



ANNEXATION LEGISLATION

03-06-2017 - 10:53:12

- [HB 299](#) [Larson, Lyle\(R\)](#) Relating to municipal annexation.
Remarks: This is an extensive rewrite of the state annexation laws. Needs to be analyzed and tracked.
Last Action: 2-13-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management
- [HB 424](#) [Huberty, Dan\(R\)](#) Relating to municipal annexation.
Remarks: Broad annexation bill that needs to be analyzed and tracked.
Last Action: 2-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management
- [HB 1952](#) [Schofield, Mike\(R\)](#) Relating to the procedures for municipal annexation by certain municipalities.
Last Action: 2-15-17 H Filed
- [HB 2099](#) [Kuempel, John\(R\)](#) Relating to the annexation of an unincorporated enclave by certain general-law municipalities.
Companions: [HB 1609](#) Kuempel, John(R) (Refiled from 84R Session)
Remarks: Applies to City of Santa Clara in Guadalupe County
Last Action: 2-20-17 H Filed
- [HB 2100](#) [Kuempel, John\(R\)](#) Relating to authority of certain general-law municipalities to annex an area without consent.
Remarks: Applies to City of Santa Clara in Guadalupe County.
Last Action: 2-20-17 H Filed
- [HB 2272](#) [Schofield, Mike\(R\)](#) Relating to the procedures for municipal annexation.
Remarks: Requires an election, majority voter request, all landowners request or municipality to own area that is annexed for full or limited purposes.
Last Action: 2-22-17 H Filed
- [HB 2416](#) [Schofield, Mike\(R\)](#) Relating to the extraterritorial jurisdiction of and municipal annexation by certain municipalities.
Companions: [SB 1259](#) Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)
3- 3-17 S Filed

Remarks: Applies on to Houston. Excludes non-full purpose ETJ of from area from which extent of ETJ is determined. Prohibits taxation of ETJ unless fire and police services are provided. After 2022, removes all ETJ and prohibits annexation and requires disannexation of any area not receiving full services.

Last Action: 2-24-17 H Filed

[HB 2503](#)

[Miller, Rick\(R\)](#)

Relating to the use of sales tax revenue collected under certain contracts.

Remarks: Applies to MUDs in H-G Subsidence Dist or Ft. Bend Subsidence Dist with SPA or Contract with Houston re Sales Tax. Requires use of sales tax funds by City for road and drainage (50%) and by MUD for water, sewer, drainage, roads, parks, fire service or public safety (75%).

Last Action: 2-27-17 H Filed

[HB 2596](#)

[Larson, Lyle\(R\)](#)

Relating to certain notice of the extent of a municipality or its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Companions: [SB 655](#) Bettencourt, Paul(R) (Identical)
2-14-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

Last Action: 3- 1-17 H Filed

[SB 465](#)

[Lucio, Eddie\(D\)](#)

Relating to voting rights in the areas that are included in a municipality's annexation plan.

Remarks: Allows voters in are subject to municipal annexation plan to vote in municipal elections, but not run for office.

Allows voters included in a municipality's annexation plan to vote in municipal elections for the election/recall of members of the governing body, election/recall of the controller (if it is an elective position), and the amendment of the municipal charter.

Does not allow those individuals to vote in a municipal bond election prior to annexation. Requires notice from the city.

Last Action: 2- 6-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

[SB 471](#)

[Lucio, Eddie\(D\)](#)

Relating to the inclusion of certain areas in a municipal annexation plan.

Remarks: Reduces threshold for inclusion in annexation plan from 100 homes to 50 homes. Limited to a MUD, water control and improvement district, or conservation or reclamation district.

Last Action: 2- 6-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

[SB 655](#)

[Bettencourt, Paul\(R\)](#)

Relating to certain notice of the extent of a municipality or its extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Companions: [HB 2596](#) Larson, Lyle(R) (Identical)
3- 1-17 H Filed

Remarks: Requires city to make digital map of city limits and ETJ available on website and at city without charge. Requires notice to each property owner in new city limits or ETJ area.

