in suit brought by private party.



No suspension of constitutional provision or this provision is permitted.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3598 Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to increasing the minimum term of imprisonment and changing the eligibility for community supervision, mandatory supervision, and parole for persons convicted of intoxication manslaughter.

**Remarks:** JBD - Minimum of 5 years in prison for intox manslaughter.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3599 Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to creating the criminal offenses of providing material support or resources to a foreign terrorist organization, engaging in terroristic activities, and threatened terroristic violence.

**Remarks:** JBD \_ New offenses related to terroristic violence.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3601 Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to automatic orders of nondisclosure of criminal history record information for certain misdemeanor defendants following successful completion of a period of deferred adjudication community supervision.

**Remarks:** JBD - Creates right to automatic order of nondisclosure for a number of offenses upon completion of deferred adjudication. Current \$20 fee is repealed.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3602 Reynolds, Ron(D)

Relating to peace officers and the investigation and prosecution of criminal offenses.

**Remarks:** JBD - Subjects peace officers to lawsuits for damages for deprivation of any rights under Texas Constitution. Employing entity must indemnify the officer unless the officer convicted of a crime related to the basis of the lawsuit.

Requires peace officers to have at least an associates degree.

Changes rules for use of force.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3603 Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to the eligibility of a concrete batch plant for a standard permit with enhanced controls following the withdrawal of an application for a standard permit.

**Remarks:** MGV - If an application concrete batch plant permit is withdrawn, prohibits the applicant from reapplying for 1 year.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3604 Leach, Jeff(R)


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="#">SB 953</a>	Hinojosa, Chuy(D)	(Identical)
		3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development	

**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:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  [HB 3605](#) Turner, John(D) Relating to the composition of the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council.


**Companions:** [SB 1763](#) Springer, Drew (F)(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLj - Adds a member to the Governors EMS council a representative of an ambulatory surgical center.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  [HB 3607](#) Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to nonsubstantive additions to, revisions of, and corrections in enacted codes, to the nonsubstantive codification or disposition of various laws omitted from enacted codes.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  [HB 3611](#) Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to remotely conducting court proceedings in this state.

**Companions:** [SB 690](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** authorize a court of this state, either on its own motion or on motion of a party, to (1) conduct a hearing or other proceeding remotely without consent of the parties (except where consent is constitutionally required), and (2) allow a judge, party, attorney, witness, court reporter, juror, or any other individual to participate in a remote proceeding, including a deposition, hearing, trial, or other proceeding. If a jury trial is to be conducted remotely, the court shall consider on the record any motion or objection related to proceeding with the trial not later than 7 days before trial, or if a motion or objection is made within 7 days before trial, as soon as practicable. The bill further requires the court to ensure that prospective jurors have access to the necessary technology. If the court will hold a proceeding away from the court's usual location, the court shall give the public reasonable notice. Finally, the bill repeals §30.012(b), CPRC, which permits a

witness deposition by electronic means only if it is conducted before the commencement of trial.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

**HB 3612** Fierro, Art(D) Relating to voting outside of the polling place.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Amends curbside voting due to allow a voter to request a ballot be provided at the curb if the person faces a disability preventing them to enter and for their caregiver.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

**HB 3621** Cortez, Philip(D) Relating to the creation of a mental health jail diversion pilot program in Bexar County.

**Companions:** **SB 2072** Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Mental Health Jail diversion pilot program in Bexar County contingent on funding from the state on a case rate.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

**HB 3627** Paddie, Chris(R) Relating to the authority of a governmental body impacted by a catastrophe to temporarily suspend the requirements of the public information law.

**Companions:** **SB 1225** Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** JBD - Tightens the criteria when a governmental body may suspend strict compliance with Public Information Act requirements in an catastrophe. The impact must be severe and cause an inability to comply. Suspension may not last more than 14 days, and only one suspension per catastrophe is permitted.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

**HB 3628** Schaefer, Matt(R) Relating to the carrying of holstered handguns by handgun license holders.

**Companions:** **HB 2112** Metcalf, Will(R) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

**Remarks:** WLj - Allows for the carrying of a firearm in any type of holster, currently only shoulder/belt.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

**HB 3629** Bonnen, Greg(R) Relating to the date a deferral or abatement of the collection of ad valorem taxes on the residence homestead of an elderly or disabled person or disabled veteran expires.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Under current law, a tax collector can act to collect deferred taxes on a homestead 181 days after the property's

eligibility for deferral ends. Under this bill, the collector would have to deliver a notice of delinquency in order to trigger the beginning of the 180-day grace period.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3631 Bucy, John(D)

Relating to statewide standards for the provision of substance use and addiction treatment.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires HHSC Commissioner to endeavor to use the most recent approved standards on substance use and addiction treatment. Allows for a MOU with other agencies and governments to coordinate on the use of and payment of services in accordance with those standards.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3633 Leman, Ben(R)

Relating to establishing a High-Speed Rail Legislative Review Committee.

**Remarks:** WLJ - would create a High-Speed Rail Legislative Review Committee. The committee would compose of three senators chosen by the Lieutenant Governor and three representatives chosen by the Speaker of the House. The committee would be charged with determining the public convenience and necessity of reestablishing the Texas High-Speed Rail Authority. The authority existed from 1989-1995.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3634 Thierry, Shawn(D)

Relating to the adoption of county and municipal building codes for the insulation and protection of piping in new residential construction.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires adoption of county building code for insulation, protection of piping in new residential construction in unincorporated area

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3637 Goodwin, Vikki(D)

Relating to mobile source emissions reductions and transportation electrification.

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

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3641 Slaton, Bryan (F)(R)

Relating to declaring void certain federal court decisions related to abortion and prohibiting cooperation with the enforcement of those decisions.

**Companions:** SB 1671 Hall, Bob(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3645 Cain, Briscoe(R)

Relating to the elements of illegal voting.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Adds to illegal voting, voting in another state on the same day for a federal office.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  HB 3647 White, James(R)

Relating to placing a child in the possessory conservatorship of the child's parents in certain situations.

**Companions:** SB 1349 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires CPS review child's placement to determine if a child can be returned to a parent at each placement hearing.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  HB 3652 Slawson, Shelby (F)(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:** SB 912 Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** JBD - Increases penalty for riot and those convicted must be ordered to make restitution.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  HB 3654 Rodriguez, Eddie(D)

Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and law enforcement agencies regarding law enforcement officers and the use of body cameras.

**Companions:** SB 1472 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-10-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Sets fees for peace officer license at \$80 and all others at \$25. TCOLE to establish rules for revocation of peace officer license for continued performance constituting threat to public welfare, including making false statements and excessive force.

Persons captured on body cam video have right to view video.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

  HB 3655 White, James(R)

Relating to the authority of certain facilities to temporarily detain a person with mental illness.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits medical staff at hospitals and freestanding ER to detain persons suspected to have mental illness. 48 hour time limit, or 4pm on next business day if term ends on weekend. Can be extended 24 hours if bad weather. Exam to take place within 12 hours.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3657 Beckley, Michelle(D)

Relating to measures designed to encourage and enable certain persons with disabilities and their families to maintain employment in this state.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the transition and employment guide include information on the Ticket to Work Program, the Medicaid buy in programs and other work incentive programs.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3659 Leach, Jeff(R)

Relating to liability for certain claims arising during a pandemic or other disaster or emergency.

**Companions:** SB 6 Hancock, Kelly(R) (Identical)  
3-23-21 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** JBD - Pandemic waiver of liability for medical professionals, educational institutions, anyone causing exposure, and pandemic product manufacturers (i.e., masks, sanitizing products, etc).

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3660 White, James(R)

Relating to youth diversion programs for children accused of certain fine-only offenses and related criminal justice matters.

**Companions:** SB 512 Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

**Remarks:** JBD - Mandates that all juveniles charged with Class C (other than traffic) be diverted unless they are at least 15 and have had 2 prior failed diversions. Each JP court to maintain a youth diversion plan for public inspection. Permits regional youth diversion plans. Commissioners Courts may appoint youth diversion advisory council. \$30 fee to parent unless indigent.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3664 Dean, Jay(R)

Relating to designation by the purchaser of a motor vehicle of the county in which a motor vehicle dealer shall apply for the registration of and title for certain vehicles sold by the dealer.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Removes the electronic option for a person to designate the county in which they want their vehicle registered in. Requires the dealer retain the form for one year after purchase. Creates a \$5000 penalty.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3666 Bucy, John(D)

Relating to election practices and procedures.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Allows presiding judge to electronically submit a compensation statement. Authorizes SOS or a county to develop an electronic system for a presiding judge to submit the statement. Allows residence statement to be executed electronically. Requires provisional ballot affidavit form to include a space for person to indicate reason for casting provisional ballot. Allows a county to use an electronic

affidavit. Allows an early voting request applicant to submit by personal appearance or by appearing on election day .

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

**HB 3670** [Crockett, Jasmine \(F\)\(D\)](#) Relating to appointing a court attorney using the Texas Indigent Defense software

**Remarks:** JBD - Removes the current requirement that judges give preference to appointing public defender over private counsel and requires public defenders to be evaluated for level of cases to be appointed.

Requires judges to appoint attorneys using the method of appointment in software approved by TIDC. Presumably that is TechShare.Indigent Defense, but TIDC has not formally "approved" it or other software. The requirement will force all counties that don't have a managed assigned counsel program to use appointment software.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

**HB 3671** [Johnson, Julie\(D\)](#) Relating to the reporting of certain orders and convictions to the Department of Public Safety and Federal Bureau of Investigation for use with the National Instant Criminal Background Check System for the transfer of firearms.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires law enforcement to enter into the statewide IT system protective order information within 3 days of receipt.

Requires, within 7 days of conviction of a family violence offense that prohibits gun possession be entered into the IT system.

DPS is required to report to the Fi each protective order and conviction that prohibits possession of a gun.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

**HB 3674** [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#) Relating to purchase of personal protective equipment made in the United States by certain governmental entities.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires governmental entities purchase any PPE that is manufactured in the USA. Provides exceptions.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

**HB 3675** [Price, Four\(R\)](#) Relating to the I-27 Advisory Committee.

**Companions:** [SB 1474](#) [Perry, Charles\(R\)](#) (Identical)  
3-10-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLj - Creates the I-27 Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to TxDOT on transportation improvements to be made in the Ports-to-Plains Corridor and other related items.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3680 Shine, Hugh(R)

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

**Companions:** HB 2723 Meyer, Morgan(R) (Identical)  
3-17-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means  
SB 1434 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires appraisal notices, tax increase notices, meeting notices to vote on tax rates, to include language referencing the availability on the Internet of property tax related info. Requires Comptroller to develop a website that lists each property tax database.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3686 Ramos, Ana-Maria(D)

Relating to the investigation of alleged exploitation of certain elderly persons.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits investigations by Adult Protective Services to extend 2 years after death of victim.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3687 Capriglione, Giovanni(R)

Relating to the disclosure of lobbying contract information by political subdivisions.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires local governments with contracts for lobby services to post either the contract or details of the contract on the entity's website.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3691 Frank, James(R)

Relating to the statewide implementation of community-based foster care by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires DFPS to create a specific implementation plan for catchment areas identified for expanded community-based foster care

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 H Filed

HB 3692 Johnson, Julie(D)

Relating to preparation of an appellate record in civil and criminal appeals.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits appellants to file an appendix that replaces the clerk's record for the appeal.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3694 Shaheen, Matt(R)

Relating to a limitation on the appraised value of certain rapidly appreciating residence homesteads for ad valorem tax purposes.

**Remarks:** WLJ - would cap the appraised value of a "rapidly appreciating residence homestead," i.e., a homestead that: 1) was under continuous ownership during the years 2017 – 2022; and 2) had a 2022 market value that was at least 250% higher than its 2017 market value. The cap would be the lesser of "the market value of the property for the most recent



tax year that the market value was determined by the appraisal office" or the sum of the 2017 appraised value and the market value of all new improvements to the property. The cap would continue from year to year until the property was no longer the homestead of the owner or the owner's surviving spouse.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3695** Johnson, Julie(D) Relating to recovery of attorney's fees.

**Remarks:** JBD - Currently only individuals and corporations are liable for attorney fees in certain types of civil actions. Bill expands to all corporate entities.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3696** Deshotel, Joe(D) Relating to distributed renewable generation resources.

**Companions:** **SB 398** Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)  
3-23-21 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** Specifies a municipality may not prohibit solar installs by a residential or small commercial customer BUT an HOA can prohibit. Also interconnection guidelines of a MOU, rules of the PUCT, or other protocols of an independent organization under section 39.151, Utilities Code, can limit the install of a solar energy device due to its reliability, power quality, or safety of the distribution system.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3698** Parker, Tan(R) Relating to voting system ballots.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires SOS to approve ballot printers for voting systems. Requires ability to produce a receipt. Prohibits use of non approved devices. Allows AG injunctive relief. Must provide demonstration at the polling place no votes have been placed upon opening polling place. Requires log of spoiled ballots.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3704** Hernandez, Ana(D) Relating to eligibility for unemployment compensation for employees who leave the workplace due to sexual harassment.

**Companions:** **HB 572** Gonzalez, Mary(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
**HB 2273** Gonzalez, Mary(D) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

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

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3710** Ordaz Perez, Claudia (F) (D) Relating to a prohibition on public contact with certain animals.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits a person to allow the public to have direct contact with a bear, cougar, elephant, jaguar, leopard, lion, nonhuman primate, snow leopard or tiger. Creates penalty of at least \$200. Creates class a misdemeanor. Doesn't preempt a local regulation if the reg is compatible with or more stringent than the state reg.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3711** Bucy, John(D) Relating to establishing a registry of medically fragile individuals for wellness checks during certain emergencies.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires TDEM set up a process and register for medically fragile individuals for local law enforcement to provide wellness checks in certain situations.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3712** Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to the training and hiring of peace officers.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Require law enforcement receive 720 hours of training. Requires a model field training program. Requires the creation of a model policy on pre-employment investigations.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3714** Moody, Joe(D) Relating to the confinement of inmates who identify as transgender.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires TDCJ set up a policy and training to identify inmates who identify as transgender.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3715** Noble, Candy(R) Relating to the acceptance of donations by a county commissioners court for the performance of certain functions.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits a commissioners court from accepting a donation of \$1000 or more for administering elections w/o consent from the SOS or to use a donation to perform elections that are not explicitly authorized by Election Code.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3719** Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to the elements of the offense of illegal voting and to procedures for a person voting a provisional ballot.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3720** Frank, James(R) Relating to interest lists and eligibility criteria for certain Medicaid waiver programs.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires DSHS create an interest list for various Medicaid waiver programs for persons with IDD.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3722** [Zwiener, Erin\(D\)](#) Relating to training materials for contact tracers and case investigators for public health disasters and other public health emergencies.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires DSHS to develop training materials for use by health care providers in conducting contact tracing during a public health disaster related to communicable disease.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3723** [Crockett, Jasmine \(F\)\(D\)](#) Relating to misconduct and standards of conduct applicable to certain persons licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

**Companions:** [SB 988](#) [Hinojosa, Chuy\(D\)](#) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires every law enforcement agency in the state to adopt standards of conduct for officers and jailers as developed by TCOLE. Requires reporting of allegations of violations to TCOLE.

Requires a database of misconduct. Requires preemployment screening of a law enforcement officer include referring to the database.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3725** [Gervin-Hawkins, Barbara\(D\)](#) Relating to the enforcement of the prohibition on passing a school bus using images from a school bus monitoring system.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for a citation of fee for a violation of school bus monitoring system.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3733** [Bell, Cecil\(R\)](#) Relating to the regulation of outdoor lighting in certain counties.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows Waller County to regulate the installation and use of outdoor lighting.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3739** [Lucio III, Eddie\(D\)](#) Relating to outreach campaigns conducted by the Department of State Health Services during certain public health disasters.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires DSHS have a outreach campaign during pandemics that seeks to disseminate information on testing, treatment and vaccines.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3743** [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#) Relating to cybersecurity and privacy regarding distance learning in public schools and prohibiting

ransomware payments by certain governmental entities.

**Remarks:** JBD - Prohibits local governments from making ransomware payments.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3744** Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to the prohibited use or dissemination of certain private or false information.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires private entities dealing in criminal history information to remove photos of the subject person upon request. New offense for posting address or phone number of another on the web to harass.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3747** Smith, Reggie(R) Relating to liability of health care providers for certain claims arising during a disaster or emergency.

**Remarks:** JBD - Immunity for healthcare providers and first responders for care rendered during state of disaster or emergency.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3748** Smith, Reggie(R) Relating to liability of health care providers for certain claims arising during a pandemic.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Health care providers have no liability for treatment during a pandemic. Includes EMS.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3751** Button, Angie Chen(R) Relating to lobbying by former members of the legislature.

**Companions:** [HB 3972](#) Middleton, Mayes (F)(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits lobbying by former legislature for two sessions after leaving.

Creates exceptions for work on behalf of a nonprofit, individual, low income individuals or individuals with disabilities.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3756** Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to airport police forces, including the authority to commission peace officers and the rights, privileges, and duties of those officers.

**Companions:** [SB 1550](#) Nelson, Jane(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes a governing body of a political subdivision that operates an airport to establish an airport police force.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3758** Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to the exemption of certain vehicles from

vehicle towing regulations.

**Companions:** SB 860 Johnson, Nathan(D) (Identical)  
3-16-21 S Committee action pending Senate  
Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** MGV - Exempts a car hauler shipping a damaged vehicle  
between businesses from towing regs.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3760 Oliverson, Tom(R) Relating to information regarding perinatal palliative  
care, regulation of abortion, and the availability of  
certain defenses to prosecution for homicide and  
assault offenses.

**Companions:** SB 1647 Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)  
3-16-21 S Voted favorably from committee  
as substituted Senate State Affairs

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3762 Dominguez, Alex(D) Relating to the closing of beaches for space flight  
activities in certain counties.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prevents Cameron County from closing a beach for a  
period of more than 3 calendar days for space flight activities.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3763 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to a prohibition on certain employer  
requirements relating to employee jury duty  
compensation.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits a person who is paid wages for a period  
where they are serving as in a jury may not require the  
employee to remit tot he employer any reimbursement for  
travel or meals to the employer nor withhold wages to offset  
jury pay.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3766 Dominguez, Alex(D) Relating to donations to local charities ordered to be  
paid as a condition of community supervision.

**Remarks:** MGV - Expands to include a veterans county service office as  
acceptable donation recipient for an order to be paid as a  
condition of community supervision.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3768 Meyer, Morgan(R) Relating to an exemption for certain cemeteries from  
cemetery location restrictions.

**Companions:** HB 2005 Meyer, Morgan(R) (Identical)  
3-23-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.010,  
House Land and Resource Management  
SB 1604 Whitmire, John(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Exempts a private family cemetery at a presidential  
library and museum from cemetery location restrictions

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3770** White, James(R) Relating to the repeal of or limitations on certain state and local taxes, including ad valorem taxes, the enactment of state and local value added taxes, and related school finance and administration reform.

**Remarks:** MGV - Imposes 6.72% tax on each person who supplies any service or property for profit. Prohibits local sales taxes on or after effective date. Prohibits a political subdivision from imposing property taxes on or after January 1, 2023 unless Leg authorizes. Repeals state sales tax, franchise tax, gross receipts and mixed beverage taxes, business permits tax, severance tax, inheritance tax.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3772** White, James(R) Relating to the criminal and licensing consequences of certain criminal offenses involving the possession or delivery of marihuana and cannabis concentrate or possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Companions:** [SB 1175](#) Johnson, Nathan(D) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** MGV - Creates Class B misdemeanor for person delivering marihuana but doesn't receive money for the marihuana and the amount delivered is 1/4 oz or less or cannabis concentrate less than 70mg. Allows for expunction of records to person charged w/ minor possession or possession drug paraphernalia. Establishes \$30 fee for notifying state agencies about expungement. Creates fine for conviction of an offense under Controlled Substance Act in an amount equivalent to all fees applicable to suspension, reinstatement of a driver's license. Fine goes to Mobility Fund.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3774** Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to the operation and administration of and practice and procedure related to proceedings in the judicial branch of state government.

**Companions:** [SB 1530](#) Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates new courts in various counties.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3775** Leach, Jeff(R) Relating to severance pay for political subdivision employees and independent contractors.

**Remarks:** JBD - Severance pay by political subdivision using tax revenue capped at 20 weeks of employee's normal rate of pay, and cannot be paid if employee terminated for misconduct.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3779** Holland, Justin(R) Relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for

firearms and hunting supplies for a limited period.

<b>Companions:</b>	<a href="#">SB 457</a>	Creighton, Brandon(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
	<a href="#">SB 715</a>	Fallon, Pat (F)(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
	<a href="#">SB 934</a>	Creighton, Brandon(R)	(Identical)
		3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance	

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

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

[HB 3780](#) [Tinderholt, Tony\(R\)](#) Relating to renewal of a state of disaster declared to address a communicable disease.

**Remarks:** MGV - Provides that a state of disaster declared by Gov to address spread of communicable disease may only be renewed by the Leg.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

[HB 3781](#) [Tinderholt, Tony\(R\)](#) Relating to a prohibition on executive orders issued during a declared state of disaster that prohibit a business or category of businesses from operating.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits EO issued during state of disaster that prohibit businesses from operating.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

[HB 3782](#) [Tinderholt, Tony\(R\)](#) Relating to governmental authority to close private and public schools.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits public health department and the governor from closing public or private schools.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

[HB 3783](#) [Tinderholt, Tony\(R\)](#) Relating to the penalty for violating certain executive orders, proclamations, or regulations issued by the governor.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits incarceration as a punishment for violating a Governors executive order.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

[HB 3784](#) [Tinderholt, Tony\(R\)](#) Relating to the penalty for a violation of an emergency management plan.


**Remarks:** MGV - Repeals penalty for violation of emergency management plan.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

[HB 3785](#) [Tinderholt, Tony\(R\)](#) Relating to the governor's authority to suspend regulatory statutes, orders, and rules during a declared state of disaster.


**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits Gov from suspending statute or agency order/rule unless it would prevent coping with a disaster.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  [HB 3786](#) [Holland, Justin\(R\)](#) Relating to the authority of the comptroller to send, or to require the submission to the comptroller of, certain ad valorem tax-related items electronically.


**Remarks:** WLJ - Permits the comptroller to adopt rules requiring any document, notice, report or anything that is submitted to or sent from the Comptroller be done so electronically.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  [HB 3788](#) [Holland, Justin\(R\)](#) Relating to the training and education of appraisal review board members.


**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for remote training for appraisal review board members.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  [HB 3789](#) [Guillen, Ryan\(D\)](#) Relating to the statute of limitations for tampering with certain physical evidence.

**Remarks:** JBD - No limitations for bringing charge of tampering with evidence if the evidence is corpse or related to homicide.


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  [HB 3792](#) [Shaheen, Matt\(R\)](#) Relating to protecting the population of Texas, its environment, and its most vulnerable communities, promoting the resilience of the electric grid and certain municipalities.

**Companions:** [SB 1606](#) [Hall, Bob\(R\)](#) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Lays out a detailed protocol of resiliency measures to ensure the protection and stability of the Texas electric grid against potential threats.


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  [HB 3793](#) [Shaheen, Matt\(R\)](#) Relating to remote meetings under the open meetings law.

**Companions:** [SB 861](#) [Paxton, Angela\(R\)](#) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows a governmental body to hold a meeting from one or more remote locations via phone and video conference calls.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  [HB 3795](#) [Button, Angie Chen\(R\)](#) Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation for certain solar or wind-powered energy devices.



**Companions:** SB 1029 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Finance

**Remarks:** WLJ - would break the exemption for solar and wind-powered devices into two components. An owner of real property would receive an exemption for the amount of appraised value of real property that arises from the installation or construction on the property of a solar or wind-powered energy device. An owner of a device would receive an exemption for the appraised value of a solar or wind-powered energy device installed or constructed on real property regardless of whether the person owned the real property.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3796 Morales Shaw, Penny (F) (D) Relating to the prohibition of employment discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

**Companions:** HB 850 Johnson, Eric(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - provide that an employer, employment agency, and labor organization could not discriminate against a person because of their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3797 Israel, Celia(D) Relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of electric and hybrid vehicles.

**Companions:** SB 1720 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates an additional vehicle registration fee of \$100, if the vehicle is an electric vehicle or \$80, if the vehicle is a hybrid vehicle. The revenue would be deposited in the TMF.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3798 Minjarez, Ina(D) Relating to county and municipal housing authority pet policies.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a city/county housing authority pet policy to comply with existing adopted restrictions on dangerous dogs.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3799 Metcalf, Will(R) Relating to the exemption from sales and use taxes for items sold by a nonprofit organization at a county fair.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates an sales tax exemption for items sold at a county fair.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3807 Hunter, Todd(R) Relating to the use of lifeguards and informational signs to improve safety on public beaches.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires city/county/state to provide lifeguards during

daylight hours on each side of a pier, jetty or other structure that protrudes in to the Gulf of Mexico on a public beach. Also must post signs describing dangerous water conditions that may occur there.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3811** Lucio III, Eddie(D) Relating to ad valorem taxation.

**Remarks:** WLJ - For purposes of special inventory taxes, the definition of a heavy equipment "dealer" would be expanded to include "a person who leases heavy equipment from another person."

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3818** Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to payments associated with certain medical examinations under the workers' compensation system.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires work comp carriers to pay examining doctors when injured employees fail to show for appointments. Fee to be adjusted for inflation.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3821** Hunter, Todd(R) Relating to employing and training mental health professionals for the mental health program for veterans.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the Veterans Commission employ and train mental health professionals.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3822** Schaefer, Matt(R) Relating to the creation of an additional judicial district composed of Smith County.

**Remarks:** JBD - One new district court in Smith County.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3823** Ramos, Ana-Maria(D) Relating to the civil penalty for certain signs placed on the right-of-way of a public road.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands liability of placement of a sign on a right of way of a public road the entity that benefits from the placement and increases the civil penalty to 10K.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3824** Munoz, Sergio(D) Relating to the calculation of the penalty imposed on a delinquent ad valorem tax.

**Remarks:** WLJ - The standard penalty on delinquent taxes would rise by only two percentage points from its initial 6%. The penalty would reach its 8% maximum on April 1.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3826** Munoz, Sergio(D) Relating to bail bond surety advertising by a licensed attorney.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits attorneys to advertise bail bond services.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3828** Schaefer, Matt(R) Relating to voter qualification and registration.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the SOS enter an agreement with DPS and compare voter registration information to the DPS database to verify accuracy. If the information differs the voter may be ineligible to vote.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3830** Collier, Nicole(D) Relating to certain continuing duties of the state that relate to exculpatory evidence in a criminal case.

**Remarks:** JBD - Establishes on-going duty of prosecutors to disclose exculpatory evidence, even after a trial or plea. No end date.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3831** Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to a limitation on the use of certain unsubstantiated information relating to peace officer misconduct.