Last Action: 2-14-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

[SB 715](#)

[Campbell, Donna\(R\)](#)

Relating to municipal annexation.

Remarks: Removes limited purpose annexation, except for water district SPAs. Requires petition of more than 50% of voters and landowners to annex area with fewer than 200 residents. Requires an election for areas with more than 200 residents and consent of more than 50% of landowners. Requires annexation of LPA areas by end of plan.

Last Action: 2-21-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

[SB 1259](#)

[Bettencourt, Paul\(R\)](#)

Relating to the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipal annexation by certain municipalities.

Companions: [HB 2416](#) Schofield, Mike(R) (Identical)
2-24-17 H Filed

Remarks: Applies on to Houston. Excludes non-full purpose ETJ of from area from which extent of ETJ is determined. Prohibits taxation of ETJ unless fire and police services are provided. After 2022, removes all ETJ and prohibits annexation and requires disannexation of any area not receiving full services.

Last Action: 3- 3-17 S Filed

	All	Track
Total Bills:	14	14



ELECTION LEGISLATION

03-06-2017 - 10:53:42

- [HB 151](#) [Simmons, Ron\(R\)](#) Relating to a proposition to approve the issuance of bonds or other debt.
- Companions:** [HB 1283](#) Simmons, Ron(R) (Refiled from 84R Session)
- Remarks:** Requires that bond elections be conducted only on the November uniform election date.
- Last Action:** 2-15-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections
- [HB 739](#) [Shaheen, Matt\(R\)](#) Relating to ballot propositions authorizing certain political subdivisions to issue bonds.
- Remarks:** Requires that a ballot proposition authorizing a political subdivision to issue bonds include specific content and comply with a form adopted by the Secretary of State. The political subdivision must also post the sample ballot on its website prior to the election.
- As filed, applies only to counties, municipalities and school districts. Requires additional disclosures for a bond election.
- Last Action:** 2-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections
- [HB 1271](#) [Lang, Mike \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to holding elections on uniform election dates.
- Remarks:** Removes the first Saturday in May as a uniform election date.
- Last Action:** 2-23-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections
- [HB 1509](#) [Isaac, Jason\(R\)](#) Relating to the election of board members of certain emergency services districts.
- Remarks:** Requires an ESD in a county with a population of more than 200,000. hold an at large election for the selection of five emergency services commissioners. The elected commissioners serve 2 year terms. The board must reimburse the county for the county's election costs and continue to hold elections for commissioners in each even-numbered year on the November uniform election date.
- Applies to ESDs located wholly in Dallas, Tarrant, Bexar, Travis, El Paso, Collin, Hidalgo, Denton, Fort Bend, Montgomery, Williamson, Cameron, Nueces, Brazoria, Bell, Galveston, Lubbock, Jefferson, Webb, and McLennan County.

Does not affect Harris County, but says that an ESD in a county over 200,000 will have elected commissioners with two year terms.

Last Action: 2- 2-17 H Filed

[HB 1658](#) [Phelan, Dade\(R\)](#) Relating to required disclosures in ballot proposition language authorizing political subdivisions to issue bonds or impose or change a tax.

Remarks: Significantly increases the ballot language disclosures for a tax election. This would include a sales tax election.

Last Action: 2- 8-17 H Filed

[HB 1773](#) [Swanson, Valoree \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to an election authorizing the issuance of bonds or an increase in taxes by a political subdivision.

Remarks: Would declare a bond or tax increase election void unless 25% of the registered voters vote.

Last Action: 2-13-17 H Filed

[HB 1933](#) [Springer, Drew\(R\)](#) Relating to the uniform election dates for certain political subdivisions.

Companions: [SB 363](#) Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)
2- 1-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: Adds 1st Tuesday in March to uniform election dates, which would put them on the same day as primary elections. Doesn't eliminate May uniform election date.