**Companions:** **SB 1894** Creighton, Brandon(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Law enforcement entities may not tell prosecutors of allegations of misconduct against peace officers unless allegations have been finally adjudicated and sustained. Prosecutors may not use an un-sustained allegation to determine an officer is not credible. Officer may bring administrative proceeding at SOAH to challenge determination by prosecutor that officer is not credible.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3832** Wilson, Terry(R) Relating to municipalities and counties that adopt budgets that defund law enforcement agencies.

**Remarks:** JBD - If a city defunds police, each area annexed in prior 30 years may vote to disannex. Each area is not automatically included in another city's ETJ, and each area may petition to be included in an ETJ.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3833** King, Phil(R) Relating to the additional ad valorem tax and interest imposed as a result of a change in the use of certain land.

**Remarks:** WLJ - If recreational, park or scenic land changed use or were no longer subject to a deed restriction, the rollback tax would be based on the tax savings for the three preceding years (not five years) plus interest at the rate of 5%. The same would be true for public access airport property.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3834** Klick, Stephanie(R) Relating to providing access to local health

departments and certain health service regional offices under Medicaid.

**Companions:** [HB 1666](#) Thierry, Shawn(D) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Human Services  
[SB 73](#) Miles, Borris(D) (Identical)  
3-17-21 S Committee action pending Senate  
Health and Human Services

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the HHSC commissioner to create a health service regional office that is eligible for reimbursement under the medical assistance program.

Allows a health department to bill Medicaid.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  [HB 3835](#) Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to the establishment of regional assisted outpatient treatment programs to provide court-ordered outpatient mental health services in certain counties.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Permits two or more counties to establish an outpatient competency program.

Requires a county of 200k or more to establish the program and to apply for federal funds. Stipulates only required if they receive federal or state funding sufficient to pay program costs. Failure to create results in loss of any grant funding through the state.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  [HB 3837](#) Huberty, Dan(R)

Relating to the public school finance system.

**Companions:** [HB 1525](#) Huberty, Dan(R) (Identical)  
3-23-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E1.004,  
House Public Education  
[SB 1536](#) Taylor, Larry(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  [HB 3838](#) Dominguez, Alex(D)

Relating to the display of emergency and other notices by a governmental entity on the entity's Internet website.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires certain emergency notices be placed prominently on the home page of the governmental entities website, including ability to provide services in normal hours.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  [HB 3840](#) Dominguez, Alex(D)

Relating to the electronic filing system used for the filing of documents in courts of this state.

**Companions:** [SB 1007](#) Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits Cameron, Hidalgo and Webb counties to

charge not more than \$2 for each court electronic filing.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  HB 3841 Cole, Sheryl(D)

Relating to the adjustment of the voter-approval tax rate of a taxing unit to reflect public spending necessary to correct a deficiency in the first response capacity of a fire or police department of the taxing unit.

**Remarks:** A taxing unit needing to correct a deficiency in the first response capacity of its fire or police department could increase its voter-approval tax rate by the amount necessary to accomplish that result. The taxing unit would first have to get state approval for its plan to correct the deficiency. A plan to address a police-department deficiency would have to be approved by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. A plan to address a fire-department deficiency would have to be approved by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  HB 3843 Zwiener, Erin(D)

Relating to the authority of a county to regulate impervious cover around certain floodplains.

**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes commissioners courts to regulate impervious cover around floodplains in unincorporated area and within 100ft outside the 100yr floodplain.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  HB 3855 Rogers, Glenn (F)(R)

Relating to the control of diseases of swine.

**Companions:** SB 1997 Springer, Drew (F)(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  HB 3860 Gonzalez, Jessica(D)

Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination.

**Companions:** SB 1540 Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Prohibits discrimination based on military service, gender identity, and sexual orientation.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  HB 3866 Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to the offense of operating or loading an overweight vehicle.

**Remarks:** WLJ - The offense of operating or loading an overweight vehicle applies to a corporation, an association an llp or other entity that employs the person that committed the offense under employment. Requires notification for failure to pay the fee and allows txdot to revoke any overweight permits provided to the entity.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  HB 3867 Shaheen, Matt(R)

Relating to information contained in the annual

financial audit of certain regional transportation authorities.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) to disaggregate expenditures by municipality in its financial audit.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3868** Murr, Andrew(R) Relating to the presidential electors of this state.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a presidential elector to be a resident of the congressional district they are chosen to represent.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3869** Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to affirmative defenses to possession of child pornography.

**Remarks:** JBD - Rescinds certain affirmative defenses to possession of child porn.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3873** Bucy, John(D) Relating to the use of an accessible absentee mail system by certain voters.

**Companions:** [HB 3354](#) Bucy, John (F)(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for a disabled voter to utilize an electronic absentee mail system.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3874** Bucy, John(D) Relating to the transmission of balloting materials to certain disabled voters.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Permits balloting materials be provided to a person who applied for a mail in ballot on the ground of disability if they provide an email address in their request.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3875** Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Relating to narrowing the definition of the offense of compelling prostitution.

**Remarks:** JBD - Rescinds the offense of compelling prostitution by causing a child younger than 18 to commit prostitution.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3877** Israel, Celia(D) Relating to the prima facie speed limit in certain urban districts.

**Companions:** [SB 221](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

**Remarks:** WLJ - Sets the default speed limit in city over 950k on urban streets at 25mph and 15 mph in alleys.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3884** Biedermann, Kyle(R) Relating to the authority of a county to regulate lot frontages on certain roads.

**Remarks:** MGV - Applies to Comal County. Authorizes commissioners court to regulate lot frontages on proposed and existing roads if approved by an election called by petition.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3890** Button, Angie Chen(R) Relating to the creation and maintenance by an appraisal district of a publicly available Internet database of information regarding protest hearings conducted by the appraisal review board.

**Remarks:** WLJ - An appraisal district would have to establish an online database containing information on every hearing conducted by the ARB. The entry for each hearing would have to include: the name of each ARB member participating; the date and time of the hearing; the account number, value, and category of the property; and the ARB's determination. The information would have to be entered into the database promptly after each hearing.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3892** Capriglione, Giovanni(R) Relating to matters concerning governmental entities, including cybersecurity, governmental efficiencies, information resources, and emergency planning.

**Remarks:** JBD - First 9 sections of bill apply only to state and state agencies. Within 48 hours of a suspected breach of system security or unauthorized access to sensitive personal information, political subdivisions to report such to state's cybersecurity coordinator.

Cities and counties larger than 100,000 must adopt emergency operations plan for each facility. Mandates plans include mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery as determined by the state cybersecurity council and the governor's public safety office. Mandatory plan audits ever 3 years.

Prohibits political subdivisions from making ransomware payments. Ransomware attacks to be reported to AG and DIR.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3893** Hinojosa, Gina(D) Relating to the modification of a 99-year lease of certain state property.

**Companions:** [SB 1838](#) Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Grants Cap Metro (Austin) a 99 year lease to subsurface strata and a 99 year easement for the surface property for public transportation, subway and/or underground railway station, tunnel and/or terminal, and any retail, commercial, public performances and exhibitions, and public amenity purposes. Appears to relate to Cap Metro's transit plan, "Project Connect".

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3895** Wu, Gene(D) Relating to guardians ad litem for children who are in the juvenile justice system and the child protective services system.

**Companions:** **SB 2049** Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - If a juvenile the subject of a removal action brought by DFPS is charged with delinquency, the juvenile court may appoint the juvenile's ad litem from the DFPS case to also serve an ad litem in the delinquency case. This is in addition to the juvenile's attorney.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3897** Thompson, Senfronia(D) Relating to fees levied by municipalities and counties for alcoholic beverage permits and licenses.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Sets the fee a county/city may set for alcohol permits by rule instead of by statute.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3901** Hefner, Cole(R) Relating to prohibited restrictions on occupancy capacity for places of worship.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits a govt agency or public official from issuing an order that restricts occupancy capacity for a place of worship under state disaster declaration.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3904** Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to the creation and continuation of a county fire marshal position.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Extends a fire marshalls term from 2 years to 4 years.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3906** Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to the regulation of political funds, campaigns, and lobbying, including certain functions and procedures of the Texas Ethics Commission.

**Remarks:** JBD - Mostly this is clean up of duplicative numbering and modernization of provisions applicable to financial reports filed with Ethics Commission. The Commission would not be required to mail filing instructions, but rather communicate by electronic means. For dismissal of complaints alleging incorrect financial statements, filer will be required to attest that original filing was made in good faith.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3908** Pacheco, Leo(D) Relating to the appointment of a deputy clerk to each statutory probate court.

**Remarks:** MGV - Removes condition that an appointment of a deputy clerk takes affect when it's confirmed in writing by the judge of the court.



**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3909** Harris, Cody(R) Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to regulate certain activities.

**Remarks:** MGV - If an individual is required to possess a state-issued occupational license, prohibits a political subdivision from requiring the individual to possess an occupational license issued by the political subdivision or meet any other requirements.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3910** Romero, Ramon(D) Relating to the authority of the chief appraiser of an appraisal district to consider sales of property to governmental units when using the market data comparison method to determine the market value.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits for market data comparison a property purchased by a governmental unit that exceeds market value.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3913** Ramos, Ana-Maria(D) Relating to continuing judicial training regarding family violence victims.

**Companions:** [HB 3570](#) Ramos, Ana-Maria (F)(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** JBD - Mandates training for judges on effects of being victim of family violence.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3914** Ortega, Lina(D) Relating to the inclusion of adults with mental illness in reduced-fare programs of public transportation providers.

**Companions:** [SB 2126](#) Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Extends public transportation reduced fare programs for people with IDD to persons with mental illness.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3917** Johnson, Ann (F)(D) Relating to the rights of victims of sexual assault.

**Remarks:** JBD - Evidence collected during sex assault exam cannot be used against victim to prosecute any misdemeanor or any drug offense.

Health care facilities that conduct sex assault exams must permit victim to shower if facility has showers.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3919** Dean, Jay(R) Relating to the eligibility to vote an early voting ballot by mail on the ground of disability.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Provides that a disability to be eligible to vote by mail

does not include a lack of transportation nor illness that doesn't prevent one from leaving the home or business.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3920** Dean, Jay(R) Relating to signature verification on an early voting ballot voted by mail.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands the definition of disability for the purpose of voting by mail to include a person confined for childbirth, exempts a person who lacks transportation, or has an illness that doesn't prevent leaving the home or appearing at the place of employment. Requires an affidavit that states you physically are unable to enter a polling place without assistance.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3925** Collier, Nicole(D) Relating to pedestrian use of a sidewalk.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals a recommendation that a pedestrian should walk on the left side of the roadway or the shoulder facing oncoming traffic if a sidewalk isn't provided.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3926** Hefner, Cole(R) Relating to the inclusion of temporary vehicle tags in the offense of tampering with a governmental record.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Adds to the definition of "governmental record" in the offense of tampering to include a temporary vehicle tag.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3927** Hefner, Cole(R) Relating to the issuance and use of certain temporary motor vehicle tags and the classification of temporary motor vehicle tags as governmental records for purposes of certain criminal offenses.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals DPS restriction on denying access to the database on vehicle information. Prohibits operating a vehicle that displays a temporary tag that is false.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3934** Slawson, Shelby (F)(R) Relating to enhancing the punishment for certain conduct constituting the criminal offense of aggravated assault.

**Remarks:** JBD - Enhancement for using deadly weapon and causing bodily injury to victim (who no longer has to be family member).

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3939** Talarico, James(D) Relating to a requirement that a purchaser of commercial real property disclose the sales price of the property to the appraisal district and to the use of that information by the appraisal district.

**Remarks:** Sales price disclosure.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3940** Cain, Briscoe(R) Relating to discrimination against or burdening certain constitutional rights of an applicant for or holder of a license to practice law in this state.

**Companions:** [SB 247](#) Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)  
3-17-21 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** JBD - State Bar may not adopt rule or policy that discriminates against firmly held religious belief, freedom of speech regarding religious belief, or freedom of association.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3942** Slaton, Bryan (F)(R) Relating to requiring a voter to be affiliated with a political party to vote in that party's primary election or otherwise participate in that party's affairs.

**Companions:** [HB 377](#) Lang, Mike(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Closes primary elections to registered party members only.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3945** Herrero, Abel(D) Relating to the authority of the governing body of a taxing unit to waive penalties and interest on delinquent ad valorem taxes imposed on property located in a disaster area.

**Companions:** [SB 689](#) Lucio, Eddie(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

**Remarks:** authorize the governing body of a taxing unit to waive penalties and interest on delinquent property tax imposed on a property located in an area declared by the Governor to be a disaster area.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3948** King, Tracy(D) Relating to the production and regulation of hemp and consumable hemp products.

**Companions:** [SB 1778](#) Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Creates criminal offense for cultivating hemp without a license as Class B misdemeanor.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3949** Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to the conveyance or transfer of a portion of a state highway road to an airport, land port, or sea port.

**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes TXDOT to convey or transfer a portion of a state highway road to an airport, land port, or sea port.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

- HB 3955** Toth, Steve(R) Relating to the identification of and prohibited cooperation by state and local entities with certain federal acts that violate the United States Constitution.
- Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits a state agency or political subdivision from cooperating w/ feds in implementing a rule that is a violation of the rights guaranteed to U.S. citizens.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed
- HB 3956** Kuempel, John(R) Relating to an optional county fee on vehicle registration in certain counties to be used for transportation projects.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Provides that Guadalupe County is eligible to implement the additional \$10 optional VRF.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed
- HB 3962** Neave, Victoria(D) Relating to the powers and duties of a domestic relations office. Companion to SB 567
- Companions:** **SB 567** Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence
- Remarks:** JBD - Limits the ability of county domestic relations offices to file lawsuits to those affecting the parent-child relationship.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed
- HB 3966** Morales, Eddie (F)(D) Relating to the eligibility of certain retired or former district court judges for assignment as a visiting judge.
- Remarks:** JBD - Will permit former judges to sit by assignment even if they have been publicly reprimanded by Comm on Judicial Conduct, so long as it was more than 12 years prior to assignment.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed
- HB 3967** Cortez, Philip(D) Relating to municipal and county authority to prohibit or restrict the sale of fireworks.
- Remarks:** MGV - Removes commissioners court authority to prohibit/restrict sale of fireworks during drought conditions and during the December fireworks season.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed
- HB 3968** Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to the development, construction, and operation of toll projects.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Permits TxDOT to enter into not more than 2 CDAs per year with a private entity if (1) the estimated capital costs for construction of the project exceed \$1 billion; (2) TxDOT demonstrates that state funding for the project is not available without significant reprioritization of existing funds that are designated for other highway improvement projects; and (3) the construction of the project does not require the use of money in the SHF. This authority is limited to CDAs for toll projects or projects that include both tolled and nontolled

lanes. It would not allow for CDAs in which the private entity has an interest in the project or projects financed wholly or partly with the proceeds of private activity bonds. The CDAs cannot be developed unless a majority of voters in all counties in which a portion of the project is to be located approves the project. The election must be held on the first November uniform election date that allows sufficient time to comply with other requirements of law. The ballot must provide for voting for or against the approval of the project and must include the route of the project; the number of new or modified lanes; the number of tolled lanes added by the project; the method of financing; and whether the toll charged will be at a variable or static toll rate. An election may not be held earlier than the 5th anniversary of the date of a previous election to approve the same or substantially similar toll project. Repeals the toll enforcement authority of all TPEs.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3970 Vasut, Cody (F)(R) Relating to the acceptance and counting of early voting ballots voted by mail.

**Remarks:** WLj - Prohibits opening the official ballot envelope if the ballot is rejected for counting.

Provides for a poll watcher to observe all activities of the early voting board.

Allows for scanning of paper ballots for counting purposes. Allows for duplication of damaged ballots that can't be scanned.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3971 Meyer, Morgan(R) Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of residential real property located in a designated historic district.

**Remarks:** WLJ - When appraising property in a designated historic district, an appraisal district would consider the effect of any restriction on the property owner's ability to alter, improve, or repair the property.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3974 Paul, Dennis(R) Relating to the residence address of a voter for purposes of a response to a confirmation notice sent by the voter registrar.

**Companions:** SB 1111 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**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:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3977 Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to the emergency detention of certain persons with a mental illness or cognitive disability and the scope of an order for psychoactive medication for certain patients.

**Companions:** SB 1511 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a police officer to seize any firearms in the possession of someone who receives an emergency mental health hold.

Allows a court to include in authorizing psychoactive medication to include medically necessary tests to ensure the medication is being safely administered.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3978 Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D)

Relating to a credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed on property on which certain solar energy devices have been installed.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a solar energy credit applied to a persons property taxes.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3981 Martinez, Armando(D)

Relating to the authority of certain counties to issue revenue bonds for certain solid waste management projects.

**Companions:** SB 2117 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Bracketed to only Hidalgo County, permits issuance of revenue bonds for solid waste facility.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3986 Guillen, Ryan(D)

Relating to uncollectible fines, fees, and court costs in criminal actions and proceedings.

**Remarks:** JBD - will permit fines and other items of costs (in addition to fees) to be found to be uncollectable in criminal cases and, therefore, removed from county financial statements.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3988 Guillen, Ryan(D)

Relating to the procedures governing the prosecution of misdemeanor offenses in the jurisdiction of the justice and municipal courts.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits JPs to appoint private attorneys to prosecute criminal cases in JP court if the local prosecutor is not present when case called for trial. JP may order payment of reasonable fee to appointed attorney.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HB 3994 Neave, Victoria(D)

Relating to the modification of a disposition by a juvenile court after a child's violation of a condition of probation.

**Remarks:** JBD - No revocation of juvenile probation with sentence to juvenile facility if the probation violation is not a new offense, unless the court finds the child is a danger to self or others.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3995** Geren, Charlie(R) Relating to the award of attorney's fees to a prevailing property owner in a judicial appeal of certain ad valorem tax determinations.

**Remarks:** WLJ - would expand the attorneys' fees that a court might award to a property owner in an appeal. A court could award attorneys' fees to a property owner who prevailed on any grounds, not just a claim of erroneous value or excessive value. An award of attorneys' fees could not exceed the greater of \$25,000 or 50% of the owner's tax savings. It could not exceed the total amount of the owner's tax savings. But there would be no limit at all if the property were the owner's homestead and if the owner prevailed on a claim of erroneous value or unequal value.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3998** Krause, Matt(R) Relating to a political subdivision's authority to deny or limit access to dying members of an individual's family.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits a political subdivision from adopting an order, including under Chapter 418 (emergency management), from preventing or limiting the amount of time an individual's access to dying members of that person's family.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 3999** Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) Relating to the powers and duties of a presiding judge and alternate presiding judge in an election.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Provides for the presiding judge and alternate judge to each appoint clerks for each precinct.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 4008** Spiller, David (F)(R) Relating to the authority of a county to issue bonds to restore or maintain a county courthouse.

**Companions:** **SB 186** Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)  
3-22-21 S Meeting set for 1:00 P.M., EXT  
AUDITORIUM, Senate Local Government

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands eligible issuance of bonds, for a county, to include restoration or maintenance of a county courthouse.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 4009** Rodriguez, Eddie(D) Relating to the inclusion of emergency shelter planning in local and interjurisdictional emergency management plans.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires TDEM to ensure that local and interjurisdictional emergency management plans include provisions for emergency shelter in the event of disaster suitable for cold weather, wildfire, floods.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 4010** Spiller, David (F)(R) Relating to the filing of certain reports by distributors of certain off-highway vehicles purchased outside this state.

**Companions:** **SB 586** Springer, Drew (F)(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

**Remarks:** expand to "distributors" the current requirement imposed on manufacturers of off-highway vehicles to report each warranty that is sold to a Texas resident by a retailer located outside of Texas.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 4019** Bucy, John(D) Relating to accommodating voters with a disability.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires an election official to provide priority to a disabled voter. Requires accommodations provided to disabled voters be posted on the internet site. Two new parking spaces be provided at each polling place. Requires a form to request a mail in ballot be easily accessible on the website and able to complete online prior to printing.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 4020** Spiller, David (F)(R) Relating to the operation of the juvenile boards of Crosby and Lubbock Counties.

**Companions:** **SB 511** Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits joint juvenile boards for Lubbock and any one or more counties, and for Crosby and any one or more counties.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 4024** Allison, Steve(R) Relating to a limitation on the appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.

**Remarks:** WLJ - The appraised value of any real property could never be higher than the price that the owner paid for it. For non-homestead properties, the cap would first apply to a property in the year after the first year that the owner owned it on January 1. It would cease to apply in the first year following a change of ownership unless the new owner were the spouse of the former owner. For a property with multiple owners, a change in 50% or more of the ownership would end the cap. The cap would be adjusted to reflect the value of a new improvement.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 4028** Cain, Briscoe(R) Relating to training for county election officers.

**Companions:** **SB 231** Seliger, Kel(R) (Identical)  
3-17-21 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar



**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the SOS provide a training program/materials for county election officers.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 4032** Herrero, Abel(D) Relating to the review by local governmental entities of certain sales and use tax audit reports and audit working papers.

**Companions:** **SB 778** Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

**Remarks:** WLJ - allow a city to request sales tax audit reports and audit work papers from the Comptroller's office for up to five taxpayers doing business in the city and that relate to a reallocation or refund of sales tax.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 4033** Howard, Donna(D) Relating to late applications for exemptions from ad valorem taxation for disabled veterans.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a chief appraiser to accept an application for a disabled veterans after the deadline if it is within 5 years after the delinquency date for the taxes on the property.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 4034** Schaefer, Matt(R) Relating to the appointment of an attorney ad litem to represent an unborn child during a court proceeding authorizing a pregnant minor to consent to an abortion.

**Remarks:** JBD - When child petitions district court for abortion without parents' permission, court must appoint an attorney ad litem for the unborn child.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 4037** Howard, Donna(D) Relating to county authority to balance bill for county air ambulance services.

**Companions:** **SB 790** Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
3-23-21 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a county to consider insurance payment for air ambulance services as payment in full regardless of the amount the county charged.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 4044** Cain, Briscoe(R) Relating to a registrar's failure to cancel voter registrations under applicable law.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for withholding of funds to a county registrar who fails to timely cancel a voters registration.


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

**HB 4046** Collier, Nicole(D) Relating to the ad valorem tax appraisal of an older

residence homestead located in or near a tax increment financing reinvestment zone.


**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes CAD to exclude from consideration the value of new or substantially remodeled residential properties that are located in the same neighborhood for a residence homestead that is more than 30 years old located in or near a tax increment financing reinvestment zone.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  HB 4052 Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) Relating to voter approval of a county or municipal budget that reduces by a certain percentage the amount allocated to train and compensate individuals who provide a fire protection.


**Remarks:** WLJ -requires public referendum for a city/county budget that defunds the police by a %5 of the preceding fiscal year, includes training. Excludes termination for bad conduct be included in the reduction amount.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  HB 4053 Meza, Terry(D) Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons diagnosed with certain mental health disorders for whom federal matching money is available.


**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands Medicaid eligibility for persons with severe mental illness, income of 133% of fpl and for whom matching funds are available.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4060 Meza, Terry(D) Relating to eligibility for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a historic site.


**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits consideration on approving a property tax exemption for a historical site based on the ownership.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4073 Smith, Reggie(R) Relating to the penalty for the offense of operating or loading overweight vehicle on a state highway or farm or ranch road on which the maximum load or weight has been reduced.

**Remarks:** Added an operation (Transportation Code 621.102) that would be considered a violation

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4076 White, James(R) Relating to a modernization plan for post-adjudication secure correctional facilities operated by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and a task force to evaluate those facilities.

**Remarks:** JBD - Directs TJJD to modernize secure facilities and use savings to cover healthcare costs and increase staff compensation. Gov to appoint taskforce that includes local government officials to guide planning.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4081** **Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D)** Relating to allowing the option of remote conduct in court proceedings.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits any court participant - judge, party, attorney, witness, juror, etc - to participate remotely without consent of parties, unless the US or Texas constitutions require consent. No emergency or pandemic required.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4082** **Bonnen, Greg(R)** Relating to the authority of a county to adopt and enforce uniform rules on the hours of work of certain county employees.

**Companions:** **SB 1344** Taylor, Larry(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

**Remarks:** MGV - Drops bracket to 290,000. Authorizes commissioners court to adopt uniform rules on hours of work of employees whose compensation is set by the court.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4085** **Bonnen, Greg(R)** Relating to certain meetings of a commissioners court during a disaster or emergency.

**Companions:** **SB 1343** Taylor, Larry(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** MGV - Applies to counties for which the Gov has issued a disaster declaration and in which transportation to the meeting location is dangerous. Allows a commissioners court to hold an open or closed meeting solely to deliberate about disaster conditions that require immediate response without complying with open meetings requirements.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4087** **Burns, DeWayne(R)** Relating to the enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards in certain municipalities.

**Remarks:** City of 25k - 50k

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4089** **Talarico, James(D)** Relating to the regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, processing, distribution, sale, testing, transportation, delivery, transfer, possession, use, and taxation of cannabis and cannabis products.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows for regulation of cannabis.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4098** **Talarico, James(D)** Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for educational materials purchased by a teacher.

**Companions:** **HB 2995** Talarico, James (F)(D) (Refiled from 86R)

**Remarks:** aph - creates a sales tax exemption for teachers purchasing school materials used in their job as an educator.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4099 Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to an interim study of the appraisal of agricultural land for ad valorem tax purposes.

**Remarks:** MGV - Creates a joint interim committee on tax appraisal of agricultural land to study methods for appraising ag land.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4101 Johnson, Jarvis(D)

Relating to the authority of a governmental entity to limit bidding on certain public contracts to bidders that are small businesses.

**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes gov entity to establish a program to limit bidding on certain contracts to bidders that are small businesses.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4107 Burrows, Dustin(R)

Relating to the exercise of the power of eminent domain by a common carrier pipeline.

**Companions:** [HB 3939](#) Lozano, Jose(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** JBD - just watch

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4113 Talarico, James(D)

Relating to the confidentiality of juvenile justice information.

**Remarks:** JBD - Distinguishes between identifiable and not identifiable juvenile information and mandates TJJD release each to certain organizations.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4114 Burrows, Dustin(R)

Relating to the retention of state sales tax revenue collected by certain retailers for a limited period.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Exempts movie theaters from sales taxes if they had to cease operations due to an order by the Governor or other official in response to a disaster.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4120 Deshotel, Joe(D)

Relating to the efficient use and generation of electricity by public schools.

**Companions:** [SB 1303](#) Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** WLJ - Sets aside 75% of funding within the Texas Clean

School Bus Program for electric school bus projects; modifies eligible model years and adds infrastructure to eligible activities; Requires a time-of-use electricity rate be offered to public schools; Requires steps that appear to be related to enabling V2G

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4121 Guillen, Ryan(D)

Relating to prompt review of land development applications and the award of court costs and attorney's fees against a political subdivision in certain actions.