Last Action: 2-15-17 H Filed

[SB 173](#) [Campbell, Donna\(R\)](#) Relating to the uniform election date.

Last Action: 1-25-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 245](#) [Burton, Konni\(R\)](#) Relating to voter information provided by political subdivisions before an election to authorize the issuance of bonds.

Remarks: Requires that a political subdivision conduct a public hearing and mail notice of the hearing to each owner of taxable property located in the political subdivision prior to a ballot proposition authorizing the issuance of bonds. Further requires the creation of a voter information document on the bond proposition.

Requires public hearing at which the authority must provide an extensive "voter information document" to each attendee, prior to bond election.

Last Action: 1-30-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

[SB 363](#) [Perry, Charles\(R\)](#) Relating to the uniform election dates for certain political subdivisions.

Companions: [HB 1933](#) Springer, Drew(R) (Identical)

Remarks: Adds 1st Tuesday in March to uniform election dates, which would put them on the same day as primary elections. Doesn't eliminate May uniform election date.

Last Action: 2- 1-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 467](#)

[Lucio, Eddie\(D\)](#)

Relating to a requirement for a ballot proposition.

Remarks: Requires a ballot proposition to "substantially submit the question with such definiteness and certainty in identifying the propositions chief features that the voters are not misled". This section is superseded where ballot language is prescribed by other law.

Requires certainty of ballot positions to extent that voters are not misled.

Last Action: 2- 6-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 488](#)

[Bettencourt, Paul\(R\)](#)

Relating to requirements for certain petitions requesting an election and ballot propositions.

Remarks: Comprehensive bill dealing with ballot language for propositions, remedies for misleading language, and petition requirements.

Last Action: 2- 6-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

	All	Track
Total Bills:	12	12



EMPLOYEE/VOLUNTEER LEGISLATION

03-06-2017 - 10:54:09

- [T HB 43](#) [Flynn, Dan\(R\)](#) Relating to the public retirement systems of certain municipalities.
Last Action: 2-13-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Pensions
- [T HB 357](#) [Huberty, Dan\(R\)](#) Relating to the eligibility of the children of certain first responders for free prekindergarten programs in public schools.
Last Action: 2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Education
- [T HB 381](#) [Collier, Nicole\(D\)](#) Relating to sovereign and governmental liability for workers' compensation benefits and related relief.
Companions: [HB 3166](#) Collier, Nicole(D) (Refiled from 84R Session)
Last Action: 2-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
- [T HB 451](#) [Moody, Joe\(D\)](#) Relating to waiver of immunity in certain employment discrimination actions in connection with a workers' compensation claim.
Companions: [HB 512](#) Moody, Joe(D) (Refiled from 84R Session)
Remarks: Waives sovereign and governmental immunity for a state and local government when a first responder alleges employment discrimination connected to a workers' compensation claim. Limits the liability of a political subdivision under this provision to \$100,000.
Last Action: 2-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry
- [T HB 473](#) [Moody, Joe\(D\)](#) Relating to the employment of certain peace officers, detention officers, county jailers, or firefighters who are injured in the course and scope of duty.
Remarks: Applies only to an governmental entity that does not have a Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission under Loc. Gov't Code 143. Prohibits a governmental entity from discharging, suspending, or terminating a peace officer, detention officer, county jailer, or firefighter from employment because of an injury before the employee is certified as having reached maximum medical improvement. Further waives sovereign immunity, allows damages, and requires reinstatement of employment when a violation of this statute occurs.

Last Action: 2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

[HB 510](#)

[Davis, Sarah\(R\)](#)

Relating to payroll deductions for state and local government employee organizations.

Companions: [SB 13](#) Huffman, Joan(R) (Identical)
2-21-17 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs

Remarks: Prohibits the state and political subdivisions, including ESDs, to deduct from payroll for the payment of membership fees or dues for an employee association, labor organization, or union. But allows such deductions for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel employed by a state agency or a municipality.

Last Action: 2-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 590](#)

[Bohac, Dwayne\(R\)](#)

Relating to the liability of first responders who provide roadside assistance.