**Remarks:** JBD - Sets deadlines for processing "land development applications" including plats. The bill rolls together many provisions that applied to separately to cities and counties found in HB 3167 that passed in 2019. The current bill is more vague (example, does not specify when a plat application is complete, triggering the 30-day response deadline).

Unrelated to land development, a person that challenges any local; ordinance, order, denial of application on basis such is preempted by state constitution or statute is entitled to attorney fees and other costs. Same is true if a person prevails on claim that an officer of a political subdivision has failed to perform a required act (ie, mandamus).

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4122 Rose, Toni(D)

Relating to prohibiting certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.

**Remarks:** JBD - Prohibits discrimination in hiring or insurance issuance based on sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Adds to hate crimes those committed because of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4125 Vasut, Cody (F)(R)

Relating to state and local government responses to disasters.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows for judicial review of disaster order issued by Gov or presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision if order is alleged to cause injury to person or burden a right of the person. Places burden on the issuer of the order. Prohibits the Gov or local presiding officer from issuing an EO that requires a person (other than public employee or medical professional) to wear a mask or PPE during a declared state of disaster, prohibits/limits a person from attending a religious service, violates religious freedom, prohibits sale of firearms/ammunition, alters any voting standard, or restricts lawful operation of business. Limits fees during declared local disaster.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed


  HB 4127 Schofield, Mike(R)

Relating to the specified use of bond proceeds by a county or municipality.

**Remarks:** JBD - Prohibits cities and counties from spending more on a bond project than the amount specified on the ballot, and


from moving funds from one bond project to another even if both approved at same election. Any voter in the election may sue for injunctive relief for violation.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4128 Schofield, Mike(R) Relating to authorizing certain political subdivisions to change the date on which their general election for officers is held.


**Remarks:** MGV - Removes an obsolete deadline from Election Code regarding changing date of a general election.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4129 Campos, Liz (F)(D) Relating to the establishment of a program administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and certain county housing authorities to incentivize landlords.


**Remarks:** MGV - Requires DHCA to establish a housing mobility program to provide to county housing authorities loans and grants to incentivize landlords to accept tenants participating in the voucher program. Applies to counties with population of more than 500,000.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4130 Campos, Liz (F)(D) Relating to the imposition of a county housing first initiatives fee in certain counties.


**Remarks:** MGV - Applies to counties w/ population of 500,000 or more. Allows commissioners court to adopt a housing first initiatives fee. Requires revenue to be used to fund housing initiatives.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4133 Campos, Liz (F)(D) Relating to the creation of a mental health jail diversion pilot program in Bexar County.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Mental health jail diversion pilot program in Bexar County


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4135 Collier, Nicole(D) Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of sexual assault.

**Companions:** SB 945 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice


**Remarks:** JBD - Revises consent to cover sex assault by healthcare service providers.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4136 Collier, Nicole(D) Relating to automatic orders of nondisclosure of criminal history record information for certain misdemeanor defendants following successful completion of a period of deferred adjudication.

**Remarks:** JBD - Automatic nondisclosure order if defendant completes deferred adjudication, regardless of whether the person has ever before completed a deferred adjudication.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  [HB 4138](#) [Ellzey, Jake \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the movement of certain vehicles transporting steel products made in the United States.

**Companions:** [SB 1828](#) Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes TXDOT to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles transporting steel products made in the U.S. in Dallas, Ellis, and Johnson Counties on specified roads. Allows for a permit fee.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  [HB 4140](#) [Coleman, Garnet\(D\)](#) Relating to issues affecting counties and certain other governmental entities and residents.

**Companions:** [HB 4567](#) Coleman, Garnet(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)


**Remarks:** MGV - Omnibus county bill. Allows commissioners court to dissolve a county hospital authority if sale, transfer of the authority's assets and liabilities are made to the county. For purchases, considers devices that use electronic capture to produce a physical record to be considered interchangeable with devices that utilize electronic capture to produce electronic record. Repeals not requiring notice by the county/city to a property owner if the county/city has offered to remove graffiti for free, or if the property owner has refused to remove the graffiti.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  [HB 4141](#) [White, James\(R\)](#) Relating to education and training for peace officers on interacting with persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

**Remarks:** JBD - Peace officers must receive 4 hours of training on interacting with persons with dementia.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  [HB 4142](#) [Sanford, Scott\(R\)](#) Relating to the adoption and repeal of an additional ad valorem road tax for the maintenance of county roads.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows commissioners courts to declare a political subdivision or other specified portion of the county as a defined district for an additional road tax if petitioned signed by majority of the registered voters of the specified portion of county. Allows commissioners court to order an election to repeal the special road tax in the applicable area.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  [HB 4145](#) [Coleman, Garnet\(D\)](#) Relating to criminal justice.

**Companions:** [SB 1775](#) Whitmire, John(D) (Identical)

3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Mandates PR bond for non-violent offense with no prior violent offense, and reduces bonds when magistrate fails to determine probable cause within 24 hours.

Jail Commission to adopt rules regarding handling intoxicated inmates and prevention of use of force and sex assault.

No consent searches of automobiles unless in writing. No pre-text traffic stops. Mandatory cite and release for fine-only misdemeanors.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4148** Sanford, Scott(R)

Relating to the repeal of the additional ad valorem taxes imposed as a result of certain changes in the use of certain land.

**Remarks:** MGV - Repeals additional tax on sale of certain religious organization property; additional tax imposed due to the difference in the amount of tax imposed on ag land and the amount that would have been imposed had the land not been designated ag; additional taxes due to change of land use; additional tax for preceding years of land no longer subject to a deed restriction or diverted to a use other than recreational, park, or scenic uses; and taxation for preceding years for airport property no longer subject to a deed restriction.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4149** Coleman, Garnet(D)

Relating to county jailers.

**Remarks:** JBD - Give TCOLE and Jail Commission authority to develop additional training for county jailers to promote health and safety in jails.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4150** Buckley, Brad(R)

Relating to the applicability of the law governing the provision of state aid to certain local governments disproportionately affected by the granting of ad valorem tax relief to disabled veterans.

**Companions:** **SB 524** Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

**Remarks:** aph - expands state aid to cover local governments disproportionately impacted by tax relief offered to disabled veterans.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4151** Lopez, Ray(D)

Relating to the actions required to be taken by tax officials before taking action to collect delinquent ad valorem taxes on the residence homestead of an individual who is elderly or disabled.

**Remarks:** MGV - Not later than 12 month after tax collector first delivers delinquency notice to an individual who is elderly or disabled, requires collector to determine whether individual remains delinquent. If so, requires a second notice. If by 18 months



after first notice the individual is delinquent, requires collector to attempt to contact the individual by phone or in person.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4152 Spiller, David (F)(R)

Relating to the qualification of certain land that is adjacent to other qualified open-space land for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows ag land to qualify for appraisal as open-space land if land is currently devoted principally to ag use and was acquired by, and currently owned by, a person who owns other land that is appraised as open-space land; equal to or larger in area than acquired land; and adjacent to acquired land.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4155 Buckley, Brad(R)

Relating to prohibiting certain limitations on the operation of certain alcoholic beverage businesses and organizations that benefit veterans during a declared state of disaster.

**Companions:** SB 989 Buckingham, Dawn(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits an EO restricting operations of businesses selling alcohol from including breweries that sell on-site and 501c3 that benefits veterans

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4158 Turner, John(D)

Relating to the dissemination of confidential information contained in the juvenile justice information system.

**Companions:** SB 1154 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

**Remarks:** MGV - Allow dissemination of confidential information in juvenile justice information system to HHSC

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4170 Middleton, Mayes(R)

Relating to a requirement that the voter-approval tax rate of certain taxing units be adjusted to reflect changes in the amount of money received by the taxing unit directly from the federal government.

**Remarks:** MGV - If taxing unit's direct fed receipts exceed the amount of preceding tax year, decreases the voter-approval rate by dividing difference b/w receipts with (current total value - new property value). Doesn't apply to school districts.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

 Middleton, Mayes(R)

Relating to disclosure under the public information law

[HB 4174](#)

of video evidence of a crime that resulted in the death of a person to the deceased person's next of kin.

**Remarks:** JBD - Showing a video of a crime resulting in death to the next of kin of the victim is not a public disclosure and does not waive the government's right to refuse further requests for release of the video.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

 [HB 4175](#) Landgraf, Brooks(R)

Relating to the prosecution and punishment of strangulation, rehabilitation of offenders and services for victims of strangulation, and procedures for law enforcement.

**Remarks:** JBD - Mandates peace officers responding to strangulation incident request assistance from license clinical social worker to assess the scene and provide strangling victims with information about support agencies. If a conviction is found to involve strangulation, court must order defendant on probation to participate in battering prevention program.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

 [HB 4177](#) Beckley, Michelle(D)

Relating to the identification required for voting of a voter with a recent name change.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for identification, for voting purposes, that shows a previous name if the name change occurred less than two years previous and they have documentation that shows certified documentation of the name change.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

 [HB 4178](#) Fierro, Art(D)

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

**Companions:**

<a href="#">HB 1949</a>	Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) (Identical) 3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
<a href="#">HB 2017</a>	Thierry, Shawn(D) (Identical) 3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
<a href="#">HB 3246</a>	Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical) 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
<a href="#">SB 306</a>	Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) (Identical) 3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires Dep. of Ag, TCEQ, GLOS, TDHCA, TDI, TPWD, DPS, PUC, Comptroller, Texas A&M and TWDB to include a climate change mitigation report in their strategic plans.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

 [HB 4179](#) Bonnen, Greg(R)

Relating to the procedures to be used by an appraisal district in resolving a protest following the filing of a notice of protest by a property owner.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires informal conference before protest hearing following the filing of a protest notice by a property owner.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4180** Beckley, Michelle(D) Relating to the identification required for voting of a voter with a recent name change.

**Remarks:** WLj - Allows for voting with an identification that does not match the roles if there was a name change within 2 years and they have a signed statement from a physician confirming the person identity.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4181** Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of practicing veterinary medicine without a license.

**Remarks:** JBD - Increase penalty for practicing veterinary medicine without a license.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4183** Reynolds, Ron(D) Relating to state and municipal motor fuel taxes.

**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes a municipal motor fuel tax with state share up to 2% to GR.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4184** Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to the licensing and regulation of certain drug and alcohol related court-ordered educational programs.

**Companions:** **SB 1480** Johnson, Nathan(D) (Identical)  
3-10-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires license from TDLR for court-ordered programs, including alcohol education for minors, drug offense education, and education and intervention programs for intoxication offenses.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4186** Gonzalez, Mary(D) Relating to license of certain appraisers when making an offer for real property.


**Remarks:** MGV - When making an offer for real property, requires offer to be written by a certified appraiser who is a licensed real estate appraiser.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4187** Johnson, Jarvis(D) Relating to providing a list of approved devices to defendants restricted to the operation of a vehicle equipped with an ignition interlock device as a condition of community supervision.

**Remarks:** JBD - Defendants ordered to use interlock devices must be given opportunity to choose any interlock provider approved by DPS.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4188 Romero, Ramon(D) Relating to a study on comprehensive development agreements entered into for transportation projects in this state.

**Companions:** SB 1685 Powell, Beverly(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Directs TTI, in consultation with TxDOT, to conduct a study of executed CDAs, including an analysis of the contract provisions in CDAs relating to maintenance and safety; and the responsibilities of each party to the CDAs relating to maintenance and safety.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4190 Bell, Keith(R) Relating to registration and annual filing requirements for governmental units establishing a self-insurance fund.

**Companions:** SB 376 Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

**Remarks:** MGJ - Requires a governmental unit with a self-insurance fund to register with the state Insurance Dept and annually file financial statements, articles of incorporation.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4192 Dean, Jay(R) Relating to deadlines associated with proposing and adopting a budget for certain counties.

**Companions:** SB 1357 Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government


**Remarks:** MGJ - For counties w/ population of 225,000 or less but does not apply to counties of 125,000+ w/ appointed budget officer. Extends from the 7th or 10th month of the FY to by the 60th day before the first day of the FY the date which the county judge shall prepare a budget for the succeeding FY and file a copy of the proposed budget w/ county clerk.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4195 Ellzey, Jake (F)(R) Relating to unlawful employment practices with respect to the exercise of the right of free speech, right to petition, and right of association.

**Remarks:** MGJ - An employer commits an unlawful employment practice if the employer retaliates or discriminates against a person who engages in lawful conduct involving exercise of civil rights

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4197 Slaton, Bryan (F)(R) Relating to limitations on public health directives issued during a state of disaster or outbreak of a communicable disease.

**Remarks:** MGV - If a health authority issues a directive to address an outbreak of a communicable disease, prohibits directive to be no more stringent than any public health directive for undocumented immigrants issued by ICE

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4201** [Martinez, Armando\(D\)](#) Relating to a feasibility study on the colocation of federal and state motor vehicle inspection facilities at ports of entry.

**Companions:** [SB 1907](#) [Blanco, Cesar \(F\)\(D\)](#) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ Directs TTI, in consultation with TxDOT and DPS, to conduct a feasibility study on erecting and maintaining a collocated federal and state inspection facility at each POE for the inspection of motor vehicles for compliance with federal and state commercial motor vehicle regulations.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4206** [Allison, Steve\(R\)](#) Relating to a study of the desirability, feasibility, and effects of limiting the appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes to the value when the owner acquired the property.

**Remarks:** MGV - Creates the Real Property Appraisal Study Commission to study the desirability, feasibility, and effects of an appraisal cap to the value when owner acquired the property

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4208** [Murr, Andrew\(R\)](#) Relating to the effect and disregard of declarations for mental health treatment.

**Remarks:** WLj - Limits when a physician can subject a person to mental health treatment only upon a judicial determination of incompetence.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4209** [Murr, Andrew\(R\)](#) Relating to the valuation of appraised value of qualified open-space land.

**Remarks:** MGV - Removes any income received from hunting or recreational leases from the valuation of qualified open-space land.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4212** [Moody, Joe\(D\)](#) Relating to procedures regarding defendants who are or may be persons with a mental illness or intellectual disability.

**Companions:** [SB 1739](#) [Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Several changes to crim procedure regarding defendants with mental illness or intellectual disability.

Personal bonds do not have to include an oath by defendant.

JP and municipal courts may dismiss cases upon finding probable cause defendant has mental illness or intellectual disability, and State may appeal. JPs cannot accept pleas from defendant who does not appear to be mentally competent.

Defendants treated to restore competency must be given credit for time participating in outpatient treatment. Also to be given credit for time in jail waiting for competency treatment to start after it has been ordered.

Permits local behavioral health authority to provide jail-based competency restoration program.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4213 Murr, Andrew(R)

Relating to the appeal of a party or attorney representing a party of a sanction issued by a court following a ruling on a motion to recuse.

**Remarks:** JBD - Grants right of appeal for sanctions order if a party had previously filed a motion to recuse the judge.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4215 Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to prohibiting certain limitations on the operation of certain organizations that benefit veterans during a declared state of disaster.

**Companions:** SB 1493 Springer, Drew (F)(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits limits on operations of organizations that benefits vets during state of disaster.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4240 Raymond, Richard(D)

Relating to local regulation to enforce child custody orders.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows counties and cities to adopt an ordinance that imposes up to \$500 civil penalty for interference w/ child custody order.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4242 Meyer, Morgan(R)

Relating to the extension of the expiration of certain parts of the Texas Economic Development Act.

**Remarks:** aph - extends Chapter 313 out for 10 years for economic development purposes.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4248 Harris, Cody(R)

Relating to the requirement for certain persons to provide information to a peace officer.

**Remarks:** JBD - New offense of failure to ID if witness to crime fails to give name, address and DOB to peace officer.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

- HB 4251** Toth, Steve(R) Relating to public libraries as voter registration agencies.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Stipulates that voter registration requirement provisions only apply to a public library if specifically provided by a rule by the SOS.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4253** Perez, Mary Ann(D) Relating to the procedure for qualifying for the exemption from ad valorem taxation of pollution control property.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Allows CAD to cancel exemption if the pollution control facility is no longer installed at the property or is no longer used wholly or partly on the property.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4254** Morales Shaw, Penny (F)(D) Relating to a criminal offense committed against a person because of bias or prejudice on the basis of gender identity or expression.
- Remarks:** JBD - Hate crime expanded to gender identity or expression.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4269** Hull, Lacey (F)(R) Relating to the procedure to be used by an appraisal review board to conduct a hearing on a protest.
- Remarks:** MGJ - Allows for videoconferencing during a protest hearing.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4270** Rodriguez, Eddie(D) Relating to the procedures for requesting or applying for certain ad valorem tax refunds and exemptions.
- Companions:** [SB 1953](#) Paxton, Angela(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed
- Remarks:** MGJ - Allows person owed a refund to file with the CAD a written request that the refund be sent to a particular address. Requires application for a homestead exemption to include a statement explaining the applicant may be eligible to file a late application. Prohibits CAD from denying homestead exemption application based on issue date on driver's license or personal ID certificate.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4274** Rose, Toni(D) Relating to the criteria for court-ordered inpatient and extended inpatient mental health services.
- Remarks:** JBD - Amends criteria for court ordered inpatient mental health services to include the patient is unable to provide for basic needs.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4275** Klick, Stephanie(R) Relating to the prohibited release by a public agency of

information regarding the members, supporters, or volunteers of or donors to certain nonprofit organizations.

**Companions:** SB 1678 Campbell, Donna(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits a public agency from requiring 501c nonprofit orgs to provide donor information.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4278** Thompson, Ed(R) Relating to a study of the economic effects of alternative methods of financing government projects.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires Comptroller, TX Facilities Commission to jointly study of the economic effects of alternative methods of financing govt projects. The study to examine effects on the levels of GR debt supported by state tax revenue, and the levels of GR debt supported by tax revenues of political subdivisions.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4281** Sherman, Carl(D) Relating to the pretrial release of defendants and a prohibition on the use of monetary bail bonds.

**Remarks:** JBD - Ends money bail, and requires release on PR bond either with or without conditions.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4282** Morales Shaw, Penny (F) (D) Relating to creating the criminal offense of possession of an animal by a person convicted of multiple offenses involving animal cruelty and to conditions of punishment.

**Remarks:** JBD - Person with 2 or more convictions for animal cruelty commits an offense by possessing an animal.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4284** Holland, Justin(R) Relating to the creation of the opioid abatement account.

**Companions:** SB 1827 Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Creates opioid abatement account in GR with money received from any source resulting directly or indirectly from an action by the state against an opioid manufacturer.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4286** King, Ken(R) Relating to procedures for and the consequences of the dishonorable discharge of certain peace officers.

**Companions:** SB 1819 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Strips dishonorably discharged peace officers of eligibility to receive public pension. Officer to receive refunds



of contributions plus interest. Spouse may petition court for equitable division so that spouse receives lesser pension amount.

Adds new ground for dishonorable discharge - officer leaves employment after prosecutor determines officer has committed conduct that must be disclosed to defense.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4289** Howard, Donna(D) Relating to the punishment for the criminal offense of indecent assault.

**Remarks:** JBD - Enhances indecent assault if defendant was coach or tutor.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4292** Kacal, Kyle(R) Relating to the creation of an additional judicial district composed of Brazos County and the duties of the district attorney for the 85th Judicial District in Brazos County.

**Companions:** [HB 1134](#) Kacal, Kyle(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** JBD - Creates new district court in Brazos County.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4293** Hinojosa, Gina(D) Relating to the creation of a court reminder program for criminal defendants.

**Remarks:** JBD \_ OCA to develop and make available to all counties at no cost a court reminder program to automatically send text reminders to criminal defendants. All counties to adopt a reminder program by 9/1/2022.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4295** Bell, Keith(R) Relating to the authorized release and confidentiality of an autopsy report.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows ME to release a copy of an autopsy report of a deceased person to any organ and tissue procurement org, or to a hospital or other healthcare entity that treated the person. Release in these circumstances does not make the autopsy report available to others.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed


**HB 4301** Dean, Jay(R) Relating to certain claims for benefits, compensation, or assistance by certain public safety employees and survivors of certain public safety employees.

**Companions:** [SB 22](#) Springer, Drew (F)(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate State Affairs  
[SB 463](#) Lucio, Eddie(D) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate State Affairs  
[SB 527](#) Springer, Drew (F)(R) (Identical)

3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** WLJ - for benefits, creates a presumption that a firefighter, peace officer, or emt worker contracted a disease in the scope of their work duty if the disease is the basis for a governor's disaster declaration.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4305 Morales, Eddie (F)(D) Relating to the use of hotel occupancy tax revenue by certain counties and municipalities.

**Companions:** SB 2133 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed


**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands HOT to a city in a county with 6000 square miles and a city in a county with 3,850 - 4,000 miles.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4315 Craddick, Tom(R) Relating to the eligibility of a county assessor-collector to serve on the board of directors of an appraisal district.

**Remarks:** MGV - Makes eligible a county assessor-collector to serve as a voting member of CAD board.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4317 Stephenson, Phil(R) Relating to the adjustment of the limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes imposed by a school district on the residence homestead of an elderly or disabled person.

**Companions:** HB 3829 Stephenson, Phil(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** aph - provides that homesteads qualifying for elderly or disabled exemptions will not see increases if the taxing unit repeals a homestead exemption in a subsequent tax year.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4319 Shine, Hugh(R) Relating to the eligibility of land for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land based on its use to raise or keep bees.

**Companions:** SB 1994 Springer, Drew (F)(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Makes eligible land used to raise or keep bees as qualified open-space land. Land must contain at least 6 colonies and must be located on land for at least 9 month of the year.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4320 Shine, Hugh(R) Relating to the appraisal of land for ad valorem tax purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.


**Companions:** SB 1995 Springer, Drew (F)(R) (Identical)

3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Moves submission date of an ag land application from May 1 to April 1. Allows CAD by written order to extend deadline to June 1.


Makes eligible land used to raise or keep bees as qualified open-space land.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4325 Martinez, Armando(D) Relating to the qualifications of a county fire marshal.

**Remarks:** MGV - Adds to the qualifications of a county fire marshal that the requirements of the TX Commission on Fire Protection for Head of Department Prevention and of a peace officer be met.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4330 Gonzalez, Mary(D) Relating to a report of animal cruelty to certain law enforcement agencies and immunity from liability for the report.


**Remarks:** MGV - Requires a veterinarian to report animal cruelty to the sheriff or police dept in which the suspected offense was committed.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4331 Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) Relating to creating criminal offenses.

**Remarks:** JBD - New offense and civil cause of action for paid vote harvesting.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4335 Ordaz Perez, Claudia (F)(D) Relating to improving judicial transparency by collecting and publishing data regarding disposition of cases in trial courts.


**Remarks:** JBD - Currently the Texas Judicial Council collects judicial statistics. The bill directs it to collect case level data describing the amount and character of business conducted in courts.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4337 Collier, Nicole(D) Relating to authority of a court to reduce or modify a defendant's sentence.

**Remarks:** JBD - permits convicting court to reduce or modify sentence after defendant has served at least 10 years in prison and with consent of state.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4342 Rose, Toni(D) Relating to the establishment by certain counties and hospital districts of disease control pilot programs to reduce the risk of certain infectious and communicable diseases.

**Remarks:** WLJ Expands the needle exchange pilot program to be run by a county and hd instead of just health authority in Bexar.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4351** Moody, Joe(D)

Relating to the purposes for which property must be used to be eligible for ad valorem tax benefits under the Texas Economic Development Act.

**Companions:** **SB 1906** Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Adds an administrative office and a distribution warehouse as eligible property for tax benefits under TX Economic Development Act.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4353** Gates, Gary(R)

Relating to the use of sales tax revenue collected under certain contracts.

**Companions:** **HB 957** Miller, Rick(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** aph - authorizes water districts within Fort Bend Co to use portions of sales tax receipts consummated within the boundaries of the district to be used for drainage and road projects for the benefit of the citizens of the district.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4355** Krause, Matt(R)

Relating to providing children committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department and prisoners serving a sentence in a county jail with certain documents on discharge or release.

**Remarks:** JBD - For defendants that serve sentences in jail, prior to release the sheriff is to determine if inmate has DL or state issued ID. If not, the sheriff must make application for ID to DPS on the inmate's behalf. Request must be made early enough to provide the ID to the inmate at time of release. Sheriff/county must pay the DPS fee, but may be reimbursed by inmate.

Same requirements with regard to inmate birth certificate and social security card.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4364** Jetton, Jacey (F)(R)

Relating to poll watchers.

**Remarks:** WLj - Creates a class A misdemeanor for not accepting a poll watcher. Allows the poll watcher to watch the signature verification committee meetings. Provides a watcher unrestricted access at the polling place.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed


**HB 4365** Oliverson, Tom(R)

Relating to a pilot project to improve health care outcomes and reduce costs under Medicaid by providing participating recipients with enhanced case management and other services.

**Companions:** SB 651 Johnson, Nathan(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Health and Human  
Services

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires HHSC Commissioner to seek a federal  
waiver for a 5 year pilot project to address housing instability,  
food insecurity, transportation, family violence issues.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4366 Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) Relating to federal election practices and procedures.

**Companions:** HB 4507 Schofield, Mike(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the SOS enact federal law by rule if it doesn't  
conform with state law yet only as it pertains to federal  
elections.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed


  HB 4369 Noble, Candy(R) Relating to ballots voted by mail.

**Companions:** SB 1664 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires early voting ballot board review each  
application for a ballot with the carrier envelope to verify the  
signature.


Requires each early voting clerk have software available to  
display all electronically available signatures together.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4371 Allen, Alma(D) Relating to juvenile justice reform, including the age of  
a child at which a juvenile court may exercise  
jurisdiction over the child and the age of criminal  
responsibility.

**Remarks:** JBD - Raises age for adult criminal responsibility from 17 to  
18 and raises minimum age for juvenile court jurisdiction from  
10 to 13.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4374 Cyrier, John(R) Relating to the use of executory contracts for the  
purchase of land to be used as a residence in certain  
counties.