Remarks: Relieves first responder (Peace officer, fireman or EMT, including voluntary) of liability for simple negligence when giving roadside assistance, such as changing tire or charging battery.

Last Action: 2-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 786](#)

[VanDeaver, Gary\(R\)](#)

Relating to the prohibition of certain employment discrimination regarding an employee who is a volunteer emergency responder.

Remarks: Prohibits an employer of 20 or more employees, including state or political subdivision, from terminating or suspending an employee who is absent or late to their employment because they are a volunteer emergency responder responding to an emergency. Covers participants in an emergency service organization who does not receive compensation, including emergency medical services volunteers and a volunteer firefighters. The employee must make reasonable efforts to notify the employer that he or she will be absent or late and provide written verification of the emergency if requested.

Prohibits an employer from firing an employee who is a volunteer fire or EMS responder for being absent from work because of service during a declared emergency. Limited to 14 days.

Last Action: 2-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

[HB 919](#)

[Kacal, Kyle\(R\)](#)

Relating to workers' compensation insurance coverage for certain intrastate fire mutual aid system team members and regional incident management team members.

Remarks: Provides that a team established by the Department of Public Safety (DPS) under certain programs for fire emergencies (called either a "intrastate fire mutual aid

system team" or a "regional incident management team") obtains insurance coverage administered by the State Office of Risk Management regardless of whether the team member is a nongovernment or government employee.

State employees and employees of the Texas A&M University System who are participating on the team are considered to be performing their duties as if they were in their regular course and scope of employment.

Requires the Texas Division of Emergency Management, a division of DPS, to reimburse the State Office of Risk Management for the benefits paid on behalf of a covered member of a team. Under the insurance policy, income or death benefits are computed by calculating the team member's regular weekly wage except that the amount cannot exceed the state average weekly wage.

Extends worker's compensation coverage to persons acting in mutual aid at the direction of the Texas Division of Emergency Management. Coverage to be provided by state.

Last Action: 2-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Business and Industry

[HB 1009](#)

[Alonzo, Roberto\(D\)](#)

Relating to the regulation of firefighters and fire departments by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

Remarks: Limited only to firefighters employed by municipalities that have adopted Chapter 143, Local Government Code.

Limits wildland firefighting of municipal employed firefighters. Excludes VFD activities.

Last Action: 1-12-17 H Filed

[HB 1226](#)

[Herrero, Abel\(D\)](#)

Relating to exemption of certain firefighters and police officers from jury service.

Companions: [HB 1588](#) Lozano, Jose(R) (Identical)
2- 6-17 H Filed

Remarks: Allows a firefighter who is a permanent, paid employee of a fire department or of a special purpose district, or a police officer who is a permanent paid employee of the police department, to be excused from jury duty.

Exempts permanent, paid firefighters from jury duty.

Last Action: 2-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

[HB 1588](#)

[Lozano, Jose\(R\)](#)

Relating to exemption of certain firefighters and police officers from jury service.

Companions: [HB 1226](#) Herrero, Abel(D) (Identical)
2-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

Remarks: Exempts permanent paid firefighters of city, county or special district from jury duty.

Last Action: 2- 6-17 H Filed

[HB 1919](#) [Raymond, Richard\(D\)](#) Relating to increasing the punishment for an offense committed against a person because of bias or prejudice on the basis of service as a peace officer.

Last Action: 2-15-17 H Filed

[HB 1922](#) [Rodriquez, Eddie\(D\)](#) Relating to certain claims for benefits or compensation by survivors of fire fighters.

Companions: [SB 1069](#) Hughes, Bryan (F)(R) (Identical)
2-23-17 S Filed

Remarks: Excludes opinion of employer of firefighter regarding whether death was in course and scope. Engages presumption in favor of death from occupational disease.

Last Action: 2-15-17 H Filed

[HB 1958](#) [Springer, Drew\(R\)](#) Relating to the licensure or certification of volunteer firefighters and members of industrial emergency response teams.