**Companions:** SB 1556 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Applies to a county 500k or less in an msa 2m and up.  
Commissioners court may adopt an order requiring an  
executory contract for the conveyance of land.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

- HB 4375 Rodriguez, Eddie(D) Relating to the expansion of broadband services to certain areas.
- Remarks:** MGV - Establishes a broadband development office within Gov's office.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4379 Harris, Cody(R) Relating to the ownership or operation of a motor vehicle dealership by a manufacturer or distributor of motor vehicles
- Remarks:** Tesla Bill - Allows makers of vehicles that are powered solely by electricity or batteries to act as dealers under the state's regulations, and thus sell directly to consumers, if the vehicles in question have never been sold in Texas before by a third-party franchised dealers.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4384 Hefner, Cole(R) Relating to the replacement of the light-duty motor vehicle purchase or lease incentive program with the gas flaring and venting reduction program.
- Remarks:** Replaces appropriations for light-duty motor vehicle purchase/lease incentive program with rebates for gas flaring and venting reduction technology
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4395 Shaheen, Matt(R) Relating to state and local governments requirements to report security incidents to the Department of Information Resources.
- Remarks:** MGV - Requires local governments to report security incidents to Dept of Information Resources within 10 business days after eradication of a security incident. Security incidents = actual or suspected unauthorized disclosure, exposure, modification of sensitive personal info, confidential info, or other regulated information.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4400 Patterson, Jared(R) Relating to the regulation of concrete plants by the commissioners court in certain counties.
- Remarks:** MGV - Applies to county w/ population of 500,000+ and counties adjacent w/ population growth of more than 30% during decade preceding recent Census. Allows commissioners court to prohibit construction or expansion of a permanent concrete plant at a location less than a mile from a residence, school, place of worship, hospital, or land platted for residential development.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4401 Goldman, Craig(R) Relating to the repeal of certain state and local taxes, including occupation taxes.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals authority for a county/city to impose an occupation tax on a coin-operated machine.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

- [HB 4406](#) [Ramos, Ana-Maria\(D\)](#) Relating to the expansion of eligibility for Medicaid to certain persons under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.
- Companions:** [HB 171](#) Bernal, Diego(D) (Identical)  
2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
- [SB 118](#) Johnson, Nathan(D) (Identical)  
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services
- Remarks:** MGV - Expands Medicaid eligibility to all persons who apply and for whom federal matching funds are available.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- [HB 4411](#) [King, Tracy\(D\)](#) Relating to the property tax appraisal option of rural utilities for rendering market value for property which falls into multiple tax jurisdictions.
- Remarks:** MGV - Gives rural utilities an option for the equitable market value appraisal when rendering value of property in multiple tax jurisdiction.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- [HB 4417](#) [Moody, Joe\(D\)](#) Relating to the consolidation and allocation of state civil court costs.
- Companions:** [SB 39](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 41](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
- Remarks:** JBD - Consolidates some civil case fees.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- [HB 4418](#) [Gonzalez, Jessica\(D\)](#) Relating to the manner of state financing of primary elections.
- Remarks:** MGV - Requires SOS to pay in full the costs for election workers in a primary election.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- [HB 4420](#) [Krause, Matt\(R\)](#) Relating to a study and analysis by the comptroller on delivery methods used for certain projects of the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Water Development Board.
- Companions:** [HB 2858](#) Darby, Drew(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the comptroller, in conjunction with TxDOT and the TWDB to conduct a study on the economic impact and feasibility of PPPs as an alternative delivery method for certain projects of TxDOT and the TWDB. The scope of

projects to study would be road projects and projects in the state water plan with a projected value of more than \$1 billion.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4422** King, Tracy(D)

Relating to the authority to request attorney general advice on questions relating to actions in which the state is interested.

**Companions:** **SB 634** Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
**SB 1339** Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits AG opinion requests from the head of a county's civil legal department even though that person is not a county or district attorney.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4426** King, Tracy(D)

Relating to the authority of certain counties to cancel platted subdivisions that have remained undeveloped.

**Companions:** **SB 1878** Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)  
 3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Applies to Webb Co. Expands requirement to cancel plat to an area that is located in the ETJ.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4427** Gonzalez, Jessica(D)

Relating to the powers and duties of the committees and officers of certain political parties regarding the conduct of primary elections.

**Remarks:** WLJ - transfers authority from party executive committee to the county chair for contracting purposes.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4428** Gonzalez, Jessica(D)

Relating to the appointment of poll watchers.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a county or state party chair to appoint poll watchers. Allows for electronic appointments.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4433** Gonzalez, Jessica(D)

Relating to public access to hearings or other proceedings for setting bail.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires bail proceedings to be open to the public. Can be accomplished by broadcasting to a publicly accessible space that is reasonable close to where magistrate is located. Any broadcast must be recorded and retained for at least a year.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4435** Thompson, Ed(R)

Relating to the authority of certain counties to



remediate an overflow of water caused by a diversion or impoundment of the natural flow of surface water.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows Brazoria County by order to remediate an overflow of water caused by a diversion.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4437** Walle, Armando(D) Relating to the authority of certain counties to consider a prospective contractor's place of business when awarding certain contracts.

**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes Harris County to consider a prospective contractor's place of business when awarding contracts for construction, repair, renovation of a structure, road, highway, or other improvement to real property.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4444** Neave, Victoria(D) Relating to the authority of counties to prohibit evictions during a declaration of disaster.

**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes counties to prohibit evictions during fed, state, or local disaster declarations

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4447** Oliverson, Tom(R) Relating to the procedure for approval of certain land development applications by a political subdivision.

**Companions:** [SB 1667](#) Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits counties from requiring a person desiring approval of a plat to submit or obtain approval of a required planning document before filing a copy of the plat application with the commissioners court or the court's designee. After receiving a request from 5 applicants and conducting a public hearing, requires a county to establish a bifurcated approval procedure.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4450** Raymond, Richard(D) Relating to training on emergency management for members of the emergency management council and state emergency response commission.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires members of the Emergency Management Council to complete 16 hours of training on emergency management every 2 years. Requires members of State Emergency Response Commission to complete 40 hours of training on emergency management every 2 years.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4456** Noble, Candy(R) Relating to the signature required on an application for a ballot to be voted by mail or a carrier envelope for a ballot voted by mail.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits an application for mail include a photocopied signature. It must be ink.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

[HB 4459](#) [Swanson, Valoree\(R\)](#) Relating to voting system equipment.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires election equipment perform a self-assessment upon startup and maintain a secure wireless connection that does not transmit out of state. It must update in real time.

As of 9/1/21 all software and data for the system must be based in the US. Requires all voting system vendors identify each owner.

Prohibits software that allows arranging candidates according to political party.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

[HB 4463](#) [Deshotel, Joe\(D\)](#) Relating to certain complaints against and training for peace officers.

**Remarks:** JBD - Records of complaints against peace officers to be kept at least 5 years after officer's employment ends. All complaints of racial profiling must be provided to TCOLE. Officers accumulating at least 10 complaints in a 12-month period to undergo training.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

[HB 4464](#) [Deshotel, Joe\(D\)](#) Relating to a prohibition on the issuance of a warrant authorizing the use of a no-knock entry by a peace officer.

**Companions:**

<a href="#">HB 492</a>	Wu, Gene(D)	(Identical)
	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence	
<a href="#">HB 1272</a>	Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D)	(Identical)
	3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence	
<a href="#">HB 2009</a>	Reynolds, Ron(D)	(Identical)
	3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence	
<a href="#">SB 175</a>	Miles, Borris(D)	(Identical)
	3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice	

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

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

[HB 4467](#) [Martinez Fischer, Trey\(D\)](#) Relating to imposing a tax on certain revenue derived from digital advertising services.

**Remarks:** MGV - Imposes a digital advertising tax on person whose assessable base is at least \$1 million and gross revenue is at least \$100 million


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

[HB 4468](#) [Deshotel, Joe\(D\)](#) Relating to certain grounds for revocation of a peace officer license.

**Remarks:** JBD - Loss of peace officer license for conviction for riot,


sedition, sabotage or Communism. Mandatory discipline for lack of competence, illegal drug use, lack of truthfulness, pattern of excessive force.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  [HB 4472](#) Landgraf, Brooks(R) Relating to the Texas emissions reduction plan fund and account.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Increases allocation for what may be used for the new technology implementation grant program under Chapter 391 from 3% to 6%; Decreases allocation from 5 to 2% on what may be used for the clean fleet program under Chapter 392, strikes language requiring the capture of waste heat to generate electricity solely for on-site service for installation of systems that reduce flaring emissions and other site emissions; adds preference to grant projects that reduce emissions; strikes language that recipient may not use the grant for the costs of operating and maintaining the emissions-reducing equipment; adds rental to allowable incremental costs; lowers surcharge amount imposed on the retail sale, lease, or rental of new or used equipment in each county in this state from 1.5 to 1% of the sale price or the lease or rental amount; deposits fees to TERP fund that remits to Texas Mobility Fund.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  [HB 4473](#) Walle, Armando(D) Relating to the places a public employer may provide for employees to express breast milk.

**Companions:** [HB 1041](#) Walle, Armando(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)


**Remarks:** JBD - Law requiring public employers to provide place for breast milk expressing permitted single user bathrooms. Bill says no bathrooms.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  [HB 4480](#) Hefner, Cole(R) Relating to the prevention of fraud in the conduct of elections.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows for petition alleging fraud in an election contest for false statement on application, illegal voting, unlawful assistance, ballot application, unlawful carrier envelope, method of returning ballot, election fraud.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  [HB 4482](#) Slawson, Shelby (F)(R) Relating to the establishment of the Emergency Powers Board and its powers during a declared state of disaster or public health disaster.

**Companions:** [SB 422](#) Springer, Drew (F)(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** MGV - Establishes Emergency Powers Board to provide oversight during a declared state of disaster.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

HB 4484 Walle, Armando(D)

Relating to the minimum wage.

**Companions:** HB 194 Reynolds, Ron(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
 HB 3273 Gonzalez, Jessica (F)(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
 HB 60 Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical)  
 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev  
 HB 731 Gonzalez, Jessica(D) (Identical)  
 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev  
 HB 1917 Turner, Chris(D) (Identical)  
 3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House International Relations/Economic Dev

**Remarks:** JBD - Raises minimum wage to \$15/hour. Eliminates tip credit.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

HB 4485 Guillen, Ryan(D)

Relating to the release of a defendant arrested for a misdemeanor punishable by fine only.

**Remarks:** JBD - Currently, release without bond following arrest for Class C is not available to person previously convicted of Class B or above. Bill eliminates that exclusion.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

HB 4488 Larson, Lyle(R)

Relating to legislative review of certain state agency rules.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires legislative review of proposed state agency rules to control an animal disease until the disease is an epidemic.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

HB 4495 Murphy, Jim(R)

Relating to the allocation for ad valorem tax purposes of the value of vessels and other watercraft used outside this state.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows for a change in allocation of value for a fleet of vessels used outside of state.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

HB 4496 Hinojosa, Gina(D)

Relating to municipal and county building codes.

**Remarks:** MGV - Updates building energy efficiency performance standards from International Residential Code standards of 2001 to those of 2021.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

HB 4497 Thompson, Ed(R)

Relating to changing the date of an election during a declared disaster.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Upon a disaster declaration by the President of the US or the Governor the governing board of a political subdivision, other than a county, may postpone the election to August, must conform terms accordingly.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

[HB 4498](#) Cain, Briscoe(R) Relating to compliance with the National Voter Registration Act.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for voter registration upon applying for a drivers license renewal or duplicate at DPS.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

[HB 4500](#) Murphy, Jim(R) Relating to the protection of expressive rights of student organizations at public institutions of higher education.

**Companions:** [SB 1699](#) Whitmire, John(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 1699](#) Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)  
 3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands Romeo and Juliet law to same sex relationships. (relationships within three years difference)

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

[HB 4503](#) Cain, Briscoe(R) Relating to municipal or county authority to prohibit the use of natural gas utility service in a building.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Prohibits counties and cities from adopting an order that prohibits use of natural gas utility service in a building.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

[HB 4505](#) Morales Shaw, Penny (F) (D) Relating to the authority of certain counties to create a county development district.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Removes bracket to allow all commissioners courts to create a county development district.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

[HB 4507](#) Schofield, Mike(R) Relating to federal elections practices and procedures

**Companions:** [HB 4366](#) Jetton, Jacey (F)(R) (Identical)  
 3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the SOS enact federal law by rule if it doesn't conform with state law yet only as it pertains to federal elections.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

[HB 4508](#) Ashby, Trent(R) Relating to the dedication to the state highway fund of certain permit fee revenue attributable to oversize or overweight vehicles.

**Companions:** [SB 1456](#) Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical)

3-10-21 S Filed

SB 1560

Nichols, Robert(R)

(Identical)

3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Provides that all dedications of OS/OW permit fee revenue to the SHF are rededicated to the SHF for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, and maintaining public roadways. Enabling legislation for HJR 161.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

HB 4511 Morales, Eddie (F)(D) Relating to the animals classified as dangerous wild animals.

**Remarks:** MGV - Removes cougars, bobcats, coyotes from dangerous wild animal category.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

HB 4513 Morales Shaw, Penny (F)(D) Relating to planning for equity of access to and safety and diversity of transportation systems.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Directs TxDOT to include items related to equity of access to and safety and diversity of transportation systems in developing the statewide transportation plan.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

HB 4514 Morales Shaw, Penny (F)(D) Relating to revenue enhancement by the Texas Transportation Commission.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Directs the TTC, as part of its obligation to enhance existing revenue and to provide for alternate sources of revenue, to develop a cost-benefit analysis of the potential local and state budget impacts of implementing new highway design concepts, including highway capping and stitching projects, highway capping projects that restore the historic urban street grid and allow for dense walkable development, and projects to convert highways to urban boulevards.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

HB 4515 Morales Shaw, Penny (F)(D) Relating to design considerations of transportation projects by the Texas Department of Transportation.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Provides that when TxDOT is developing a highway project, it must consider an alternative design for the project that has been approved by a vote of the governing body of a municipality that represents an affected local community; and the negative impacts to an affected local community from previous transportation projects.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

HB 4520 Morales Shaw, Penny (F)(D) Relating to equitable representation in decision making for transportation planning.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires that one member of the TTC must have experience as a frequent transit user, bicycle or pedestrian commuter, or as a person with a disability that has affected their use of the transportation system. Requires TxDOT to

develop and implement a policy for equitable decision making in the transportation planning process.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4522 Swanson, Valoree(R)** Relating to the identification of and prohibited cooperation by state and local entities with certain federal acts that violate the United States Constitution.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits political subdivisions or state agencies from cooperating with federal acts that violate Constitution.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4527 King, Phil(R)** Relating to training for peace officers on the laws pertaining to forced abortions.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires TCOLE to mandate training for peace officers on abortion laws

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4528 Guillen, Ryan(D)** Relating to the punishment for the offense of trafficking of persons.

**Remarks:** JBD - Enhancement for fleeing from arrest.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4532 Ortega, Lina(D)** Relating to the development and operation of a transportation project by a regional mobility authority.

**Companions:** **SB 2140** Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands the definition of a transportation project under the RMA Act to include an urban green space or aesthetic enhancement located adjacent to or connected with an interstate highway.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4535 Guillen, Ryan(D)** Relating to the weight limit of certain vehicles.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for an exception on maximum axle weight for loads that have a reasonable possibility to shift during transit.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

**HB 4538 Cyrier, John(R)** Relating to the removal, relocation, alteration, or construction of certain monuments or memorials located on municipal or county property.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows for removal, relocation, alteration of monuments or memorials located on county or city property in place for at least 40 years by voter approval. For monuments/memorials less than 40 years, authority given to commissioners court or governing body of city.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

- HB 4539 Cain, Briscoe(R) Relating to prohibiting tolls on certain segments of State Highway 146.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits TxDOT from charging a toll, either directly or indirectly through an agreement with another entity, on a certain segment of SH 146.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4541 Cain, Briscoe(R) Relating to providing a person taken into custody for emergency detention with information concerning the person's rights.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires warning a person taken into custody be told any written statement made by the accused is given the Miranda Warning.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4544 Swanson, Valoree(R) Relating to the issuance of personal identification certificates to youths committed to the Texas Juvenile Justice Department.
- Remarks:** JBD - TJJD to apply for state-issued ID prior to releasing juvenile that does not have ID or DL.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4550 Toth, Steve(R) Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to provide a universal basic income.
- Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits a political subdivision from providing universal basic income.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4555 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to a person running for office that has been convicted of a felony.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires for a person to run for public office they have discharged their disability or been pardoned if they have been previously convicted of a felony.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4556 Anchia, Rafael(D) Relating to energy efficiency goals for electric utilities.
- Companions:** [HB 2359](#) Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
- [SB 243](#) Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) (Identical)  
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed
- HB 4563 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to notice of the form to be used by a person to request a written statement stating whether there are any delinquent ad valorem taxes owed by the person to certain taxing units.




**Remarks:** MGV -Requires county assessor-collector to post on county's website the form a person eligible to buy real property must use to request a written statement of any delinquent taxes owed.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HB 4564 Guillen, Ryan(D) Relating to posting a notice of a foreclosure sale on a county's Internet website.


**Remarks:** MGV - Requires counties to prominently post a notice of a foreclosure sale on county's website.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HJR 4 Kacal, Kyle(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to an accused person if necessary to ensure the person's appearance in court and the safety of the community, law enforcement, and the victim.

**Remarks:** JBD - Will permit denial of bail for violent or sexual offenses.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

  HJR 124 Ellzey, Jake (F)(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by certain disabled veterans and the surviving spouses and children.


**Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment to increase the exemption amounts for disabled vets.

**Last Action:** 3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

  HJR 126 Vasut, Cody (F)(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to override a veto of the governor following a legislative session.

**Remarks:** MGV - constitutional amendment to allow the Leg to override a veto of the governor following a legislative session. Requires Leg to meet to reconsider bill or appropriation if bill is returned to originating chamber on or after the 3rd day before adjournment or if filed w/ SOS after adjournment.

**Last Action:** 3- 8-21 H Filed

  HJR 129 Thierry, Shawn(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision to adopt a residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation of either a percentage or a portion, expressed as a d

**Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment authorizing exemptions to be given as a percentage or a flat dollar amount.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

  HJR 130 Cain, Briscoe(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the

state from expanding eligibility for Medicaid under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Constitutional Amendment prohibiting allowing the state to expand Medicaid eligibility

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

HJR 131 Metcalf, Will(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.

**Companions:** HJR 50 Metcalf, Will(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** aph - constitutional amendment to implement HB 946. Changes 'homestead' exemption to a 'real property' exemption.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

HJR 132 Metcalf, Will(R)

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

**Companions:** HJR 28 Bohac, Dwayne(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
 HJR 51 Metcalf, Will(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
 HJR 134 Gutierrez, Roland(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
 SJR 31 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)  
 3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

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

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

HJR 133 Kuempel, John(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to foster economic development and job growth and to provide tax relief and funding for education and public safety by creating the Texas Gaming Commission, authorizing and regulating casin

**Companions:** SJR 49 Alvarado, Carol(D) (Identical)  
 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment establishing the TX Gaming Commission

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

HJR 135 Moody, Joe(D)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to enact laws providing for a court to grant a commutation of punishment to certain individuals serving a term of imprisonment.

**Remarks:** JBD - Will permit legislature to give courts power of

commutation of prison sentences.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

HJR 136 Rodriguez, Eddie(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision other than a school district to adopt an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion.

**Remarks:** constitutional amendment and related bill would allow a taxing unit other than a school district to adopt a homestead exemption in a fixed dollar amount. The amount could be anything up to 20% of the average market value of homesteads in the taxing unit. The minimum amount of the exemption would be \$5,000.

**Last Action:** 3- 9-21 H Filed

HJR 141 Goldman, Craig(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision other than a school district to establish a limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes.

**Companions:** HJR 62 Bucy, John(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Ways and Means  
HJR 71 Wilson, Terry(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Ways and Means

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

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HJR 142 Slaton, Bryan (F)(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the secretary of state to be elected by the qualified voters at a general election instead of appointed by the governor.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the SOS be elected by the people.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HJR 144 Crockett, Jasmine (F)(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed on property on which a solar energy device has been installed.

**Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment to provide tax credit on property which a solar energy device has been installed.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

HJR 145 Allison, Steve(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes to the value when the owner acquired the property.

**Remarks:** WLJ - The appraised value of any real property could never be higher than the price that the owner paid for it. For non-homestead properties, the cap would first apply to a property in the year after the first year that the owner owned it on

January 1. It would cease to apply in the first year following a change of ownership unless the new owner were the spouse of the former owner. For a property with multiple owners, a change in 50% or more of the ownership would end the cap. The cap would be adjusted to reflect the value of a new improvement.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  HJR 146 Collier, Nicole(D)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the officials responsible for appraising property for ad valorem taxation.

**Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment to exclude from consideration the value of new or substantially remodeled residential property when determining market value of a homestead more than 30 years old and located in or near a tax increment financing reinvestment zone.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 H Filed

  HJR 149 Sanford, Scott(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment repealing the provision that subjects land designated for agricultural use to an additional tax when the land is diverted to a purpose other than agricultural use or sold.

**Companions:** [HJR 107](#) Sanford, Scott(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[HJR 106](#) White, James(R) (Identical)  
 3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HJR 150 Sanford, Scott(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to review and terminate an order issued by the governor during a state of disaster or emergency declared by the governor.

**Companions:** [SJR 50](#) Paxton, Angela(R) (Identical)  
 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment authorizing Lege to terminate during a regular or special session a Gov's disaster or emergency order.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

  HJR 151 Sanford, Scott(R)

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the legislature to convene into special session on petition of at least two-thirds of the members of each house of the legislature.

**Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment requiring the Leg to convene in special session upon petition of 2/3 of each chamber following 60 days of disaster or emergency declarations.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

HJR 153 Landgraf, Brooks(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for legislative review or approval of certain state agency rules adopted in response to a threat to public health.

**Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment authorizing the Lege to provide legislative review or approval of state agency in executive dept in response to public health, safety, or welfare.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

HJR 157 Gates, Gary(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed on the property of certain businesses that are required to close by an order.

**Companions:** SJR 23 Paxton, Angela(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

**Remarks:** aph - enabling amendment for SB 329.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

HJR 160 Slawson, Shelby (F)(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the governor to call the legislature into special session following certain disaster or emergency declarations and specifying the powers of the legislature in those special sessions

**Companions:** SJR 29 Springer, Drew (F)(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

HJR 161 Ashby, Trent(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to constitutionally dedicate certain revenue directed to the state highway fund for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, and maintaining public roadways.

**Companions:** SJR 59 Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 S Filed


**Remarks:** WLJ - constitutional amendment stating that all revenue received from fees for permits for OS/OW vehicles that general law directs to the SHF may be used only to acquire, construct, and maintain public roadways.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 H Filed

SB 3 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to preparing for, preventing, and responding to weather emergencies, power outages, and other disasters.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires DPS to develop statewide blackout alert. Requires TDEM to establish a system to categorize winter storms according to predicted severity. Establishes TX Energy Reliability Council to ensure that human needs are met in the event of curtailment of natural gas distribution.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 4 [Buckingham, Dawn\(R\)](#) Relating to provisions in agreements between governmental entities and professional sports teams requiring the United States national anthem to be played at team events.

**Remarks:** Star Spangled Banner Act - Any pro sports team who enters into agreement with a governmental entity, where the latter commits funds, has to play the national anthem at the beginning of home games.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

  SB 6 [Hancock, Kelly\(R\)](#) Relating to liability for certain claims arising during a pandemic or other disaster or emergency.

**Companions:** [HB 3659](#) Leach, Jeff(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Pandemic waiver of liability for medical professionals, educational institutions, anyone causing exposure, and pandemic product manufacturers (i.e., masks, sanitizing products, etc).

**Last Action:** 3-23-21 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate Business and Commerce

  SB 7 [Hughes, Bryan\(R\)](#) Relating to elections, including election integrity and security.

**Remarks:** 1) If the registrar determines an ineligible person has registered to vote, must notify the attorney general, secretary of state, along with the local prosecuting attorney.

2) If the secretary of state has to makes corrections for a local registrar on the voter registration list, the registrar could be subject to civil penalties of \$100 per each violation corrected.

3) The early voting clerk may not solicit a person to complete an application for a ballot-by-mail or by third party.

3) If an application for a ballot-by-mail is requested on the grounds of a disability must require the applicant to affirm their disability by agreeing with a statement they are physically unable to enter the polling place without assistance.

4) Provides for an electronic tracker system for ballots voted by mail.

5) The signature verification committee may use any known signature to verify a voter's signature.

6) Ballots-by-mail shall be tabulated separately from ballots voted in person.

7) Early voting ballots must be scanned on both sides.


8) Expands poll watcher and observers access to the polling location.

9) Each countywide polling place in the county must have the same number of voting machines.

10) An election officer who knowingly refuses to accept a poll watcher for service commits an offense of a Class A Misdemeanor.


11) Stipulates elections may not be conducted after 7pm, and that the polling place may not be open more than 12 hours/day.

**Last Action:** 3-22-21 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs

  SB 10 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the use by a county or municipality of public money for lobbying activities.


**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits county or city from spending public money to influence the outcome of legislation pending before the legislature. Does not prevent an officer/employee from providing information or appearing before a legislative committee upon request; elected officer from advocating; or employee from advocating if person not required to register as a lobbyist. Entitles taxpayer or resident to injunctive relief and recovery of reasonable attorney's fees, costs.

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

  SB 14 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the regulation by a municipality or county of certain employment benefits and policies.

**Remarks:** JBD - Prohibits cities and counties from adopting any orders or regulations regarding terms of employment that exceed or conflict with state or federal law.

**Last Action:** 3-23-21 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate Business and Commerce

  SB 17 Taylor, Larry(R) Relating to procedure, evidence, and remedies in civil actions.

**Companions:** HB 19 Leach, Jeff(R) (Identical)  
3-17-21 H Not heard in committee House  
Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** Gives the defendant in an action involving a commercial vehicle the right to a bifurcated trial; defendant must move for bifurcation prior to voir dire or at a time specified by a pretrial court order under Rule 166; In the first phase of the trial, the trier of fact shall determine liability and compensatory damages; in the second phase, exemplary damages if the trier of fact found the defendant liable for compensatory damages on a claim that supports exemplary damages; Provides that if the trier of fact finds in the first phase that the defendant is liable for compensatory damages under

respondeat superior for the employee's negligence, that finding can support exemplary damages in a direct action against the defendant for the employee's negligence; Provides that a defendant's failure to comply with a standard or regulation is inadmissible and will not support a judgment for liability and damages unless: (1) the standard or regulation governs a specific aspect of the defendant's or defendant's employee's conduct or omission that is the subject of the action, or a specific aspect of the use or condition of the defendant's property or equipment that is the subject of the action; and (2) a reasonable jury could find that failure to comply was proximate cause of the claimant's injury; If the defendant's failure to comply is admissible, than other instances of non-compliance within a two-year period preceding the date of the accident are also admissible; Requires the claimant to obtain a trial court order for discovery of a defendant's failure to comply with a standard of regulation (absent agreement of the parties), which order must be limited to a reasonable period of time not to exceed two years preceding the date of the accident and require the least burdensome method available to obtain the evidence; Makes a discovery order reviewable in an original proceeding for an abuse of discretion in which the inadequacy of a remedy at law shall be presumed; Limits the reviewing court to the evidence submitted by the parties to the trial court; Provides that a defendant's liability for damages for an employee's negligence shall be based on respondeat superior and not on a direct action against the defendant if the defendant stipulates that the employee was employed at the time of the accident and that the employee was acting in the scope of employment; Provides that exemplary damages may only be awarded against the defendant for an employee's conduct if: (1) the employee's negligence is found to have contributed to the injury; (2) more than nominal damages are awarded to the claimant for the employee's conduct; and (3) the defendant is found to have been grossly negligent for its conduct or omissions; Limits pretrial discovery of the defendant's gross negligence to two years preceding the date of the accident; Requires the trial court to rule on a motion for summary judgment addressed to the defendant's gross negligence or a motion to dismiss the direct action against the defendant based on respondeat superior prior to calling for trial; Requires periodic payment of future damages of an award of at least \$100,000, if a party requests it; Requires the court to make specific findings of the dollar amount and recipient of each periodic payment and the date on which each payment will be made; Requires the judgment to provide that periodic payments will be funded by an annuity contract, an obligation of the United States, a commercial liability policy, or any other satisfactory form of payment proposed by the defendant; Provides that except for damages awarded for future loss of earnings, periodic payments terminate upon the death of the recipient; Bars the court from excluding a photograph or video taken at or near the time of the accident that is an accurate depiction of the vehicle or object being depicted, and standing alone or viewed with another photograph may provide evidence of the cause of the accident, the events occurring before, during, or after the accident that are related to the accident, and the extent of damage caused to the vehicle or object involved in the accident; Provides that the fact that a photograph or video tending to support or refute an allegation regarding the severity of the injury to a person or object is not a basis for excluding admission of the photograph or video.



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

SB 22 Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to certain claims for benefits, compensation, or assistance by certain public safety employees and survivors of certain public safety employees.

**Companions:** [HB 4301](#) Dean, Jay(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

[SB 463](#) Lucio, Eddie(D) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 527](#) Springer, Drew (F)(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** WLJ - for benefits, creates a presumption that a firefighter, peace officer, or emt worker contracted a disease in the scope of their work duty if the disease is the basis for a governor's disaster declaration. Not retroactive.

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

SB 23 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to an election to approve a reduction or reallocation of funding or resources for a municipal or county law enforcement agency.

**Remarks:** JBD - Mandates election if city or county wants to reduce (1) law enforcement agency budget as percentage of total budget, (2) number of peace officers per 1,000 residents, (3) total amount of funding per peace officer overtime, or (4) amount of funding per peace officer for recruitment and training.

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

SB 24 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the procedures required before a law enforcement agency hires a peace officer.

**Remarks:** JBD - Establishes new hiring procedures for peace officers. The head of each employing law enforcement agency must sign a confirmation for each new hire attesting to review of a list of information. Each law enforcement agency must providing requesting agencies and TCOLE with personnel information.


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

SB 30 West, Royce(D) Relating to the removal of certain discriminatory restrictions and provisions from certain real property records.

**Companions:** [SB 222](#) Hughes, Bryan(R) (Identical)  
3- 3-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows owner of real property to request from county clerk the removal of a restriction that affects the property from any instrument recorded in the county's real property records

**Last Action:** 3-17-21 S Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar

  SB 711 Paxton, Angela(R) Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

**Companions:** HB 1550 Cyrier, John(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

**Remarks:** WLJ - Continues TCOLE>

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 712 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to certain provisions applicable to state agencies subject to review by the Sunset Advisory Commission.

**Companions:** HB 1575 Cyrier, John(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

**Remarks:** MGV - For state agencies subject to sunset review, prohibits public membership on state agency policymaking body.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

  SB 713 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to the sunset review process and certain governmental entities subject to that process.

**Companions:** HB 1860 Cyrier, John(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

**Remarks:** WLJ - Makes PUC subject to sunset by 2023. OSFR - 2025 instead of 2021, TDI - 2025 instead of 2023.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Committee on Administration

  SB 714 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

**Companions:** HB 1560 Goldman, Craig(R) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Removed from hearing 03/24/21, Licensing and Administrative Procedures

**Remarks:** WLJ - Continues the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation agency. Removes requirement for an auctioneer to be licensed prior to a county surplus auction. .

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

  SB 1131 Paxton, Angela(R) Relating to the calculation of "last year's levy" for purposes of calculating certain ad valorem tax rates of a taxing unit.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Currently, "last year's levy," for purposes of rate

calculations includes the portion of taxable value of property that is the subject of a court appeal that is not in dispute. This bill would change that to the total value of property subject to court appeals minus the average share of value lost in appeals over the past five years.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1141 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to group health benefit plan coverage for early treatment of first episode psychosis.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires commercial insurers cover coordinated Specialty Care for First Episode Psychosis.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

  SB 1147 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the location of certain justice courts.

**Companions:** HB 3354 Burrows, Dustin(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed


**Remarks:** JBD - Adjusts a bracket so that Lubbock may have a JP court in the county courthouse which is outside of boundaries of that JP precinct.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 1148 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the required inclusion of a person's sex on a birth certificate and prohibited change of sex on the birth certificate of certain minors.

**Remarks:** MGV - For a person required to report a birth, requires person to report the child's biological sex to the local registrar, and the local registrar shall list the biological sex on the birth certificate.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

  SB 1154 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the dissemination of confidential information contained in the juvenile justice information system.

**Companions:** HB 4158 Turner, John(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Allow dissemination of confidential information in juvenile justice information system to HHSC


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

  SB 1162 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the sale of fireworks before and during the Diwali holiday.

**Companions:** HB 466 Shaheen, Matt(R) (Identical)  
2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for the sale of fireworks 5 days before to midnight on Diwali.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1163 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to the criminal punishment and conditions of community supervision for the offense of obstructing a highway or other passageway.

**Companions:** HB 9 Klick, Stephanie(R) (Identical)  
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

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


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

  SB 1166 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to who may request a public hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.

**Companions:** HB 1280 Allen, Alma(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
HB 1310 Dutton, Harold(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
HB 889 Dutton, Harold(D) (Identical)  
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation


**Remarks:** MGV - Expands eligibility to request a hearing from TCEQ related to construction of a concrete plant to representatives from schools, places of worship, day care centers, hospitals, or medical facilities.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

  SB 1169 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to the authority of a county to require a person to obtain a building permit from the county for certain portable structures.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits a county requiring a portable structure have a building permit within 60 days of a fireworks sale date.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1172 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the municipal determination of exceptions to plat requirements for certain property developments.

**Companions:** HB 2997 Gates, Gary(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management


**Remarks:** would provide that, 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:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1174 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to gubernatorial appointments to the board of directors of certain regional mobility authorities.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires that the governor's appointment of the Central Texas RMA be made on a rotating basis among its two member counties (Williamson and Travis Counties).


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

  SB 1175 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to the criminal and licensing consequences of certain criminal offenses involving the possession or delivery of marihuana and cannabis concentrate or possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Companions:** [HB 3772](#) White, James(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed


**Remarks:** MGV - Creates Class B misdemeanor for person delivering marihuana but doesn't receive money for the marihuana and the amount delivered is 1/4 oz or less or cannabis concentrate less than 70mg. Allows for expunction of records to person charged w/ minor possession or possession drug paraphernalia. Establishes \$30 fee for notifying state agencies about expungement. Creates fine for conviction of an offense under Controlled Substance Act in an amount equivalent to all fees applicable to suspension, reinstatement of a driver's license. Fine goes to Mobility Fund.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

  SB 1179 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to the procedure for donating juror reimbursements.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for a person to donate their jury service payment after service is concluded.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Veteran Affairs and Border Security

  SB 1183 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to a highway toll exemption for certain vehicles that are owned by or operated on behalf of public schools or open-enrollment charter schools.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Provides for an exemption from tolls for a vehicle owned by and used exclusively in the service of a school district or an open-enrollment charter school; or a vehicle owned by a commercial transportation company and used exclusively to provide public school transportation services to a school districts. This requirement to provide an exemption would not apply on a toll project for which the terms of financial assistance provided for the project or bonds issued

for the project prohibit the toll project entity that operates the project from providing the toll exemption.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

  SB 1190 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to a direct primary care model pilot program for Medicaid.

**Companions:** HB 484 Shaheen, Matt(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Committee action pending House Human Services

**Remarks:** WLJ - Currently the chief appraiser shall add omitted property to the rolls. Bills changes that to permissive authority unless otherwise required by law.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

  SB 1196 Whitmire, John(D) Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners.

**Companions:** HB 636 Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Reported favorably from committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures


**Remarks:** WLJ - continue the functions of the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

  SB 1202 Hancock, Kelly(R) Relating to the applicability of certain utility provisions to a vehicle charging service.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Differentiates an electricity providers that provides electricity charging services for alternative fueled vehicles as different than an electric utility or retail electric provider


**Last Action:** 3-23-21 S Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate Business and Commerce

  SB 1205 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to access by a hiring law enforcement agency to an applicant's employment records.

**Companions:** HB 8 Pacheco, Leo(D) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Committee action pending House Homeland Security and Public Safety

**Remarks:** JBD - Directs TCOLE to promulgate rules regarding release of personnel file of peace officer to another hiring law enforcement agency.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 1209 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to air quality permits for aggregate production operations and concrete batch plants.

**Companions:** HB 1912 Wilson, Terry(R) (Identical)

3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates additional permitting requirements for concrete batch applications.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

  SB 1214 Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to the prosecution of certain actions by district and county attorneys under the Deceptive Trade Practices-Consumer Protection Act.

**Companions:** HB 3295 Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits district and county attorneys to bring actions against unlicensed massage parlors.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 1215 Buckingham, Dawn(R)

Relating to election practices and procedures.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Require SOS to prescribe uniform election requirements that can vary based on population.

Requires election equipment to update in real time and perform diagnosis upon startup. Requires wireless connection is secure and doesn't transmit out of state.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

  SB 1224 West, Royce(D)

Relating to interactions between law enforcement and individuals detained or arrested on suspicion of the commission of criminal offenses, witnesses to the commission of those offenses.

**Remarks:** JBD - Subjects peace officers to civil liability for deprivation of rights under Texas Constitution. Employing entity to indemnify officer unless officer convicted of crime for conduct at issue. Mandatory attorney fees and costs to prevailing plaintiff; permissive attorney fees and costs for prevailing defendant, but only if court finds claims were frivolous.

Prohibits chokeholds, and use of force permitted only after de-escalation attempts and verbal warning that force may be used.

Mandatory duty on peace officers to intervene in another officer's use of force that violates law or policy.

Mandatory cite and release for fine-only offenses.

Testimony of an undercover peace officer must be corroborated.

TCOLE to adopt progressive disciplinary matrix and municipal police agencies must adopt one also.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

SB 1225 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the authority of a governmental body impacted by a catastrophe to temporarily suspend the requirements of the public information law.

**Companions:** HB 3627 Paddie, Chris(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Tightens the criteria when a governmental body may suspend strict compliance with Public Information Act requirements in an catastrophe. The impact must be severe and cause an inability to comply. Suspension may not last more than 14 days, and only one suspension per catastrophe is permitted.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

SB 1234 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to a requirement that a voting system use a paper record or produce a paper receipt for verification purposes.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires any election system have a paper audit trail by 2024

**Last Action:** 3-22-21 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs

SB 1235 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to verification of the accuracy of voter registration applications and voter registration lists.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires SOS enter into agreement with DPS to verify voter registration role information.

**Last Action:** 3-22-21 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., SENATE CHAMBER, Senate State Affairs

SB 1236 Paxton, Angela(R) Relating to prohibited suspension of laws governing elections.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits suspension of law governing elections during a declared state of disaster.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 1248 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the identification of and prohibited cooperation by state and local entities with certain federal acts that violate the United States Constitution.

**Companions:** HB 3046 Middleton, Mayes(R) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the AG to write a monthly report evaluating the constitutionality of federal actions/rules and prohibit state agencies and/or political subdivisions from cooperating with the federal rule.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate



## State Affairs

  SB 1249 Taylor, Larry(R)

Relating to temporarily decreasing the rate of the mixed beverage gross receipts tax.

**Companions:** [HB 3411](#) Button, Angie Chen(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Reduces mixed beverage tax from 6.7% to 4.7%

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

  SB 1256 Birdwell, Brian(R)

Relating to the eligibility of certain property for an ad valorem tax abatement under the Property Redevelopment and Tax Abatement Act if certain renewable energy devices are installed or constructed on the property.

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits tax abatements on property w/ solar energy and wind-powered energy devices are installed or constructed on the property.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

  SB 1257 Birdwell, Brian(R)

Relating to the information required to be provided by the chief appraiser of an appraisal district to the comptroller in connection with the comptroller's central registry of reinvestment zones.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires CAD that has a reinvestment zone or executed tax abatement to provide to Comptroller a list of the kind, number, and location of all proposed improvements of the property w/ tax abatements.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

  SB 1261 Birdwell, Brian(R)

Relating to the exclusive jurisdiction of the state to regulate greenhouse gas emissions in this state and the express preemption of local regulation of those emissions.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Gives the State exclusive jurisdiction to regulate GHG emissions and explicitly preempts other policitcal subdivisions from enacting or enforcing an ordinance or other measure that directly OR INDIRECTLY regulates GHGs

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

  SB 1262 Birdwell, Brian(R)


Relating to a restriction on the regulation of utility services and infrastructure based on the energy source to be used or delivered.

**Companions:** [HB 17](#) Deshotel, Joe(D) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Voted favorably from committee  
as substituted House State Affairs  
[HB 1282](#) Deshotel, Joe(D) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to

## committee on House State Affairs

**Remarks:** Prevents entities from adopting or enforcing an ordinance with the purpose of limiting the connection of a utility service or the infrastructure for a utility service based on the type of source of energy to be delivered to the end-use customer

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce


  SB 1263 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to funding for the Texas emissions reduction plan.

**Companions:** HB 3294 Bell, Cecil(R) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

**Remarks:** WLJ - Currently TERP remit fees to the Texas Mobility Fund, this would remit to the mobility fund and TERP in equal amounts.

If passed, TERP would no longer remit to the Texas Mobility Fund. Rather, TxDOT would remit to the Texas Mobility Fund and TERP in equal amounts.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

  SB 1266 Taylor, Larry(R) Relating to the feasibility of creating and maintaining a coastal barrier system.

**Companions:** HB 3537 Paul, Dennis(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Establishes a joint interim committee to study creating, maintaining a coastal barrier system.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

  SB 1268 West, Royce(D) Relating to an employment termination report and other records submitted to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement by a law enforcement agency.

**Remarks:** JBD - Changes the contents of the report that law enforcement agencies must provide TCOLE when a peace officer leaves employment. Must include allegations of misconduct, whether or not the bases for departure from employment.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 1270 Seliger, Kel(R) Relating to certain contracts awarded by the Texas Department of Transportation.

**Companions:** HB 3515 Thompson, Ed(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Permits TxDOT to forgo competitive bidding for the award of contracts below a certain amount which are for (1) materials to be used in the construction or maintenance of a

highway; (2) or traffic control or safety devices to be used on a highway.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

  SB 1272 Paxton, Angela(R)

Relating to the sunset review process and certain governmental entities subject to that process.

**Remarks:** Allows the Sunset Commission to recommend he PUC decertify an independent organization. Requires PUC be under review in 2023

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Committee on Administration

  SB 1274 Nichols, Robert(R)

Relating to the authority of a district engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation to temporarily lower the speed limit at a highway maintenance activity site.

**Companions:** HB 3282 Canales, Terry(D) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

**Remarks:** WLJ - Authorizes a TxDOT district engineer to temporarily lower a prima facie speed limit for a highway or part of a highway in a district if the district engineer determines that the prima facie speed limit is unreasonable or unsafe because of highway maintenance activities at the site.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

  SB 1275 West, Royce(D)

Relating to provision of behavioral health services under Medicaid using audio-only technology and to reimbursement for those services.

**Companions:** HB 3396 Meza, Terry(D) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a Medicaid recipient and child health enrollee to receive behavioral health services via audio only services and reimbursed at the same rate as in person. .

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

  SB 1276 Taylor, Larry(R)

Relating to public health improvement and pollution reduction through recycling incentives.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates the Texas Clean and Health Program to promote recycling. Allows for a fee of one cent for recyclable materials.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

  SB 1285 Birdwell, Brian(R)


Relating to the creation of an additional judicial district in McLennan County.

**Companions:** HB 2101 Anderson, Doc(R) (Identical)

3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence


**Remarks:** MGV - Creates an additional judicial district in McLennan County.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 1286 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to the creation of an additional county court at law in McLennan County and the operation of the county courts at law in that county.

**Remarks:** JBD - Creates third CCL in McLennan and gives the district court authority to assign certain matters to a CCL, with CCL approval, that are usually handled in district court.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 1287 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(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 ammunition, firearms and firearm accessory to be used towards domestic violence programs.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

  SB 1289 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to prohibiting the carrying of a firearm on property owned or leased by a governmental entity.

**Remarks:** JBD - Offense to possess firearm on premises owned or leased by a governmental entity.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

  SB 1291 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to the operation of a public transit motor bus by certain mass transit entities on an improved shoulder.

**Companions:** [HB 761](#) Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)  
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

**Remarks:** Allows Metro buses to drive on improved shoulders to bypass traffic on a highway under construction. Limited to CAMPO district boundaries.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

  SB 1292 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to the eligibility to sign certain petitions in connection with certain applications for placement on a general election ballot.

**Remarks:** WLj - Repeals prohibition to be a signatory on a candidates

petition if the person voted in the general election of a political party that made a nomination for the office sought by the candidate.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

  SB 1298 Nelson, Jane(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.

**Companions:** HB 2896 Bonnen, Greg(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

  SB 1299 Nelson, Jane(R)

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.

**Companions:** HB 2706 Howard, Donna(D) (Identical)  
3-17-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

**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:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

  SB 1303 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D)

Relating to the efficient use and generation of electricity by public schools.

**Companions:** HB 4120 Deshotel, Joe(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Makes eligible for Clean Air Act funding the replacement or conversion of a school bus and installation of charging infrastructure for electric school buses.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

  SB 1313 Hall, Bob(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:** HB 2760 White, James(R) (Identical)  
3-17-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

**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:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

  SB 1322 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to indigent defense.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires retention of records of magistration for 3 years from charge disposition. Expands grounds for appointment of counsel to pursue writ of habeas. Requires payment to appointed counsel for travel to see client held in facility more than 50 miles away and for costs associated with remote interview of client. Permits appointments for sole purpose of representation at magistration.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

  SB 1325 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to certificates of public convenience and necessity for certain transmission projects.

**Companions:** HB 1607 Darby, Drew(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

**Remarks:** JBD - Concerns ERCOT and issuance of certificates of convenience & necessity for new transmission lines.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

  SB 1326 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to Texas Department of Transportation and regional mobility authority comprehensive development agreements for projects in Cameron, Hidalgo, and Jim Hogg Counties.

**Remarks:** Authorizes TxDOT or an RMA to develop a CDA for the South Padre Island Second Access Causeway project from SH 100 to Park Rd. 100;

Hidalgo County Loop project;

Int'l Bridge Trade Corridor project in Hidalgo County;


Outer Parkway Project in Cameron County;

FM 1925 project in Cameron and Hidalgo Counties;

the Madero International Bridge project, including the associated rail project, located in Hidalgo and Jim Hogg Counties; and

SH 68 project in Hidalgo County. The authorization would expire August 31, 2023.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

  SB 1327 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the requirement for certain political subdivisions to enter into a contract for election

services.


**Remarks:** WLJ - Update for population for Hidalgo County enter into a contract for election services.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

  SB 1328 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the operation of certain health care provider participation programs in this state.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Hidalgo County LPPF waiver


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

  SB 1332 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the location at which certain Internet sales are consummated for purposes of local sales taxes.

**Companions:** [HB 2410](#) Dean, Jay(R) (Identical)  
3-16-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

  SB 1334 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the donation to the United States of certain facilities relating to a toll bridge by certain municipalities.

**Companions:** [HB 2843](#) Canales, Terry(D) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

**Remarks:** WLJ - Clarifies that a municipality located within 15 miles of a section of the Rio Grande may donate to the federal government (in addition to existing authority to lease or rent) certain property related to bond-financed toll bridges for use in performing a federal governmental function in the municipality or at or near and relating to a toll bridge of the municipality.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

  SB 1336 Hancock, Kelly(R) Relating to a limit on the rate of growth of certain appropriations.

**Companions:** [HB 3548](#) Bonnen, Greg(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** Bases limits on rate of appropriations growth on the growth rate of the Texas population and other factors


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

  SB 1337 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the authority of an emergency services district to provide public health services.

**Companions:** [HB 3307](#) White, James(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[HB 639](#) White, James(R) (Identical)  
 3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

**Remarks:** VRS - Allows a public health district to contract with the state or a local government and may charge a reasonable fee for providing public health/emergency services to the state/local government.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  [SB 1339](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the authority to request attorney general advice on questions relating to actions in which the state is interested.

**Companions:** [SB 634](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[HB 4422](#) King, Tracy(D) (Identical)  
 3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits AG opinion requests from the head of a county's civil legal department even though that person is not a county or district attorney.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs


  [SB 1340](#) Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to voter qualification and registration.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a court notify a person found guilty of a felony of their voting rights.

Requires SOS use homeland security database of noncitizens to cancel any non citizen registration and foe DPS to forward to the SOS any person who applies for a drivers license who indicates they are not a citizen.

SOS shall maintain the list of registered voters.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

  [SB 1343](#) Taylor, Larry(R) Relating to certain meetings of a commissioners court during a disaster or emergency.

**Companions:** [HB 4085](#) Bonnen, Greg(R) (Identical)  
 3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Applies to counties for which the Gov has issued a disaster declaration and in which transportation to the meeting location is dangerous. Allows a commissioners court to hold an open or closed meeting solely to deliberate about disaster conditions that require immediate response without complying with open meetings requirements.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce



SB 1344 Taylor, Larry(R)

Relating to the authority of a county to adopt and enforce uniform rules on the hours of work of certain county employees.

**Companions:** HB 4082 Bonnen, Greg(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Drops bracket to 290,000. Authorizes commissioners court to adopt uniform rules on hours of work of employees whose compensation is set by the court.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

SB 1345 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D)

Relating to the regulation of the cultivation, manufacture, processing, distribution, sale, testing, transportation, delivery, transfer, possession, and use of cannabis and cannabis products.

**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes cultivation, sale, use of cannabis

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

SB 1350 Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to the issuance of air quality permits for concrete plants located in certain areas.

**Companions:** HB 1627 Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires Harris County approval of a concrete plant in the unincorporated area, requires city of Houston approval in the city area that hasn't adopted zoning regulations.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

SB 1355 Taylor, Larry(R)

Relating to the creation of the Brazoria County Municipal Utility District No. 83.

**Companions:** HB 2833 Thompson, Ed(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management

**Remarks:** MGV - Brazoria MUD Bill

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

SB 1357 Hughes, Bryan(R)


Relating to deadlines associated with proposing and adopting a budget for certain counties.

**Companions:** HB 4192 Dean, Jay(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - For counties w/ population of 225,000 or less but does not apply to counties of 125,000+ w/ appointed budget officer. Extends from the 7th or 10th month of the FY to by the 60th day before the first day of the FY the date which the county


judge shall prepare a budget for the succeeding FY and file a copy of the proposed budget w/ county clerk.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1358 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to mental health resources for law enforcement agencies.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows DSHS commissioner to develop mental health resources for law enforcement.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

  SB 1359 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to adoption by law enforcement agencies of a mental health leave policy for peace officers.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires each law enforcement agency to develop a mental health leave for officers who experience a traumatic event. Prohibits mandated leave usage, enumerate the number of leave days available and details circumstances where leave is approved.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice


  SB 1364 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to providing for the review of certain county departments of education by the Sunset Advisory Commission.

**Companions:**

HB 4626	Swanson, Valoree(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
SB 2312	Bettencourt, Paul(R)	(Refiled from 86R Session)
HB 23	Swanson, Valoree(R)	(Identical)
	2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education	

**Remarks:** MGV - Provides for review of Harris County Dept of Education by Sunset Commission

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Education

  SB 1366 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to ad valorem tax sales of personal property seized under a tax warrant.


**Companions:**

HB 533	Shine, Hugh(R)	(Identical)
	3-15-21 H Committee action pending House Ways and Means	

**Remarks:** MGV - Removes from posting requirements of the notice and sale of personal property under tax warrant that the sale shall be conducted in a county other than a county in which the tax warrant was issued and in county of 3 million or more. Expands to all counties the authorization of a commissioners court to authorize a peace officer or the collector for the county charged with selling the property to advertise and conduct the auction.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate


## Local Government

  SB 1368 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the limitations periods for certain suits against real estate appraisers and appraisal firms.

**Companions:** HB 1116 Wray, John(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
SB 939 Creighton, Brandon(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)


**Remarks:** MGV - ENG Establishes resolution of disputes over amount of loss by a contractual appraisal process. CS Exempts suits based on fraud or breach of contract aph - adds a statue of limitations on a suit brought against an appraiser for damages arising from an appraisal of a property to 2 years of when a person should have know or 5 total years.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

  SB 1372 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the evaluation and reporting of investment practices and performance of certain public retirement systems.


**Remarks:** MGV - Provides conditions for the evaluation of investment practices of public retirement systems. Must include a summary of the independent firm's experience, statement indicating any existing relationship, a list of types of remuneration, statement identifying an potential conflict of interest, among others.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

  SB 1373 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the imposition and collection of fines, fees, and court costs in criminal cases.

**Remarks:** JBD - Currently, criminal case fines and fees can be found by a court to be uncollectable and removed from county's books. Bill expands to include "reimbursement fees."

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

  SB 1375 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the authority of certain municipal employees to request the removal and storage of certain abandoned or illegally parked or operated vehicles.

**Companions:** HB 1568 Hernandez, Ana(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
HB 914 Hernandez, Ana(D) (Identical)  
3-17-21 H Voted favorably from committee on Licensing and Administrative Procedures

**Remarks:** WLJ - allows a home rule city, to aid in the enforcement of an ordinance regulating the operation of vehicles for hire, to authorize an employee to initiate the removal and storage of a vehicle operated in violation of its ordinance without authorization by a peace officer; and allows a city, to aid in its enforcement of an ordinance regulating parking, to authorize an employee to initiate the removal and storage of a vehicle

in an area where on-street parking is regulated and that: is parked illegally; or is parked legally, but has been unattended for more than 48 hours and is reasonably believed to be abandoned

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

  SB 1377 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to the rule against perpetuities.

**Companions:** HB 3744 Burrows, Dustin(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
HB 654 Lucio III, Eddie(D) (Identical)  
3-17-21 H Voted favorably from committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** MGV - Changes rule against perpetuities to an interest in a trust.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 1379 Gutierrez, Roland (F)(D) Relating to the maintenance of certain roads near an international border.