Remarks: Prohibits TCFP or any other state agency from requiring a volunteer firefighter to obtain a certification.

Last Action: 2-15-17 H Filed

[HB 1983](#) [Wray, John\(R\)](#) Relating to the eligibility of a firefighter or a peace officer for workers' compensation benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder.

Remarks: Allows workers compensation benefits for PTSD for paid firefighters and peace officers.

Allows recovery for PTSD under certain circumstances and places burden of proof on fireman to prove that work was a substantial contributing factor. Would not apply to volunteers.

Last Action: 2-16-17 H Filed

[HB 2037](#) [Button, Angie\(R\)](#) Relating to the promotional system used in certain municipal civil service fire departments.

Last Action: 2-17-17 H Filed

[HB 2351](#) [Nevarez, Poncho\(D\)](#) Relating to the investigation of fire fighters employed by certain municipalities and districts.

Remarks: Applies procedures in Local Gov't Code 143.312 to paid ESD firefighters.

Bill gives civil service protections to ESD paid fireman. Gives fireman certain rights in connection with investigation.

Last Action: 2-23-17 H Filed

[HB 2672](#) [Collier, Nicole\(D\)](#) Relating to the relationship between public employers and fire and police employees

Remarks: Changes compensation comparison from private sector to other fire and police departments. Adds binding arbitration if unable to agree through collective bargaining.

Last Action: 3- 1-17 H Filed

[HB 2685](#)

[Martinez, Armando\(D\)](#)

Relating to conditions of employment for fire protection personnel of emergency service districts.

Remarks: Provides petition and election process to make municipal firefighter laws, including: (1) Local Gov't Code Chap 141, SubChap B - min salary for >175K population, longevity pay, salary schedule, and min. salary petition process (subject to CBA); and (2) Local Gov't Code 142 - work cycle and hours, max hours and vacation based on population, overtime hours, compensatory time, hospitalization costs, liability insurance, motor vehicle liability insurance, salary continuation and court appearance payments.

Last Action: 3- 2-17 H Filed

[HB 2693](#)

[Cain, Briscoe \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Relating to access to criminal history record information by certain fire departments.

Remarks: Allows non-TCFP regulated ESD departments to get DPS info on applicants and current employees/members.

Last Action: 3- 2-17 H Filed

[SB 13](#)

[Huffman, Joan\(R\)](#)

Relating to payroll deductions for state and local government employee organizations.

Companions: [HB 510](#) Davis, Sarah(R) (Identical)
2-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

Remarks: Prohibits the state and political subdivisions from using payroll deductions for the payment of membership fees or dues toward a professional organization, employee association, labor organization, or union UNLESS such payroll deductions are for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical services personnel employed by a state agency or a municipality.

Last Action: 2-21-17 S Reported from committee as substituted Senate State Affairs

[SB 237](#)

[Menendez, Jose\(D\)](#)

Relating to the licensing and regulation of certain employees of fire protection sprinkler system contractors.

Companions: [HB 1641](#) Farias, Joe(D) (Refiled from 84R Session)

Last Action: 1-30-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 580](#)

[Estes, Craig\(R\)](#)

Relating to the licensure or certification of volunteer firefighters and members of industrial emergency response teams.

Remarks: Prohibits regulation of volunteer firefighters. Prohibits a state agency from requiring a volunteer firefighter to obtain a license or certification to be a volunteer firefighter.

Prohibits a state agency from requiring a member of an industrial emergency response team to obtain a license or certification to be such a member.

Prohibits state agency from requiring licensing or certification of a volunteer firefighter.

Last Action: 2- 8-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

[SB 1069](#)

[Hughes, Bryan \(F\)\(R\)](#)

Relating to certain claims for benefits or compensation by survivors of fire fighters.

Companions: [HB 1922](#) Rodriguez, Eddie(D) (Identical)
2-15-17 H Filed

Remarks: Adds provisions related to benefits payments to survivors based upon incidence rate, casual link or deference in favor of medical opinion.