**Companions:** HB 3767 Nevarez, Poncho(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
HB 2845 Morales, Eddie (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

**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:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

  SB 1381 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to advance directives and health care and treatment decisions.

**Companions:** SB 2129 Creighton, Brandon(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** aph - extends Chapter 313 out for 10 years for economic development purposes.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

  SB 1383 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the authority of certain counties to authorize the operation of a golf cart or off-highway vehicle on certain roads.

**Companions:** HB 1181 Middleton, Mayes(R) (Identical)  
3-23-21 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., JHR 140, House Transportation


**Remarks:** aph - lowers the threshold for approving the operation of golf carts on roadways to 360,000 and below for county populations.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

  SB 1386 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to a body worn camera program for emergency medical personnel.


**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a program for a body worn camera for EMS.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

  SB 1390 West, Royce(D) Relating to a grant program for municipal or county mental health crisis response team programs.


**Remarks:** WLJ- Requires creation of a mental health grant program for cities/counties to operate a mental health crisis response team. Permissive for counties to apply.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

  SB 1392 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the authority to limit or prohibit medical procedures during a declared state of disaster.


**Remarks:** wlj - Prohibits the governor limiting non elective medical procedures during a disaster. Permits limiting of elective procedures up to 15 days.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

  SB 1397 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to establishing a coordinated system for the dispatch, triage, transport, and transfer of patients in certain trauma service area regional advisory councils.

**Remarks:** Wlj - Allows for the creation of a coordinated system for trauma service areas by the border adjacent to the Gulf.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

  SB 1398 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the payment of costs for certain mental health hearings or proceedings and a county's entitlement to reimbursement for those costs.

**Companions:** HB 3125 Allison, Steve(R) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

**Remarks:** WLJ - removes the option to seek reimbursement on the costs of a mental health hearing from the patient and repeals the requirement to verify a public facility is not first available and the requirement for commissioners court approves the payment.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 1399 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the awarding of grants to initiate, expand, maintain, and improve emergency medical services and

to support medical systems and facilities that provide trauma care.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for grants to support a centralized system to dispatch, transport and transfer patients in a trauma situation.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Health and Human Services

SB 1400 Hughes, Bryan(R)

Relating to encouraging economic development through preferences for residents of this state and certain goods or services manufactured in this state and offered for sale by Texas bidders.

**Companions:** [HB 1865](#) Cain, Briscoe(R) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires preference be given to purchase PPE manufactured in Texas by the state and any political subdivision.

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles shall give preference to residents of the state when hiring laborers, vendors and manufacturers.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

SB 1401 Springer, Drew (F)(R)

Relating to quarantine leave for fire fighters, peace officers, and emergency medical technicians employed by, appointed by, or elected for a political subdivision.

**Companions:** [HB 2073](#) Burrows, Dustin(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Committee action pending House County Affairs

**Remarks:** MGJ - Requires a political subdivision to place on paid leave a fire fighter, peace officer, or EMT employed by the subdivision and ordered by a supervisor or a health authority to quarantine or or isolate due to a possible or known exposure to a communicable disease while on duty

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

SB 1404 Buckingham, Dawn(R)

Relating to the certification of live music venues by and other duties of the Texas Music Office.

**Companions:** [HB 3373](#) Burrows, Dustin(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a certification for a live music venue to get grants from federal resources. Exempts sexually oriented businesses.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

SB 1405 Buckingham, Dawn(R)

Relating to the prohibition of certain police force reductions in certain populous municipalities.

**Remarks:** JBD - Cities of 950k or more may reduce number of employed police officers only at same rate as it loses population.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 1407 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to referenda on county property matters in certain counties.

**Companions:** HB 1361 Shine, Hugh(R) (Identical)  
3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs


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

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1411 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to acquisition, dissemination, and use of criminal history record information for certain judicial purposes, including for certification, registration, and licensing, of certain court professions.


**Remarks:** JBD - Gives Judicial Branch Certification Commission access to crim history records. Removes the authority of several state agencies to disclose crim history with permission of the subject person.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 1412 Paxton, Angela(R) Relating to an additional ad valorem road tax for the maintenance of county roads.

**Remarks:** WLj - Amends the process for a county to adopt or amend a tax on the M&O for roads.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government


  SB 1413 Paxton, Angela(R) Relating to the electronic delivery of certain communications and payments required or permitted under the Property Tax Code.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Almost any type of property-tax notice, communication, or payment currently delivered by mail could be delivered electronically instead. The bill defines a "tax official" as the comptroller, a chief appraiser, an appraisal district, an appraisal review board, an assessor, a collector, or a taxing unit. A communication or payment delivered by a tax official or a property owner could be delivered electronically. A property owner or agent could opt out of electronic delivery by notifying a tax official in writing that the owner or agent insisted on receiving communications by mail or by agreeing with the tax official on another means of delivery. A tax official would need to use a method of delivery that would allow for confirmation of receipt by a property owner.

The comptroller would adopt rules specifying acceptable media, formats, content, and methods for electronic


deliveries. He would also develop a centralized system for administering the electronic delivery of communications and payments between tax officials and property owners.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1416 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the removal, relocation, alteration, or construction of certain monuments, memorials, or designations located on public property.


**Remarks:** MGV - Establishes timelines for removal, relocation, or alteration of monuments and memorials located on city or county property. If monument in place for at least 25 years, may be removed, relocated, or altered by supermajority vote of commissioners court or city. For less than 25 years, may be removed, relocated, or altered only by commissioners court or the city. Authorizes citizen complaints with civil penalties of at least \$1000 for first violation and at least \$25,000 for subsequent violations. Each day constitutes a separate violation.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

  SB 1418 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the compensation of the presiding judge of an early ballot voting board.


**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for the presiding judge of an early ballot voting board to be compensated at a higher rate at the discretion of the authority.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

  SB 1419 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to a proposition to approve the issuance of bonds or other debt.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires elections for issuance of debt be held on November uniform election date, except emergency elections called or approved by Governor.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1421 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the correction of an ad valorem tax appraisal roll and related appraisal records.

**Companions:** SB 956 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
 HB 1628 Raymond, Richard(D) (Identical)  
 3- 9-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**Remarks:** aph - establishes a process to correct the tax rolls for the preceding two years to adjust inaccuracies in the appraised value of a taxpayers tangible personal property.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1422 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the number of days that certain tangible



personal property that is exempt from ad valorem taxation due to its location in this state for a temporary period may be located in this state.

**Companions:** SB 1005 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - provide that the Freeport exemption applies to qualifying goods transported out of the state within 365 days of acquisition or movement into the state.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

  SB 1423 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the prepayment of ad valorem taxes.

**Companions:** SB 1007 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)


**Remarks:** aph - allows a property owner to force a taxing unit to enter into a contract and create an escrow account for paying property taxes over the course of the year.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1425 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to periodic zero-based budgeting for certain political subdivisions.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires periodic zero-based budget for counties, school districts, cities every 12 years.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1426 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the election date for the authorization of the issuance of bonds.

**Companions:** SB 1224 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - . Prohibits holding an election for bonds on any other day that the uniform election date, except Allows an election for the issuance of bonds to be held prior to November uniform election date on a finding of an emergency by the Governor

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1427 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the applicability of the temporary exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of certain property damaged by a disaster.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Clarifies that only properties that were physically damaged by a disaster could qualify for temporary disaster exemptions.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1428 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to the applicability of the exemptions in the event of a disaster from certain limitations on the ad valorem tax rate of a taxing unit.

**Remarks:** WLJ - In the event of a disaster, current law may excuse a taxing unit from the requirement of an election if the unit needs extra money to respond to the disaster. Under this bill, that exception would not apply to a disaster caused by an epidemic.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1429 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to the alternate provisions for ad valorem tax rate notices when the de minimis rate of a taxing unit exceeds the voter-approval tax rate.

**Companions:** [HB 2429](#) Meyer, Morgan(R) (Identical)  
3-22-21 H Meeting set for 10:00 A.M., JHR 140, House Ways and Means

**Remarks:** MGJ - clean up bill around the de minimis rate. certain types of taxing units with de minimis tax rates that exceed their voter approval tax rates. A notice of public hearing on a proposed tax rate would have to state the de minimis rate and include some additional language explaining the effect of the de minimis rate.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1430 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to requirements for certain petitions requesting an election and ballot propositions.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires a referendum on a proposition to submit the question with definiteness, certainty and facial neutrality that the voters are not misled.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

  SB 1431 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to the assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes imposed by a school district.

**Remarks:** WLJ - would coerce a school district into having its taxes assessed and collected by the County TAC. A school district that had employed its own TAC could continue to do so, but the board of trustees would have to find that employing a TAC was cheaper than using the county TAC. The board would have to reconsider the question every three years.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1432 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to the eligibility for unemployment compensation benefits of individuals who serve on the appraisal review board of an appraisal district.

**Companions:** [HB 3540](#) Shine, Hugh(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed


**Remarks:** WLJ - A person who serves on an appraisal review board is not eligible for unemployment benefits.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

  SB 1433 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to tax increment financing.

**Remarks:** MGV - Limits term of a reinvestment zone to no later than 10 years.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development

  SB 1434 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to public notice of the availability on the Internet of property-tax-related information.

**Companions:** [HB 2723](#) Meyer, Morgan(R) (Identical)  
3-17-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means  
[HB 3680](#) Shine, Hugh(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires Comptroller to develop a website that lists each property tax database. Requires tax notices to include prescribed text regarding website's availability.


**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1435 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the scope of the review of an appraisal district by the comptroller of public accounts.

**Companions:** [HB 2958](#) Shine, Hugh(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**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:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government


  SB 1436 Bettencourt, Paul(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:** [HB 2959](#) Shine, Hugh(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

**Remarks:** WLJ - concerns a school district's appeal of an order determining the district's value-study protest. A property owner subject to the determination of the protest could, with the written approval of the protesting school district, join the school district as a party to the appeal. The court would review the district's protest de novo. It could order specific


changes to the value study instead of just referring the matter back to the comptroller.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1437 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the requirement that certain municipalities and counties conduct an efficiency audit before holding an election to approve the adoption of certain ad valorem tax rates.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires counties w/ population of 1m or more and cities w/ population of 500,000 or more to conduct an efficiency audit before holding an election to approve tax rate.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

  SB 1438 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the effect of a disaster on the calculation of certain tax rates and the procedure for adoption of a tax rate by a taxing unit.

**Companions:** HB 3376 Meyer, Morgan(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed


**Remarks:** WLJ - Any taxing unit with territory located in a declared disaster area could calculate its voter-approval tax rate in the manner applicable to a special taxing unit, i.e., it could multiply its no-new-revenue m&o rate by 1.08 instead of 1.035. But that rule would apply only if the disaster caused physical damage to any property in the unit (e.g., someone was so sick from COVID-19 that she let her upstairs bathtub overflow). The taxing unit's governing body would decide how the voter-approval tax rate would be calculated. The taxing unit could continue using 1.08 in its calculation from year to year until the third year after the disaster or the first year in which the taxing unit's total taxable value exceeded its total taxable value in the year of the disaster. A taxing unit other than a school district would not have to hold an election in the year following a declared disaster (including a tornado or hurricane but not including a pandemic) if the taxing unit were required to spend extra money responding to the disaster. Under the same circumstances, a school district would not have to hold an election if the governor had requested federal disaster assistance for the area in which the school district was located. If any taxing unit adopted a tax rate higher than its voter-approval rate without holding an election, the amount of the difference could not be considered when the unit calculated its voter-approval rate in the next year.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

  SB 1446 Gutierrez, Roland (F)(D) Relating to the collection of delinquent property taxes.

**Remarks:** WLJ - A taxing unit could not pay its delinquent-tax lawyers more than 15% of the amount that they collected.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed


  SB 1449 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of income-producing tangible personal property having a

value of less than a certain amount.

**Companions:** [HB 4353](#) Burrows, Dustin(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 1006](#) Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** VRS - Exempts businesses with property worth a taxable value of less than \$2,500 from paying property taxes. Current law sets the value at less than \$500.


**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

  [SB 1450](#) Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to the eligibility of an injured employee for lifetime income benefits under the workers' compensation system.

**Companions:** [HB 3676](#) Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[SB 2181](#) Nelson, Jane(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[HB 3120](#) Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Identical) 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands conditions that qualify a person for never being able to work again under workmans comp to include a permanent cognitive deficit that renders them unemployable or affects their quality of life that eliminates their ability to engage in usual cognitive processes, burns on both feet, one hand and one foot, or one hand and the face or permanent disability as determined by DOJ if they are a first responder of a political subdivision that self insures.


**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

  [SB 1451](#) Alvarado, Carol(D) Relating to the definition of "closing" for purposes of certain private activity bonds.

**Companions:** [HB 1852](#) Sanford, Scott(R) (Identical) 3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions/Investments/Financial Services

**Remarks:** WLJ - Revises the definition of "closing" for purposes of permitting partial funding of certain private activity bonds

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

  [SB 1453](#) Alvarado, Carol(D) Relating to toll collection and enforcement on state highway toll lanes by entities other than the Texas Department of Transportation.

**Companions:** [HB 1116](#) Thompson, Ed(R) (Identical) 3-16-21 H Committee action pending House Transportation

**Remarks:** aph - limits the ability to use toll money for purposes other than those related to the initial toll projects.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

SB 1454 Alvarado, Carol(D) Relating to programs established and funded under the Texas emissions reduction plan.

**Companions:** HB 2468 Thompson, Ed(R) (Identical)  
3-16-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

**Remarks:** WLJ - 'Creates allocation up to \$10 million for the purchase, maintenance, upgrade, and operation of air monitoring equipment as provided by Section 386.252 to be used in nonattainment areas; Increases amount of money that may be used each year to support research related to air quality as provided by Chapter 387 from no more than \$750,000 to \$1 million; increase amount from no more than \$2.5 to \$5 million that may be used to conduct research and other activities associated with making any necessary demonstrations to the EPA to account for the impact of foreign emissions or an exceptional event

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

SB 1455 Nichols, Robert(R) Relating to the issuance of Texas Mobility Fund obligations.

**Companions:** HB 2219 Canales, Terry(D) (Identical)  
3-23-21 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ., JHR 140, House Transportation

**Remarks:** WLJ - Reverses the repeal on issuing debt from the TMF

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

SB 1456 Nichols, Robert(R) Relating to the dedication to the state highway fund of certain permit fee revenue attributable to oversize or overweight vehicles.

**Companions:** HB 4508 Ashby, Trent(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed  
SB 1560 Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Provides that all dedications of OS/OW permit fee revenue to the SHF are rededicated to the SHF for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, and maintaining public roadways.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

SB 1458 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to standardized forms and materials for the issuance of protective orders, magistrate's orders for emergency protection, and temporary ex parte orders.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires OCA to publish, and courts to use, standard forms for protective orders.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

SB 1459 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating a voter unable to enter a polling place.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires posting of notice for voters unable to enter a polling place without assistance as ruled by the SOS.

Includes in disability the likelihood of injuring another with infection.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

  SB 1460 Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to the appointment of counsel to represent indigent defendants.

**Remarks:** JBD - Sets case load caps for attorneys taking appointments in criminal cases in Harris County.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

  SB 1463 Nichols, Robert(R)

Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on the impact of certain classifications of motor vehicle on the roads and bridges of this state.

**Companions:** HB 2223 Canales, Terry(D) (Identical)  
3-23-21 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ.,  
JHR 140, House Transportation

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires TxDOT, in consultation with TTI, The University of Texas Center for Transportation Research, and transportation industry representatives, to conduct a study on the impact on the roads and bridges by motor vehicles classified as (1) passenger vehicles; (2) commercial motor vehicles; and (3) oversize or overweight vehicles. The study will recommend one or more changes to existing tax or fee structures to ensure that vehicles of each classification contribute revenue to fund the construction and maintenance of the roads and bridges in an amount at least equal to the financial impact of the vehicles of that classification on those roads and bridges.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

  SB 1464 Nichols, Robert(R)

Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on future transportation needs for the year 2045.

**Companions:** HB 2222 Canales, Terry(D) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Transportation

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the transportation institute to study the projected transportation needs for the state through 2045.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

  SB 1472 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D)

Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement and law enforcement agencies regarding law enforcement officers and the use of body cameras.

**Companions:** HB 3654 Rodriguez, Eddie(D) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Sets fees for peace officer license at \$80 and all others at \$25. TCOLE to establish rules for revocation of peace officer license for continued performance constituting threat to public welfare, including making false statements and excessive force.

Persons captured on body cam video have right to view video.


**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

  SB 1474 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the I-27 Advisory Committee.

**Companions:** HB 3675 Price, Four(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates the I-27 Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to TxDOT on transportation improvements to be made in the Ports-to-Plains Corridor and other related items.


**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

  SB 1476 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the admission by a party of a material and substantial change of circumstances in a motion to modify an order in certain family law cases.

**Companions:** HB 851 Cook, David (F)(R) (Identical)  
3-16-21 H Reported favorably from committee on House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues

**Remarks:** JBD - A motion to modify based on material and substantial change of circumstance may not be used alone as admission of a material and substantial change regarding any other matter. Divorce and CPS cases.


**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

  SB 1480 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to the licensing and regulation of certain drug and alcohol related court-ordered educational programs.

**Companions:** HB 4184 Guillen, Ryan(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires license from TDLR for court-ordered programs, including alcohol education for minors, drug offense education, and education and intervention programs for intoxication offenses.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

  SB 1486 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the repeal of the authority of political subdivisions to adopt or enforce juvenile curfews.

**Companions:** HB 561 Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)  
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues

**Remarks:** JBD - Rescinds the authority of municipalities and counties to adopt and enforce juvenile curfews.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed


  SB 1489 Hall, Bob(R) Relating to the provision of information regarding



COVID-19 prevention and treatment to individuals receiving a COVID-19 viral test.


**Remarks:** JBD - DSHS to develop Covid brochure, and and healthcare facilities providing Covid viral test to give brochure or information therein to tested individuals.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

  SB 1491 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the electronic submission of requests for attorney general decisions under the public information law.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits governing bodies with fewer than 16 full-time employees to submit open records requests to the AG through the AG's e-filing system.


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1492 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to an expedited response by a governmental body to a request for public information.

**Companions:** HB 3435 Smithee, John(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Establishes a voluntary system by which trained employees of governmental bodies may withhold information without requesting AG opinion. Decision may be appealed by requestor, triggering regular AG opinion process. Similar to HB 2328 in 2017 supported by CUC.


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1493 Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to prohibiting certain limitations on the operation of certain organizations that benefit veterans during a declared state of disaster.

**Companions:** HB 4215 Raymond, Richard(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed


**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits limits on operations of organizations that benefits vets during state of disaster.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1495 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to certain criminal offenses related to highways and motor vehicles.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Increase of offense for street racing.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1498 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to an exception to the application of the offense of illegal voting.

**Companions:** HB 3119 Turner, John(D) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

**Remarks:** WLJ - creates an exception to the offense of illegally voting to include voting or attempting to vote a provisional ballot and

not knowing the circumstances that made the person ineligible or that they were ineligible.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1501 Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to monuments, markers, and medallions controlled by the Texas Historical Commission.

**Companions:** HB 3584 Murr, Andrew(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Provides monuments, markers, medallions controlled by THC is state property solely under the commission's custody and control and may not be altered without permission of the commission. Waives immunity.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1506 Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to a supreme court rule, practice, or procedure.

**Remarks:** JBD - Rules of Supreme Court not effective in criminal cases unless approved by presiding judge of Court of Criminal Appeals.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1507 Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to the salaries of sheriffs and to state assistance payments to offset the cost of sheriff's salaries in certain counties.

**Remarks:** JBD - Mandates minimum salary for sheriff of \$65,000. State to reimburse \$20,000 to counties of 25,000 or less, and \$5,000 to counties between 25,000 and 50,001.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1508 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the establishment of the election integrity division in the office of the attorney general.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates an election integrity division in the office of AG to support the county or district attorney in investigating election fraud.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1509 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to identification requirements for early voting by mail.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Voter ID requirement for early voting to include photo ID and SSN.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed


SB 1510 Whitmire, John(D) Relating to a limitation on the use of a victim's gender identity or sexual orientation as the basis for a defense in the trial of a criminal offense.

**Companions:** HB 3281 Hinojosa, Gina(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
HB 73 Hinojosa, Gina(D) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Committee action pending House

## Criminal Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits the justification of use of force against another due to the gender identity or sexual orientation of the victim.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed


  SB 1511 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the emergency detention of certain persons with a mental illness or cognitive disability and the scope of an order for psychoactive medication for certain patients.

**Companions:** HB 3977 Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a police officer to seize any firearms in the possession of someone who receives an emergency mental health hold.

Allows a court to include in authorizing psychoactive medication to include medically necessary tests to ensure the medication is being safely administered.


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1512 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the affirmative defense to prosecution for a criminal offense for persons acting under duress.

**Companions:** HB 2290 Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

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


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1514 Taylor, Larry(R) Relating to the prevention of fraud in the conduct of an election.

**Companions:** HB 574 Bonnen, Greg(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Committee action pending House  
Elections

**Remarks:** WLJ - Increases the penalty for election fraud to a felony from a misdemeanor and adds an offense for counting invalid voters, altering a report to include invalid votes, and failing to count valid votes/excluding valid votes on a report.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1515 Gutierrez, Roland (F)(D) Relating to the authority of all governmental bodies to hold open and closed meetings by telephone or videoconference call.

**Companions:** HB 1888 Fierro, Art(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House State Affairs  
HB 3139 Longoria, Oscar(D) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House State Affairs

**Remarks:** MGV - Permits a governmental body to hold an open or closed meeting by conference call. Removes requirement for a public hearing on a tax rate to be held inside a publicly owned building.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1519 Seliger, Kel(R)

Relating to the appointment of a judge or magistrate to preside over a regional specialty court program and the authority of that judge or magistrate in cases referred to the program.

**Companions:** HB 976 Price, Four(R) (Identical)  
3-17-21 H Voted favorably from committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** JBD - Sets criteria for judges appointed to serve over regional specialty court programs (ie, must have approval of majority of district and statutory county court judges in counties participating in the program, and approval of presiding administrative judges).

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1529 Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to the creation of the Texas Court of Appeals to hear certain cases.

**Remarks:** JBD - Creates new intermediate appellate court to hear civil cases brought by or against the state, state agency, or state officer. 6 justices elected statewide.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Jurisprudence

  SB 1530 Huffman, Joan(R)

Relating to the operation and administration of and practice and procedure related to proceedings in the judicial branch of state government.

**Companions:** HB 3774 Leach, Jeff(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates new courts in various counties.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1535 Buckingham, Dawn(R)

Relating to the practices and procedures related to early voting by mail, including the participation of watchers.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Amends where a poll watcher can serve to include signature verification committee, early voting location and countywide polling locations. Allows them to record any proceedings. Amends eligibility to vote by mail due to disability to specify illness, injury or medical confinement, and mental and physical impairment. Requires a physicians letter.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1540 Menendez, Jose(D)

Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination.

**Companions:** HB 3860 Gonzalez, Jessica(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Prohibits discrimination based on military service, gender identity, and sexual orientation.


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1542 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to county appropriations to historical foundations or organizations.

**Companions:** HB 1756 Burns, DeWayne(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

**Remarks:** MGV - Removes bracket to allow any commissioners court of a county to appropriate money to historical foundations or organizations.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1543 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to inspection requirements for buyer's temporary tags for vehicles sold to nonresident buyers of certain vehicles.

**Companions:** HB 3429 Harris, Cody(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed


**Remarks:** WLJ - vehicle may be issued and display a buyer's tag without satisfying the inspection requirements of Chapter 548 if: the buyer of the vehicle is not a resident of this state; and the vehicle at the time of purchase, is not located or required to be titled or registered in this state; will be titled and registered in accordance with the laws of the buyer's state of residence; and will be inspected in accordance with the laws of the buyer's state of residence, if the laws of that state require inspection.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1544 West, Royce(D) Relating to no-knock warrants.

**Remarks:** JBD - Creates special warrants to permit no-knock entry. Must be issued by district court.


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1545 West, Royce(D) Relating to the use of force by peace officers and other officer interactions and duties.

**Remarks:** JBD - Law enforcement agencies to adopt policy on use of force to be promulgated by TCOLE. Must emphasize conflict de-escalation and warnings before use of force.

Welfare checks by peace officers must include documented call to subject.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1547 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to the creation of an additional criminal judicial district composed of Tarrant County.

**Remarks:** JBD - New criminal district court for Tarrant.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1548 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to the creation of an additional judicial district in Denton County.

**Companions:** HB 3569 Parker, Tan(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates new district court in Denton County

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1549 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to a subject matter preference for certain cases in the County Criminal Court No. 6 of Tarrant County.

**Remarks:** JBD - One more existing county criminal court in Tarrant to focus on family violence cases.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1550 Nelson, Jane(R) Relating to airport police forces, including the authority to commission peace officers and the rights, privileges, and duties of those officers.

**Companions:** HB 3756 Goldman, Craig(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes a governing body of a political subdivision that operates a airport to establish an airport police force.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1551 Seliger, Kel(R) Relating to court reporter costs incurred in a hearing or proceeding for the involuntary detention of a person with mental illness.

**Companions:** HB 1213 Darby, Drew(R) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

**Remarks:** WLJ- Adds to the costs a county must pay, for an emergency mh detainer hearing, the cost of a court reporter.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1552 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the age of a child at which a juvenile court may exercise jurisdiction over the child, to the age of criminal responsibility, and to certain substantive and procedural matters related to those ages.

**Companions:** HB 1430 Dutton, Harold(D) (Identical)  
3-22-21 H Meeting set for 10:00 A.M., E2.014HB 1235, House Juvenile Justice and Family Issues

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

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1553 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to weight limitations for over-the-road buses.

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

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1556 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the use of executory contracts for the purchase of land to be used as a residence in certain counties.

**Companions:** [HB 4374](#) Cyrier, John(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Applies to a county 500k or less in an msa 2m and up. Commissioners court may adopt an order requiring an executory contract for the conveyance of land.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1557 Hall, Bob(R) Relating to the authority of a county to regulate condominiums.

**Companions:** [HB 2948](#) Cyrier, John(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management

**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:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1559 Nichols, Robert(R) Relating to the Texas emission reductions plan fund and account and certain revenues deposited therein.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Ends the title fee revenue transfer to the TERP fund and would not allow the existing accumulated balance to transfer. So the TERP fund would lose the \$2 billion if this passed as is. However, the other revenue streams would continue to exist for the TERP Fund as they do currently.


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1560 Nichols, Robert(R) Relating to the dedication to the state highway fund of certain permit fee revenue attributable to oversize or overweight vehicles.

**Companions:** [HB 4508](#) Ashby, Trent(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed  
[SB 1456](#) Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 S Filed


**Remarks:** WLJ - Provides that all dedications of OS/OW permit fee revenue to the SHF are rededicated to the SHF for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, and maintaining public roadways.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1564 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to a comprehensive plan for increasing and improving the workforce in this state to serve persons with mental health and substance use issues.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the behavioral health coordinating council to implement a comprehensive plan to increase workforce for behavioral health.


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1570 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the authority of a county to adopt a land bank program.

**Companions:** HB 2236 Hernandez, Ana(D) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs


**Remarks:** MGV - Authorizes a county to adopt a land bank program - allows for sale of real property ordered sold pursuant to foreclosure of a tax lien for the development of affordable housing. Harris County bill.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1571 West, Royce(D) Relating to granting limited state law enforcement authority to special agents of the Office of Inspector General of the United States Department of Homeland Security.


**Remarks:** Gives power to arrest in felonies to special agents of OIG for Dept of Homeland Security.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1572 Paxton, Angela(R) Relating to the numbering and signing of ballots by early voting clerks and deputy early voting clerks.


**Remarks:** WLj - Requires the deputy early voting clerks signature appear on the back of each polling place where they accept voters by personal appearance.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1573 Paxton, Angela(R) Relating to the reporting of sexual assault and other sex offenses and to the collection, analysis, tracking, and preservation of evidence of those offenses.

**Remarks:** JBD - Extends time victim has to report a sex assault and receive forensic medical exam. No time limit for minor victim. Rescinds the quarterly reporting of rape kit backlogs from law enforcement agencies and gives DPS an annual reporting requirement.


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1574 West, Royce(D) Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of failure to identify.

**Remarks:** JBD - New manner of committing failure to ID if stopped while operating motor vehicle.




**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1576 Kolkhorst, Lois(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:** HB 3041 Frank, James(R) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Human Services


**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:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1586 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to the governance and administration of an appraisal district.


**Remarks:** WLJ - an appraisal district's board of directors would consist of five members appointed by the county's commissioners' court. One member would be appointed from each commissioner's precinct in the county, and one would be appointed at large. The taxing units that currently vote for directors would be able to nominate people. The number of people a taxing unit could nominate would be proportional to its tax levy. The commissioners would choose directors from among the nominees. The county TAC would still be a non-voting sixth member of the board. Taxing units could still veto actions of the board of directors but doing so would take two-thirds of the taxing units entitled make nominations.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1587 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to enhancing the criminal penalties for certain repeat and habitual offenders.

**Remarks:** JBD - New enhancement of Class A misdemeanor to state jail felony if within preceding 10 years the defendant has 4 or more convictions for Class A or any felony.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1589 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the enforcement of laws relating to elections.

**Remarks:** WLJ - SOS shall appoint a state election marshal who reports to the SOS. The Marshall shall appoint marshals for each DPS region or 2 marshal for every 250k people who reside in the region. Allows for injunctive relief and emergency review of election activity.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1591 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to election watchers.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands authority of poll watchers, includes allowing for recording. Provides for an offense to prohibiting access to

a poll watcher. County must make reasonable effort to ensure all poll activity is one room.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1592 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to powers and duties of governmental entities during a public health disaster.

**Companions:** SB 1616 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Reduces from criminal penalty to civil penalty for violating area quarantine; control measure orders; removal/alteration/destruction of quarantine devices

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1600 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to prohibiting peace officers from using neck restraints during a search or arrest.

**Remarks:** JBD - Bans use of chokeholds unless necessary to prevent serious bodily injury or death.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1601 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to a duty for peace officers to intervene and make a report when a peace officer uses excessive force.

**Remarks:** JBD - New duty of peace officers to intervene if another officer uses force that exceeds reasonable force under the circumstances. Any officer witnessing use of excessive force by another officer must report it to supervisor.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1603 Kolkhorst, Lois(R) Relating to the procedures required before an individual's name is added to the central child abuse or neglect registry.

**Companions:** HB 1190 Krause, Matt(R) (Identical)  
3-23-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.030,  
House Human Services

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits DFPS from adding to the central child abuse/neglect registry an individual found to have abused/neglected unless DFPS's finding is sustained by an admin law judge.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1604 Whitmire, John(D) Relating to an exemption for certain cemeteries from cemetery location restrictions.

**Companions:** HB 2005 Meyer, Morgan(R) (Identical)  
3-23-21 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.010,  
House Land and Resource Management  
HB 3768 Meyer, Morgan(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Exempts a private family cemetery at a presidential library and museum from cemetery location restrictions

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1606 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to protecting the population of Texas, its environment, and its most vulnerable communities, promoting the resilience of the electric grid and certain municipalities.

**Companions:** HB 3792 Shaheen, Matt(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Lays out a detailed protocol of resiliency measures to ensure the protection and stability of the Texas electric grid against potential threats.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1607 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to elections.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Various election amendment to include: Increases voter id requirements. Requires the person list all counties in which they have been registered to vote. Requires the voter register release the name of all voters in the county to any person that requests it, doesn't allow for a fee. Requires SOS determine citizenship for each voter registration application. Requires a voter registrar verify address corresponds to a house. Requires the registrar enter into an agreement with DPS to verify signatures.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1608 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to elections.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Election amendments including; repeals authority for countywide polling places, requires video recording of all polling activity with the exception of voting, requires any voting machine include a paper trail, extends access poll watchers are entitled.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1609 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to proof of identification presented by a voter.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Increases voter id requirements.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1610 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to voter qualification and registration.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires SSN to be provided in applying to vote, a list of all counties ever registered in, requires release of county registration list to anyone that asks.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1611 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to the right of the public to observe election activity.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands pollwatcher access and permits recording of polling activity.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

- SB 1612 Hall, Bob(R) Relating to certain suits involving elections and the confidentiality of certain communications with voting systems vendors.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Any communication with a voting system vendor is public information.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed
- SB 1613 Hall, Bob(R) Relating to early voting ballots voted by mail.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Requires early mail ballots to have microchips that can't be replicated and can be traced. Requires voter id to get a mail in ballot. Repeals allowing a vote by mail to a person incarcerated. Prohibits the mailing of a absentee ballot unsolicited. Requires the signing of a mail in ballot be notarized.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed
- SB 1616 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to powers and duties of governmental entities during a public health disaster.
- Companions:** SB 1592 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Filed
- Remarks:** MGV - Reduces from criminal penalty to civil penalty for violating area quarantine; control measure orders; removal/alteration/destruction of quarantine devices
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed
- SB 1626 Miles, Borris(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.
- Companions:** HB 830 Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Identical)  
3-25-21 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR  
ADJ., E2.030, House Homeland Security and  
Public Safety
- SB 950 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 S Introduced and referred to  
committee on Senate Criminal Justice
- Remarks:** JBD - Requires cite & release for Class C misdemeanors. All law enforcement entities to adopt policy re same.
- Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed
- SB 1627 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the deadline to begin a county fire code inspection in certain counties.
- Companions:** HB 2610 Harless, Sam(R) (Identical)  
3-17-21 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House County Affairs
- 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:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1632 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the eligibility of certain criminal defendants for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information.

**Companions:** SB 1320 Miles, Borris(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
 HB 45 Johnson, Jarvis(D) (Identical)  
 2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Corrections

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for a person to apply for a nondisclosure for certain felonies 180 days after completing deferred adjudication if they don't commit another offense in that time.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1633 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the eligibility requirements for a public elective office.

**Remarks:** JBD - Felons who fully discharge sentences eligible to run for public office.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1638 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the jurisdiction of justice courts.

**Remarks:** JBD - grants JP courts jurisdiction over offenses relating to fraudulent conveyance of real property.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1642 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the administration of navigation districts.

**Companions:** HB 3027 Canales, Terry(D) (Identical)  
 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

**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:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1644 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the determination of the market value of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

**Remarks:** WLJ - An appraisal district could no longer use the income approach to appraise commercial properties.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1655 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to an annual report submitted to the comptroller by a county that imposes certain hotel occupancy taxes.

**Companions:** SB 1319 Birdwell, Brian(R) (Refiled from 86R)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires counties that impose a hotel occupancy tax to report annually to the comptroller.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1657 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to notice of proposed changes to municipal zoning classifications.

**Companions:** SB 1304 Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - require a zoning commission to give written notice of a public hearing on a proposed zoning change to each real property owner wholly or partly located in an unincorporated area of the county if the nearest property line is located not more than two miles from the nearest boundary of the area for which the zoning change is proposed; and require the notice be provided by U.S. mail to the property owner, as indicated on the most recently approved county tax roll, not later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1660 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to payroll deductions for state and local government employee organizations.

**Remarks:** JBD - Prohibits the state and local governments from making payroll deductions for benefit of labor organizations, unions, employee associations and professional organizations, except for law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services personnel.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1662 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the appointment, suspension, and termination of a county elections administrator.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Amends the vote to dismiss or suspend a county elections administrator from 4/5th to 3/5th.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1663 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the administration of the countywide polling place program.

**Remarks:** WLJ - provides that in a county of 1m or more the percentage of polling place locations is a percentage of voters in each area as a percentage. Requires voting equipment be allocated on the same percentage.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1664 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to ballots voted by mail.

**Companions:** HB 4369 Noble, Candy(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires early voting ballot board review each application for a ballot with the carrier envelope to verify the signature.

Requires each early voting clerk have software available to display all electronically available signatures together.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1667 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the procedure for approval of certain land development applications by a political subdivision.

**Companions:** HB 4447 Oliverson, Tom(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits counties from requiring a person desiring approval of a plat to submit or obtain approval of a required planning document before filing a copy of the plat application with the commissioners court or the court's designee. After receiving a request from 5 applicants and conducting a public hearing, requires a county to establish a bifurcated approval procedure.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1673 Hall, Bob(R) Relating to limitations on public health directives issued during a state of disaster or outbreak of a communicable disease.

**Remarks:** MGV - If DSHS or a health authority issues a public health directive, prohibits directive from being more stringent than any public health directive for undocumented immigrants issued by ICE.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1675 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to procedures for early voting by mail and voting by mail.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits any deviation or suspension of a voting rule except the Governor may suspend election code to allow for a voter to deliver a marked ballot in a disaster area before election date.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1678 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to the prohibited release by a public agency of information regarding the members, supporters, or volunteers of or donors to certain nonprofit organizations.

**Companions:** HB 4275 Klick, Stephanie(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Prohibits a public agency from requiring 501c nonprofit orgs to provide donor information.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1681 Hancock, Kelly(R) Relating to the protection of religious organizations.


**Companions:** HB 3596 Leach, Jeff(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Waives immunity of state and local governments for violations of Freedom of Worship provision of TX

Constitution. Injunctive and declaratory relief, as well as fees and costs. AG may bring suit or may intervene in suit brought by private party.

No suspension of constitutional provision or this provision is permitted.


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1685 Powell, Beverly(D) Relating to a study on comprehensive development agreements entered into for transportation projects in this state.

**Companions:** [HB 4188](#) Romero, Ramon(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Directs TTI, in consultation with TxDOT, to conduct a study of executed CDAs, including an analysis of the contract provisions in CDAs relating to maintenance and safety; and the responsibilities of each party to the CDAs relating to maintenance and safety.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1689 Gutierrez, Roland (F)(D) Relating to third-party debt collection of traffic fines in certain counties.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits third party debt collect for a traffic fine in Tarrant County.


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1691 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to civil and criminal liability for doxing.

**Companions:** [HB 3024](#) Wu, Gene(D) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

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


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1699 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the protection of expressive rights of student organizations at public institutions of higher education.

**Companions:** [HB 4500](#) Murphy, Jim(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands Romeo and Juliet law to same sex relationships. (relationships within three years difference)

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SB 1700 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the cancellation of a person's voter registration on notice that the person has acknowledged that the person is not a citizen.

**Companions:** [SB 953](#) Fallon, Pat (F)(R) (Refiled from 86R  
Session)  
[HB 1924](#) Schofield, Mike(R) (Identical)



3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections  
**HB 2253** Slawson, Shelby (F)(R) (Identical)  
 3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections


**Remarks:** MJV-Repeals language requiring a voter registrar to verify citizenship for someone who has been excused from jury duty due to status as a non-citizen. Instead, the registrar will cancel a voter's registration immediately.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  **SB 1711** Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to state and local taxes and fees.


**Remarks:** MGJ - Adjusts school finance state compression percentage. Adds a number of services eligible for sales use tax exemptions. Creates tax on e-cigarettes. Creates electric vehicle and hybrid motor vehicle registration fee.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  **SB 1717** Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to subpoenas, orders, and warrants for the disclosure of location information, electronic customer communications records, and electronic customer data.


**Remarks:** JBD - Sets requirements for location information warrants.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  **SB 1718** Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to provisions to enable the prevention and prosecution of trafficking of persons and certain sexual offenses committed against children and to the commission of civil racketeering.

**Remarks:** JBD - Makes prosecution of civil racketeering for human trafficking easier. Extends statute of limitations for human trafficking


**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  **SB 1720** Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to imposing an additional fee for the registration of electric and hybrid vehicles.

**Companions:** **HB 3797** Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)  
 3-11-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates an additional vehicle registration fee of \$100, if the vehicle is an electric vehicle or \$80, if the vehicle is a hybrid vehicle. The revenue would be deposited in the TMF.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  **SB 1724** Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to building codes applicable in the unincorporated areas of a county.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Sets building codes applicable in unincorporated areas: new residential and commercial construction shall conform to Intl Residential Code published in 2015. Allows commissioners court to adopt later version of the Intl Residential Code or establish standards for new construction

that exceed the standards of the Code. Allows county to charge a fee to defray costs of enforcing standards.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1725 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of sexual assault.

**Companions:** HB 302 Collier, Nicole(D) (Identical)  
2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** JBD - Expands manner of committing sex assault to include when victim is incapable of consenting because intoxicated and caregiver that exploits victim's dependency.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1727 Nichols, Robert(R) Relating to local government corporations created for the development, construction, operation, management, or financing of transportation projects.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits Harris County from creating a local government corporation (LGC) to develop, construct, operate, manage, or finance a toll project or system. Further, prohibits any existing LGC created by Harris County from undertaking any new bonds, notes, or other obligations or extend the terms of any existing bonds, notes or other obligations; or entering into any new contracts or extending the terms of any existing contracts. Revenue earned by such an LGC can only be used to pay the a costs of a turnpike project, or for a road, street, or highway projects.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1728 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the equalization for road use consumption for alternatively fueled vehicles imposed at the time of registration or registration renewal.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Provides for an additional registration fee for alternatively fueled vehicles (non-gasoline/diesel), hybrid electric vehicles, and natural gas vehicles. The fee for alternatively fueled vehicles and hybrid electric vehicles would be assessed based on the weight classification of the vehicle. The fee for each class of natural gas vehicles would be assessed based on the difference between the average annual amount of taxes that a conventionally fueled vehicle of that class would pay and the average annual amount of taxes that a natural gas vehicle of that class would pay. All fee revenue would be deposited in the SHF.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1729 Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to the role of the secretary of state in elections.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Repeals authority for the SOS to waive requiring a manual count of all races in at least one percent of the election precincts.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1730 Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to a moratorium on certain election practices and procedures.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires any change to an election practice or procedure be finalized no later than 45 days before election day.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1731 Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to election integrity.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates an offense for giving a gift to a voter at a polling place. Requires an application to vote by mail be signed in ink. Prohibits ballot harvesting. Prohibits mailing vote by mail application unsolicited. Prohibits witnessing the signing of a vote by mail of more than one voter. Requires the SOS to develop a signature verification training course. Allows for curing a ballot.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1733 Hall, Bob(R) Relating to recreational vehicle rental communities.

**Remarks:** JBD - RV rental communities (rental terms are less than 60 months without a purchase option) are not subdivisions, and therefore counties cannot require plats.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1735 Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to the eligibility of a person to serve on the appraisal review board of certain appraisal districts.

**Companions:** [HB 2790](#) Shaheen, Matt(R) (Identical)  
3-17-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**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:** 3-11-21 S Filed

SB 1739 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to procedures regarding defendants who are or may be persons with a mental illness or intellectual disability.

**Companions:** [HB 4212](#) Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - JP courts may dismiss criminal complaints if JP finds probable cause that defendant is incompetent. JP cannot accept a plea unless defendant appears to be competent.

Defendants to receive credit for time spent in outpatient competency restoration.

Local mental health authorities may operate jail-based competency restoration pilot projects even without prior experience with competency restoration. Permits treatment by psychologists in addition to psychiatrists.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

- SB 1741 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to pretrial procedures, conditions for community supervision, and criminal punishment for conduct endangering the public safety.
- Remarks:** JBD - Enhanced procedures for riot offenses. Only judge of court in which riot case is filed may release defendant on personal bond. Release on bond only after the court verifies address, DL, employment, or 72 hours whichever later.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed
- SB 1742 Whitmire, John(D) Relating to extreme risk protective orders.
- Companions:** HB 2878 Goodwin, Vikki(D) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety
- 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:** 3-12-21 S Filed
- SB 1743 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the enforcement of parking privileges for people with disabilities.
- Remarks:** JBD - Creates new "disabled parking course" that operates similar to defensive driving. Court costs and fees plus \$10 admin fee can be collected by JP court.
- Permits use of not more than 40% of fines collected from disabled parking violations to be used to provide community education regarding disabled persons and parking, and to establish an advisory board to serve the needs of people with disabilities.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed
- SB 1745 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the creation of a joint interim committee to study colonias and colonia initiatives in this state.
- Remarks:** MGV - Creates a joint interim committee to study colonias. Composed of members of standing committees of Leg w/ primary jurisdiction over colonias.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed
- SB 1746 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to financial assistance provided to political subdivisions by the Texas Water Development Board for nature-based water quality enhancement projects.
- Remarks:** MGV - Requires Water Development Board to establish a water resource restoration program through provision of financial assistance to political subdivisions for local projects.
- Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed
- SB 1760 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the issuance of a citation or written notice

to appear to a person charged with the offense of driving while license invalid.

**Remarks:** JBD - Permissive cite and release for driving while DL invalid. Passenger may be permitted to drive vehicle.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1761 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to the filing of certain reports of political contributions and expenditures.

**Remarks:** JBD - Campaign contribution reports cannot be filed by telegram.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1763 Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to the composition of the Governor's EMS and Trauma Advisory Council.

**Companions:** HB 3605 Turner, John(D) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLj - Adds a member to the Governors EMS council a representative of an ambulatory surgical center.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1764 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the payment of delinquent ad valorem taxes on property subject to a tax sale.

**Companions:** HB 3243 Shine, Hugh(R) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**Remarks:** WLJ - A tax office could insist that certain delinquent taxes be paid in cash, with a certified or cashier's check, or with or with an electronic funds transfer (not by a check that might bounce or a credit card). The law would apply to property seized under a tax warrant and to property subject to an order of sale from a court.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1765 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the procedure for making any change from any voting standard, practice, or procedure authorized by the Election Code.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Prohibits the changing of voter standards, practice or procure not found in statute.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1767 Hinojosa, Chuy(D) Relating to the terms of appointed members of boards and commissions in certain counties.

**Remarks:** MGv - Applies to Nueces County. Prohibits members appointed to a board or commission by commissioners court to serve no more than 12 consecutive years.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1771 Paxton, Angela(R) Relating to the assumption by the office of the

secretary of state of the powers and duties relating to driver's licenses, personal identification certificates, and other related programs, powers.

**Remarks:** WLj - Sets up the DPS to verify signatures and citizenship for voter roles for the Secretary of State.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1775 Whitmire, John(D) Relating to criminal justice.

**Companions:** HB 4145 Coleman, Garnet(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Mandates PR bond for non-violent offense with no prior violent offense, and reduces bonds when magistrate fails to determine probable cause within 24 hours.

Jail Commission to adopt rules regarding handling intoxicated inmates and prevention of use of force and sex assault.

No consent searches of automobiles unless in writing. No pre-text traffic stops. Mandatory cite and release for fine-only misdemeanors.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1778 Perry, Charles(R) Relating to the production and regulation of hemp and consumable hemp products.

**Companions:** HB 3948 King, Tracy(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGv - Creates criminal offense for cultivating hemp without a license as Class B misdemeanor.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1780 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the establishment of the Texas Epidemic Public Health Institute.

**Remarks:** WLj - Creates the Texas Epidemic public health institute at UT Health Science Center in Houston to protect health and support disaster preparedness and response.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1781 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the accrual of a cause of action for purposes of certain laws governing certain construction liability claims.

**Companions:** HB 3221 Leach, Jeff(R) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence


**Remarks:** JBD - As of 2019, governmental entities cannot bring action for construction defect until they notify responsible party in writing of the specific defect and condition of the project. The bill states a cause of action does not accrue until the postmark date of that report. Seemingly, this clarifies that no action may be filed before the mailing date of the report.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1787 Gutierrez, Roland (F)(D) Relating to the reporting of Hotel Occupancy Tax to local jurisdictions.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires the Comptroller to provide Hotel Occupancy Tax reports to counties and cities.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1788 Gutierrez, Roland (F)(D) Relating to the distribution of emergency health resources by the state.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires vaccines be distributed according to county population size, % of county infected and the % of county who has died.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1794 West, Royce(D) Relating to a statewide opioid settlement agreement.

**Companions:** HB 3365 Klick, Stephanie(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed


**Remarks:** MGV - Establishes TX Opioid Abatement Fund Council administratively attached to Comptroller's office. Provides distribution of funds in accordance with settlement term sheet. Prohibits a govt entity from being a released claim against a released entity.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1799 West, Royce(D) Relating to the creation of a broadband Internet connectivity and broadband access grant program to facilitate instruction and learning for public school students.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires TEA to develop broadband internet access grant programs for schools to develop methods to increase broadband access to students.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1802 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to road specifications and safety standards for access to a solid waste facility.

**Companions:** SB 1339 Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires TCEQ to adopts rules that specify uniform road specifications to a solid waste facility. Must include flood protections and weight and load limits. Permit holder must be financially responsible for route improvements and maintenance and reimburse a local gov. for any costs incurred for such.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1804 Johnson, Nathan(D) Relating to use of Texas emissions reduction plan funds for a small non-road engine purchase incentive program.

**Remarks:** WLJ - 'Creates and allocates up to 2% of fund for a purchase incentive program for certain batteries and new electrically-powered non-road engines to reduce emissions, including the emissions of ozone precursors, particulate matter, and carbon monoxide, produced by two-stroke and four-stroke non-road engines,

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1814 Seliger, Kel(R) Relating to oversize and overweight vehicle permits.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires TxDot maintain a list on their website of each county that has issued an OW/OS permit. Makes a holder of the permit liable for the actual damage to roads.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1815 Seliger, Kel(R) Relating to motor vehicle size and weight limitations.


**Remarks:** MGJ - Allows car transporters that comply w/ weight, size limitations for a truck-tractor and semitrailer combo may transport cargo on a backhaul. Exempts emergency vehicles from weight limitations. Increases maximum weight for vehicles with idle reduction systems from 400lbs to 500lbs.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1816 Seliger, Kel(R) Relating to certain temporary vehicle permits and tags.

**Remarks:** MGJ - Allows TXDOT to establish a maximum number of temporary tags.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1819 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to procedures for and the consequences of the dishonorable discharge of certain peace officers.

**Companions:** [HB 4286](#) King, Ken(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Strips dishonorably discharged peace officers of eligibility to receive public pension. Officer to receive refunds of contributions plus interest. Spouse may petition court for equitable division so that spouse receives lesser pension amount.

Adds new ground for dishonorable discharge - officer leaves employment after prosecutor determines officer has committed conduct that must be disclosed to defense.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1821 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to contingent fee contracts for legal services.

**Companions:** [HB 1974](#) Canales, Terry(D) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

**Remarks:** JBD - Political subdivisions may enter into contingent fee contracts for legal services only after publishing written findings and only after the AG approves the contract. The bill adds to the definition of "contingent fee contract" any




amendment to a contingent fee contract if the amendment changes scope of representation, may result in filing of a lawsuit, or may result in amendment of petition in a lawsuit. This will require delay in executing legal strategy.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1822 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the postponement of certain dates relating to elections to be held in 2022.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Permits the SOS to delay the date of the general election in 2022 if a redistricting plan adopted by the legislature is not in effect by 11/1/2021


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1827 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to the creation of the opioid abatement account.

**Companions:** HB 4284 Holland, Justin(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGJ - Creates opioid abatement account in GR with money received from any source resulting directly or indirectly from an action by the state against an opioid manufacturer.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1828 Birdwell, Brian(R) Relating to the movement of certain vehicles transporting steel products made in the United States.

**Companions:** HB 4138 Ellzey, Jake (F)(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGJ - Authorizes TXDOT to issue permits for the movement of oversize or overweight vehicles transporting steel products made in the U.S. in Dallas, Ellis, and Johnson Counties on specified roads. Allows for a permit fee.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1832 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to the prosecution of the criminal offense of indecency with a child.

**Companions:** HB 198 Gonzalez, Mary(D) (Identical)  
2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** WLJ - Removes the opposite sex requirement from the Romeo and Juliet defense.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1834 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to a database of employers penalized for failure to pay wages or convicted of certain criminal offenses involving wage theft.

**Companions:** SB 162 Rodriguez, Jose(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - require the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), not later than December 1, 2019, to make available on its

website a publicly accessible database of all employers in Texas that have been assessed an administrative penalty for acting in bad faith in not paying wages, have been ordered to pay wages by a final order of the TWC and have failed to comply with the requirements of that order, or have been convicted of an offense relating to the failure to pay wages or convicted of theft of service, if the offense involved the theft of a service that was rendered by an employee of the employer.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1837 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to authorizing an optional county fee on vehicle registration in certain counties to be used for transportation projects.

**Companions:** SB 1078 Watson, Kirk(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
 HB 3237 Israel, Celia(D) (Identical)  
 3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

**Remarks:** aph - adds Travis and Williamson counties to the list of counties that can charge an additional \$20 on vehicle registration for transportation projects. The fee must be passed by referendum and by the commissioner's court.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1838 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to the modification of a 99-year lease of certain state property.

**Companions:** HB 3893 Hinojosa, Gina(D) (Identical)  
 3-11-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Grants Cap Metro (Austin) a 99 year lease to subsurface strata and a 99 year easement for the surface property for public transportation, subway and/or underground railway station, tunnel and/or terminal, and any retail, commercial, public performances and exhibitions, and public amenity purposes. Appears to relate to Cap Metro's transit plan, "Project Connect".

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1840 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to the system for appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes.

**Companions:** HB 1567 Middleton, Mayes(R) (Identical)  
 3- 8-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

**Remarks:** Current law provides that a comparable sale may be considered even if it occurred more than twenty-four months before the relevant appraisal date if there are not enough sales within that twenty-four months. This bill would repeal that exception to the twenty-four-month rule.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1842 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to the possession of property to be acquired by eminent domain during pending litigation in a

condemnation proceeding.