Lowers bar for probable cause to recover by survivor of firefighter.

Last Action: 2-23-17 S Filed

[SJR 22](#)

[Menendez, Jose\(D\)](#)

A joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment establishing an increased minimum wage.

Last Action: 1-30-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Natural Resources and Economic Develop

	All	Track
Total Bills:	26	26



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GUN LEGISLATION
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- [HB 56](#) [Flynn, Dan\(R\)](#) Relating to the carrying of a handgun by a first responder engaged in the actual discharge of the first responder's duties.
Last Action: 2-13-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety
- [HB 435](#) [King, Ken\(R\)](#) Relating to the application of certain weapons laws to and liability for certain actions of volunteer emergency services personnel licensed to carry a handgun.
Remarks: Creates a legal defense when volunteer emergency services personnel commit certain open or concealed carry trespass offenses while a valid gun license holder. Limits the civil liability of a governmental unit when a handgun discharges while carried by volunteer emergency services personnel who is licensed to carry a handgun. States that carrying a handgun is outside the course and scope of the volunteer emergency services personnel's duties for the purposes of litigation.
Last Action: 2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety
- [HB 466](#) [Anchia, Rafael\(D\)](#) Relating to limiting the locations in which a license holder may openly carry a handgun.
Last Action: 2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety
- [HB 982](#) [Wray, John\(R\)](#) Relating to the carrying of a handgun by a first responder engaged in the actual discharge of the first responder's duties.
Remarks: Prohibits a political subdivision from prohibiting a first responder from carrying a handgun during the discharge of their duties if the first responder has a valid handgun license. Exempts first responders from criminal liability for certain open or concealed carry trespass offenses if they hold a valid handgun license. Creates a defense from criminal liability for first responders who have a valid license and carry the gun on a premises where guns are otherwise prohibited. "First responder" includes paid and volunteer fire protection and EMS personnel.
Last Action: 2-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety
- [HB 1337](#) [Leach, Jeff\(R\)](#) Relating to the carrying or storage of a handgun by a firefighter at the fire station to which the firefighter is assigned.

Remarks: Prohibits political subdivision from prohibiting a firefighter who is licensed to carry handgun from carrying or storing at the fire station to which the firefighter is assigned.

Would allow a permanent, paid firefighter, who has a CHL, to carry or store his handgun at the station. Does not apply to volunteer.

Last Action: 2-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Homeland Security and Public Safety

[HB 2735](#)

[Bohac, Dwayne\(R\)](#)

Relating to the carrying of a handgun by certain first responders and volunteer emergency services personnel.

Remarks: Establishes license designation for first responders (fire and EMS) and requires 40 hours of training and allows carrying handgun while on duty or storing on premises or vehicle of governmental entity. Waives civil liability of governmental entity for discharge and clarifies that discharge is outside scope of first responder's duties. Clarifies that there is no waiver of immunity from suit or liability of governmental entity.

Last Action: 3- 2-17 H Filed

	All	Track
Total Bills:	6	6



OPEN GOV'T LEGISLATION

03-06-2017 - 10:55:26

- [HB 501](#) [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#) Relating to the disclosure of certain contracts, services, and compensation in personal financial statements filed by public officers and candidates.
- Companions:** [SB 501](#) Taylor, Van(R) (Identical)
2- 9-17 H Received in the House
- Remarks:** Requires additional disclosures by public officials on the annual disclosure form. ESD Commissioners are not (yet) subject to these disclosures.
- Last Action:** 3- 9-17 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. or Adj., E1.010, House General Investigating and Ethics
- [HB 504](#) [Geren, Charlie\(R\)](#) Relating to lobbying by former members of the legislature.
- Companions:** [SB 504](#) Taylor, Van(R) (Identical)
2-15-17 H Received in the House
- Remarks:** Establishes 2 year revolving door prohibition on lobbying by former legislator.
- Last Action:** 3- 9-17 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. or Adj., E1.010, House General Investigating and Ethics
- [HB 526](#) [Schofield, Mike\(R\)](#) Relating to certain persons' entitlement to public information.
- Companions:** [HB 1118](#) Schofield, Mike (F)(R) (Refiled from 84R Session)
- Remarks:** Allows refusal to comply with open records requests from non-Texas resident requests.
- Last Action:** 2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Government Transparency and Operation
- [HB 792](#) [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#) Relating to the exception from disclosure under the public information law for information related to competition or bidding.
- Companions:** [SB 407](#) Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)
2-28-17 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce
- Last Action:** 2-28-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House General Investigating and Ethics
- [HB 793](#) [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#) Relating to the definition of a governmental body for the purposes of the public information law.
- Companions:** [SB 408](#) Watson, Kirk(D) (Identical)