**Remarks:** JBD - Private condemnors must wait at least 180 days after special commissioners hearing before taking possession of property.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1844 Eckhardt, Sarah (F)(D) Relating to the collection and reporting of certain information regarding mental health jail diversion.

**Companions:** [HB 3075](#) Coleman, Garnet(D) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

**Remarks:** WLJ - Increases information on mental health data collected on the arrest of a person with mental health to include the reason for arrest, discrepancies in diversion and use of restraints.

Requires an officer report to the agency the description why the person was arrested, initial reason for interaction, if there was a search and why, if they tried to divert, if they used restraint.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1848 Powell, Beverly(D) Relating to law enforcement policies for peace officer response to certain family violence offenses.

**Companions:** [HB 2895](#) Romero, Ramon(D) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety


**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:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1853 Powell, Beverly(D) Relating to a temporary exemption from sales and use taxes for certain personal protective equipment.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows for a temporary sales tax exemption for PPE until January 1, 2022.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1854 Powell, Beverly(D) Relating to an appeal through binding arbitration of an appraisal review board order determining a protest concerning a residence homestead for which the property owner has elected to defer.

**Remarks:** MGV - Provides that taxes are not considered delinquent on property subject to an appeal if the owner has elected to defer collection and deferral is still in effect.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1867 West, Royce(D)

Relating to the issuance and execution of certain search warrants in a criminal investigation and the admissibility of evidence obtained through certain searches.

**Companions:** HB 3363 Harless, Sam(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires warrant for law enforcement to obtain location information for wireless devices.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1870 Miles, Borris(D)

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

**Companions:** HB 1288 Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education

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

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1871 Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to penalties for violating certain county and municipal regulations regarding the operation of a boarding home facility.

**Remarks:** MGV - For county or city that requires a boarding home facility, removes ability to impose fine for noncompliance. Creates civil penalty of up to \$1000. Creates criminal offense if owner intentionally violates local regulation punishable of \$500 fine, 1 day in jail, or both.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1874 Miles, Borris(D)

Relating to the duty of a county clerk to send a copy of a recorded deed to the grantor.

**Remarks:** MGV - After a deed is recorded in real property records of county, requires county clerk to send copy of recorded deed to grantor

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1877 Johnson, Nathan(D)

Relating to birth records of adopted persons.

**Companions:** HB 1386 Harris, Cody(R) (Identical)  
3-17-21 H Committee action pending House Public Health

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

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed


SB 1878 Zaffirini, Judith(D)

Relating to the authority of certain counties to cancel platted subdivisions that have remained undeveloped.

**Companions:** [HB 4426](#) King, Tracy(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed


**Remarks:** MGV - Applies to Webb Co. Expands requirement to cancel plat to an area that is located in the ETJ.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  [SB 1879](#) Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the authorization and reporting of expenditures for lobbying activities by certain political subdivisions and other public entities.


**Remarks:** WLJ - Permits political subdivisions to spend money on lobbying services only if only if the expenditure is authorized by a majority vote of the governing body of the political subdivision in an open meeting of the governing body. Requires reporting to the TEC and posting online of certain information related to the expenditure for lobbying services.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  [SB 1880](#) Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the renewal of local disaster declarations.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires declaration of local disaster continuing beyond seven days to have consent of governing body of political subdivision in a public meeting. Thereafter, declaration after 30 days may only be renewed by governing body of political subdivision in a public meeting.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  [SB 1881](#) Buckingham, Dawn(R) Relating to the applicability of the prohibition on governmental entities adopting certain regulations governing the use of certain building products, materials, or methods.

**Remarks:** MGV - Expands current prohibition on govt entities adopting regulations using certain building products to include a building located in an area designated as an entry corridor for development, restoration, or preservation

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  [SB 1884](#) Whitmire, John(D) Relating to postconviction forensic DNA testing.

**Companions:** [HB 3424](#) Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[HB 217](#) Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Identical)  
2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** JBD - Defines "exculpatory results" for post-conviction DNA testing purposes.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  [SB 1885](#) Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to open meetings of governmental bodies.

**Remarks:** MGV - Applies to open meeting of govt body where public access to any open portion is limited. Requires AV of all open portions live over the Internet and provide a link to broadcast

in meeting notice or allow public to listen via phone, provide a toll-free #, and include # in the meeting notice.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1886 Campbell, Donna(R) Relating to the manner in which an individual who has elected to defer collection of a tax, abate a suit to collect delinquent tax, or abate a sale to foreclose a tax lien.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires collector for a taxing unit to indicated on each delinquent tax roll whether a delinquent tax is deferred or abated.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1893 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the release on bail of a person charged with a violation of parole or mandatory supervision.

**Remarks:** JBD - Magistrate may release blue warrant on bond if violation is only new Class C offense.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1894 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to a limitation on the use of certain unsubstantiated information relating to peace officer misconduct.

**Companions:** HB 3831 Geren, Charlie(R) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Law enforcement entities may not tell prosecutors of allegations of misconduct against peace officers unless allegations have been finally adjudicated and sustained. Prosecutors may not use an un-sustained allegation to determine an officer is not credible. Officer may bring administrative proceeding at SOAH to challenge determination by prosecutor that officer is not credible.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1897 West, Royce(D) Relating to the appointment of attorneys ad litem for children in the managing conservatorship of this state and funding those attorneys ad litem through an instant-ticket lottery.

**Remarks:** JBD - Mandates that attorney ad litem appointments continue for as long as DFPS is child's permanent managing conservator. Mandates creation of scratch-off lottery with proceeds going to counties to help cover costs of attorneys ad litem when kids in permanent managing conservatorship of DFPS.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1899 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to elections.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Amends elections to include; decreases age to register to vote to 16 years; allows for online voter registration application; allows for automatic voter registration while attaining a drivers license; commissioners court shall designate as a polling place at a place of higher education if


at last 5000 students are registered; and 2 polling places at a education venue of 10k or more

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1901 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to ensuring political subdivisions hold elections required by law.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Creates a right of injunction if an elections administrators delays or cancels an electin they are required to hold without prior approval from the SOS.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1903 Whitmire, John(D) Relating to the state's continuing duty to disclose exculpatory, impeachment, or mitigating evidence in a criminal case and prohibited retaliation against local assistant prosecutors.

**Companions:** HB 1717 Thompson, Senfronia(D) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence


**Remarks:** MGV - Creates protection of assistant prosecutors for disclosing evidence favorable to defendant.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1905 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to authorizing an optional county fee imposed on an applicant for a motor vehicle certificate of title.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a commissioners court to authorize an optional county fee of \$5 if approved by voters.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1906 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to the purposes for which property must be used to be eligible for ad valorem tax benefits under the Texas Economic Development Act.

**Companions:** HB 4351 Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Adds an administrative office and a distribution warehouse as eligible property for tax benefits under TX Economic Development Act.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1907 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to a feasibility study on the colocation of federal and state motor vehicle inspection facilities at ports of entry.

**Companions:** HB 4201 Martinez, Armando(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Directs TTI, in consultation with TxDOT and DPS, to conduct a feasibility study on erecting and maintaining a colocated federal and state inspection facility at each POE for the inspection of motor vehicles for compliance with federal and state commercial motor vehicle regulations.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1908 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to the purchase of cybersecurity insurance coverage by the Texas Department of Transportation.

**Companions:** HB 3390 Thompson, Ed(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Permits TxDOT to purchase insurance coverage that TxDOT considers necessary to protect against liability, revenue, and property losses that may result from a data breach or cyber attack.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1910 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to the authority of the Texas Department of Transportation to provide road services on federal military property.

**Companions:** HB 3399 Ortega, Lina(D) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLj - Permits TxDOT to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Defense or another federal entity to allow TxDOT to assist with the provision of road maintenance, improvement, relocation, or extension services for military installations. Prohibits the use of state funds under such an agreement.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1919 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the authority of a property owner to participate by videoconference at a protest hearing by an appraisal review board.

**Remarks:** MGv - Allows a property owner to participate via videoconference at a protest hearing.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1923 Zaffirini, Judith(D) Relating to certain criminal court costs, fines, and fees.

**Remarks:** JBD - clarifies that certain fees and fines in criminal cases are for reimbursement of costs incurred. Fixes a glitch on the effective date of fees specified in statute to take effect January 1.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1925 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to the publication of the record of voters who voted in an election.

**Remarks:** WLj - Requires publication of the record of voters who voted in an election to the SOS's website.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1926 Hughes, Bryan(R) Relating to a private civil cause of action against local entities and campus police departments that violate certain laws related to immigration enforcement.

MGV - Creates private civil action against local entities that



**Remarks:** violate SB 4 (immigration policies) if it causes personal injury or death. Waives immunity. Court may award reasonable costs and attorney's fees to the prevailing party.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1928 Hughes, Bryan(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.

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires a political subdivision to participate in the E-verify program to verify information of all new employees. Subjects employee of political subdivision who is responsible for verifying information to immediate termination if employee fails to comply.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1929 Hughes, Bryan(R)

Relating to the availability of certain remedies for the burdening by a government agency of a person's free exercise of religion.

**Remarks:** JBD - Clarifies that waiver of immunity for violation of religious rights does not apply to non-Texas citizens. Also clarifies that religious freedom does not effect any limitation on abortion.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1937 Hughes, Bryan(R)

Relating to decedents' estates and the delivery of certain notices or other communications in connection with those estates or multiple-party accounts.

**Companions:** [HB 2182](#) Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** WLJ - Among other things, allows the county clerk to deliver communications on estates via "a qualified delivery method" which included a courier, certified mail, and a private delivery service.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1938 Creighton, Brandon(R)


Relating to the representation of parties in justice court cases and to the correction or removal of certain obsolete provisions of the Property Code.

**Companions:** [HB 3503](#) Lambert, Stan(R) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Permits parties in JP court to be represented by attorney, self, or an authorized agent. JP may permit pro se individuals to be assisted by family member.

Remainder of bill updates or removes obsolete statutory references.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1940 Gutierrez, Roland (F)(D) Relating to the operation and administration of and practice and procedure related to proceedings in the judicial branch of state government.

**Remarks:** JBD - alters jurisdiction of county courts at law in McLennan and Reeves counties.


Prohibits JP from accepting plea unless the defendant appears to be mentally competent and the plea is free and voluntary.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1952 Paxton, Angela(R) Relating to the capture and use of an individual's biometric identifiers, specimen, or genetic information by a governmental body or peace officer or by a person for commercial purposes.

**Remarks:** JBD - governments cannot capture or possess biometric identifiers without statutory authority. Crime investigation is specifically permitted. Genetic information is confidential.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1953 Paxton, Angela(R) Relating to the procedures for requesting or applying for certain ad valorem tax refunds and exemptions.

**Companions:** [HB 4270](#) Rodriguez, Eddie(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows person owed a refund to file with the CAD a written request that the refund be sent to a particular address. Requires application for a homestead exemption to include a statement explaining the applicant may be eligible to file a late application. Prohibits CAD from denying homestead exemption application based on issue date on driver's license or personal ID certificate.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1977 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to voting while confined in jail.

**Companions:** [SB 1202](#) Miles, Borris(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the SOS and the jail authority and the early voting clerk to inform inmates in jail of their voting right and provide them an opportunity to vote.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 1978 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the criminal offense of unlawfully prohibiting an employee from voting.

**Companions:** [HB 579](#) Vo, Hubert(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)  
[HB 1150](#) Vo, Hubert(D) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections  
[HB 1152](#) Vo, Hubert(D) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands the offense of an employer refusing to allow their employee to vote to include the early voting period.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1985 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to qualifications for sheriffs in certain counties.

**Remarks:** MGV - Reduces when an elected peace officer must be licensed by TCOLE from the 2nd anniversary of the date the officer takes office to the date the officer takes office. If commissioner's court votes unanimously to waive the license requirement, the peace officer must obtain the license by the second anniversary.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1989 Miles, Borris(D) Relating to the prosecution of and penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marihuana.

**Companions:** HB 498 Wu, Gene(D) (Identical)  
2-25-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

**Remarks:** JBD - makes possession of 1 oz or less a Class C misdemeanor.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1994 Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to the eligibility of land for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land based on its use to raise or keep bees.

**Companions:** HB 4319 Shine, Hugh(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Land appraised as 1-d-1 land on the basis of beekeeping would have to have at least six colonies of bees and the colonies would have to be located there at least nine months a year.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 1995 Springer, Drew (F)(R) Relating to the appraisal of land for ad valorem tax purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

**Companions:** HB 4320 Shine, Hugh(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** MGV - Moves submission date of an ag land application from May 1 to April 1. Allows CAD by written order to extend deadline to June 1.

Makes eligible land used to raise or keep bees as qualified open-space land.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 2003 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the sale of fireworks on and before the Juneteenth holiday and on and before Labor Day holiday.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Permits the sale of fireworks on June 19 (Juneteenth)


and 5 days before labor day. Repeals commissioners court authority requirement.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2006 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to publication and posting of notice by certain governmental entities and representatives.

**Remarks:** MGV - Allows a govt entity required by law to provide notice by publication in a newspaper to satisfy the requirement by posting on the entity's website and on the internet website of a newspaper.Exempts counties of less than 10,000.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2007 Huffman, Joan(R) Relating to enhancing the criminal penalties for certain repeat and habitual offenders.

**Companions:** HB 1509 Murphy, Jim(R) (Identical)  
3-22-21 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. OR ADJ.,  
E2.010, House Criminal Jurisprudence


**Remarks:** JBD - Enhancement of Class A if defendant has within the preceding 10 years 4 or more prior convictions for Class A or any felony and at least one was felony .

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2011 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to the criminal offense of interference with child custody and a peace officer's duties with respect to that offense.

**Remarks:** JBD - Mandates peace officers to look for child upon receiving a report of interference with child custody.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2012 Taylor, Larry(R) Relating to the offense of operating certain vehicles without a license plate.

**Remarks:** JBD - New offense if a motor vehicle equipped by the manufacturer with an area to display a license plate is operated on public highway without a license plate.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2020 Powell, Beverly(D) Relating to the regulation of coin-operated machines.

**Companions:** HB 810 Collier, Nicole(D) (Identical)  
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on Licensing and Administrative  
Procedures

**Remarks:** MGV - Requires Comptroller to disclose confidential information to a law enforcement agency that submits a request for the information in connection with an investigation regarding the regulation of coin-operated machines.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2027 Creighton, Brandon(R) Relating to the procedure for transferring certain cases and proceedings between courts.

**Companions:** [HB 1365](#) Clardy, Travis(R) (Identical)  
3- 5-21 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Judiciary and Civil  
Jurisprudence


**Remarks:** JBD - Requires transferring and receiving courts to use efile  
Texas.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  [SB 2036](#) [Menendez, Jose\(D\)](#) Relating to the voter registration of naturalized United  
States citizens.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Automatic voter registration for naturalized citizens in  
conjunction with ICE and DPS.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  [SB 2045](#) [Menendez, Jose\(D\)](#) Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding  
discrimination in payment of compensation.

**Companions:** [SB 112](#) Menendez, Jose(D) (Refiled from 86R  
Session)

**Remarks:** JBD - Claims for employment discrimination must be filed  
with TWC within 180 days. Bill says wage discrimination  
occurs every payday. Wages up to 2 years prior to complaint  
can be recouped.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  [SB 2049](#) [Menendez, Jose\(D\)](#) Relating to guardians ad litem for children who are in  
the juvenile justice system and the child protective  
services system.

**Companions:** [HB 3895](#) Wu, Gene(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - If a juvenile the subject of a removal action brought by  
DFPS is charged with delinquency, the juvenile court may  
appoint the juvenile's ad litem from the DFPS case to also  
serve an ad litem in the delinquency case. This is in addition  
to the juvenile's attorney.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed


  [SB 2052](#) [Menendez, Jose\(D\)](#) Relating to the provision of electricity service in this  
state.

**Companions:** [HB 3362](#) Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed  
[SB 2109](#) Schwertner, Charles(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - provide that a retail electric customer is entitled to: (a)  
participate in demand response programs through retail  
electric providers and demand response providers; and (b)  
receive notice from the retail electric provider that serves the  
customer: (i) when the independent organization for the  
ERCOT power region issues an emergency energy alert  
about low operating reserves to providers of generation in the

power region; or (ii) of imminent rolling outages and the length of time the outages are planned or expected to last; (2) require the Public Utility Commission to adopt rules that require each retail electric provider in the ERCOT power region to create a residential demand response program to reduce the average total residential load by at least: (a) one percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2022; (b) two percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2023; (c) three percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2024; and (d) five percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2025; and (3) require the PUC to adopt rules that require all electric utilities, municipally owned utilities, and electric cooperatives that own transmission and distribution assets in this state to file and implement an outage plan that includes a plan for shutting off customer access to electricity in the event of the need for rolling outages to prevent brown-outs and black-outs.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2072 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to the creation of a mental health jail diversion pilot program in Bexar County.

**Companions:** HB 3621 Cortez, Philip(D) (Identical)  
3-10-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Mental Health Jail diversion pilot program in Bexar County contingent on funding from the state on a case rate.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2083 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to programs that can be established and funded under the Texas emissions reduction plan.

**Companions:** HB 2994 Lopez, Ray(D) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation


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

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2084 Menendez, Jose(D) Relating to the authority of certain counties to raise revenue for low cost sterilizations for dogs and cats by imposing a refundable fee for dogs and cats who are not sterilized.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows a county with a population of 75k and more to access at least \$25 refundable fee for an animal not sterilized at adoption.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2086 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the establishment of the Texas Uninsured Vehicle Enforcement Program.

**Companions:** HB 1119 Lucio III, Eddie(D) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and

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**Remarks:** MGV - Creates TX Uninsured Vehicle Enforcement Program to use automatic license plate reader systems to identify the uninsured. Allows TXDOT to install a system on appropriate infrastructure owned by the state or a political subdivision.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2088 Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to the indemnification of certain county officials or employees for attorney's fees.

**Remarks:** JBD - Requires counties to pay defense costs of elected and appointed county officials and their employees charged with a crime for an act or omission within the scope of the office if the charge is dismissed or the person is acquitted.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2089 Lucio, Eddie(D)

Relating to the use of county hotel occupancy tax revenue by certain counties.

**Companions:** [HB 2543](#) Dominguez, Alex(D) (Identical)  
3-17-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

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

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2090 Johnson, Nathan(D)

Relating to the authority of certain political subdivisions to issue anticipation notes and other obligations in the event of certain emergencies.

**Remarks:** JBD - Currently anticipation notes may be issued for losses due to hurricane or tropical storm. Bill expands authority to cover any severe weather-related event and epidemic or pandemic.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2093 Hall, Bob(R)

Relating to requiring candidates for nomination by convention to pay a filing fee or submit a petition in lieu of a filing fee.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for a filing fee or a petition in lieu of a fee for a candidate for nomination at a convention.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2107 Schwertner, Charles(R)


Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on the feasibility of charging a pavement consumption fee for the operation of certain motor vehicles on public highways.

**Companions:** [HB 1651](#) Wilson, Terry(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires TxDOT to conduct a study on the feasibility of charging a pavement consumption fee in the amount of the

reasonable cost to repair damage to the pavement of a highway caused by the normal operation of certain vehicles.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2109 Schwertner, Charles(R) Relating to the provision of electricity service in this state.

**Companions:** HB 3362 Reynolds, Ron(D) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed  
SB 2052 Menendez, Jose(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 S Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - provide that a retail electric customer is entitled to: (a) participate in demand response programs through retail electric providers and demand response providers; and (b) receive notice from the retail electric provider that serves the customer: (i) when the independent organization for the ERCOT power region issues an emergency energy alert about low operating reserves to providers of generation in the power region; or (ii) of imminent rolling outages and the length of time the outages are planned or expected to last; (2) require the Public Utility Commission to adopt rules that require each retail electric provider in the ERCOT power region to create a residential demand response program to reduce the average total residential load by at least: (a) one percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2022; (b) two percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2023; (c) three percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2024; and (d) five percent of peak summer and winter demand by December 31, 2025; and (3) require the PUC to adopt rules that require all electric utilities, municipally owned utilities, and electric cooperatives that own transmission and distribution assets in this state to file and implement an outage plan that includes a plan for shutting off customer access to electricity in the event of the need for rolling outages to prevent brown-outs and black-outs.


**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2110 Schwertner, Charles(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.

**Companions:** HB 2811 Murphy, Jim(R) (Identical)  
3-18-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Environmental Regulation

**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:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2113 Lucio, Eddie(D) Relating to the consideration of the views of a close relative of a deceased victim regarding the imposition of the death penalty in a capital case.

**Companions:** HB 3938 Moody, Joe(D) (Refiled from 86R Session)



SB 1554

Lucio, Eddie(D)

(Refiled from 86R  
Session)

**Remarks:** WLJ - Requires the consideration of the views of the deceased person when considering imposition of the death penalty.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2117 Hinojosa, Chuy(D)

Relating to the authority of certain counties to issue revenue bonds for certain solid waste management projects.

**Companions:** HB 3981 Martinez, Armando(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** JBD - Bracketed to only Hidalgo County, permits issuance of revenue bonds for solid waste facility.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2126 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D)

Relating to the inclusion of adults with mental illness in reduced-fare programs of public transportation providers.

**Companions:** HB 3914 Ortega, Lina(D) (Identical)  
3-11-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Extends public transportation reduced fare programs for people with IDD to persons with mental illness.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2127 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D)

Relating to the disposition of charges for registering a motor vehicle that has been operated while improperly registered.

**Companions:** HB 995 Fierro, Art(D) (Identical)  
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Transportation

**Remarks:** MGV - For delinquent registration fee by a person arrested or received citation for driving w/o proper registration, provides a county assessor-collector to credit the county road and bridge fund by 50% of this revenue.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

  SB 2128 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D)

Relating to the amount of certain motor vehicle sales and use taxes and penalties that a county may retain each year.

**Companions:** HB 601 Fierro, Art(D) (Identical)  
3- 1-21 H Introduced and referred to  
committee on House Ways and Means

**Remarks:** aph - increases the amount of sales tax on motor vehicles to be retained by counties from 5% to 6%.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 2129 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to disposition of motor vehicle registration fees collected by a county assessor-collector.

**Companions:** HB 1020 Fierro, Art(D) (Identical)  
3- 4-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

**Remarks:** aph - increases the amount of money retained by counties from vehicle registration fees. Increases flow to the county road and bridge fund.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 2130 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to the establishment by certain counties and hospital districts of disease control pilot programs to reduce the risk of certain infectious and communicable diseases.

**Companions:** HB 3233 Moody, Joe(D) (Identical)  
3-19-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

**Remarks:** WLJ - Allows for expanded participation of a needle exchange program to include the counties and hospital district that establish a disease control pilot program.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 2133 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to the use of hotel occupancy tax revenue by certain counties and municipalities.

**Companions:** HB 4305 Morales, Eddie (F)(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed

**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands HOT to a city in a county with 6000 square miles and a city in a county with 3,850 - 4,000 miles.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 2139 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to criminal offenses related to mass violence.

**Remarks:** JBD - Creates new offense of mass violence (4 or more suffer serious bodily injury or death). Capital offense if at least one death.

CJD to develop grant program to support prosecution of mass violence offenses.






**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

SB 2140 Blanco, Cesar (F)(D) Relating to the development and operation of a transportation project by a regional mobility authority.

**Companions:** HB 4532 Ortega, Lina(D) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed


**Remarks:** WLJ - Expands the definition of a transportation project under the RMA Act to include an urban green space or aesthetic enhancement located adjacent to or connected with an interstate highway.

**Last Action:** 3-12-21 S Filed

-   SJR 49 Alvarado, Carol(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment to foster economic development and job growth and to provide tax relief and funding for education and public safety by creating the Texas Gaming Commission.
- Companions:** HJR 133 Kuempel, John(R) (Identical)  
3- 9-21 H Filed
- Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment establishing the TX Gaming Commission
- Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
-   SJR 50 Paxton, Angela(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to review and terminate an order issued by the governor during a state of disaster or emergency declared by the governor.
- Companions:** HJR 150 Sanford, Scott(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed
- Remarks:** MGV - Constitutional amendment authorizing Lege to terminate during a regular or special session a Gov's disaster or emergency order.
- Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
-   SJR 51 Creighton, Brandon(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the unsolicited distribution of an application form for an absentee ballot.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Constitutional amendment prohibits unsolicited absentee ballot application.
- Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
-   SJR 52 Birdwell, Brian(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas emissions reduction plan fund for the purpose of administering and implementing programs relating to reducing emissions.
- Remarks:** WLJ - Establishes the Texas emissions reduction plan fund as the trust fund. Money in the fund may be spent without legislative appropriation and may be used as provided by general law for the purpose of administering and implementing programs relating to reducing emissions of air contaminants or other pollutants and preventing areas of the state from being in violation of national ambient air quality standards.
- Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources/Economic Development
-   SJR 56 Creighton, Brandon(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of county treasurer of Galveston County.
- Companions:** HJR 120 Middleton, Mayes(R) (Identical)  
3-15-21 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

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


**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

  SJR 57 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to extend the number of days that certain tangible personal property that is exempt from ad valorem taxation due to its location in this state for a temporary period.

**Companions:** [SJR 43](#) Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Refiled from 86R Session)


**Remarks:** WLJ - amends the Texas Constitution to extend from 175 to 365 the number of days by which Freeport goods must be transported outside the state in order to be exempt from property taxation.

**Last Action:** 3-18-21 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance

  SJR 58 Campbell, Donna(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit a person from being placed on a ballot as a candidate for public office if the person has an outstanding financial obligation payable to the Texas Ethics Commission.

**Remarks:** JBD - Persons owing money to Ethics commission cannot be placed on ballot.


**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

  SJR 59 Nichols, Robert(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment to constitutionally dedicate certain revenue directed to the state highway fund for the purposes of acquiring, constructing, and maintaining public roadways.

**Companions:** [HJR 161](#) Ashby, Trent(R) (Identical)  
3-12-21 H Filed


**Remarks:** WLJ - Proposes a constitutional amendment stating that all revenue received from fees for permits for OS/OW vehicles that general law directs to the SHF may be used only to acquire, construct, and maintain public roadways.

**Last Action:** 3-10-21 S Filed

  SJR 60 Hall, Bob(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding certain actions involving the conduct of elections and the powers of the legislature to file certain actions against the governor and other state officials.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Constitutional Amendment permits a member of the legislature to sue the Governor or other member state official for a violation of any law regarding elections.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

  SJR 61 Campbell, Donna(R) Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting temporary suspension of absentee voting procedures and fixing deadlines for absentee voting.

**Remarks:** WLJ - Const. Amendment qualifications for absentee ballot cant be amended or suspended except by act of the legislature.

**Last Action:** 3-11-21 S Filed

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