Last Action: 2-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House
Government Transparency and Operation

[HB 809](#)

[VanDeaver, Gary\(R\)](#)

Relating to prohibiting the use of an electronic device to film
or photograph a traffic accident.

Last Action: 2-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House
Transportation

[HB 1295](#)

[Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#)

Relating to the disclosure of interested parties by business
entities contracting with governmental entities and state
agencies.

Remarks: Modifies disclosure laws originally adopted in 2015.
Business entity now explicitly excludes any governmental
entity. Adds definition of contract, which includes an
extension or renewal of the contract. Adds definition of
controlling interest, which is 5% ownership of the
business, membership on the entity's governing body (if
body is 10 members or less), service as an officer of the
business (if not more than 4 officers; does not apply to
publicly traded entities and their subsidiaries), or service as
one of the four highest ranking officers of a business (if
more than 4 officers; does not apply to publicly traded
entities & their subsidiaries). Adds definition of
intermediary as someone who receives compensation from
the business entity for their participation in the contracting
process, communicates directly regarding the contract, and
is not an employee of the business entity or an interested
party with a controlling interest in the business. Defines
value as the amount of consideration received or to be
received under the contract.

Excludes from the requirements a contract with a publicly
traded business or its wholly owned subsidiary; a contract
related to a state of disaster declared by the Governor that
requires an immediate disbursement of money; a contract
necessary to prevent unforeseen, imminent damage to
public machinery, equipment, or other property; a contract
related to a subsequent sale of a municipal bond after the
initial sale; a contract with a federally insured financial
institution; a contract with an electric utility; a contract
with a gas utility engaged in the wholesale business of
transporting or distributing gas for public consumption; a
contract for an insurance policy; an interlocal contract of a
local governmental entity; or a contract related to a public
security.

If a business entity submits a disclosure of interested
parties, it must submit a modified form if there is any
change from the parties previously disclosed. The deadline
for the modified form is on or before the next anniversary
of the date the signed contract was submitted to the
governmental entity.

Provides a standard form for the submittals.

Changes the deadline for the entity to report to the TEC
from 30 days after receiving the form to 30 days after the
contract.

If a business fails to submit the form, it is liable for civil penalties of \$500 for the first day and \$100 for each day after, up to \$10,000 (or an amount prescribed by rule). Requires the governmental entity to notify the Ethics Commission if an entity fails to submit an original or modified disclosure on or before 30 days after it is due. Allows OAG to collect a civil penalty.

A cleanup of HB 1295 from last session. Adds a lot of exceptions, but none that appear to help either ESDs or highway change orders. Doesn't change the applicability to any contract requiring governing body approval.

Last Action: 2-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House General Investigating and Ethics

[HB 1343](#)

[Stephenson, Phil\(R\)](#)

Relating to public access to financial and tax rate information of certain special purpose districts.

Companions: [SB 625](#) Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)
2-13-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

Remarks: Requires special purpose district to file the following with Comptroller: entity name; board members; attorney; contact info; web address; public security debt info; total revenue; total fund balance; sales tax rate; and ad valorem tax table.

Requires Comptroller to maintain an internet database with all organizational and financial information of the district.

Last Action: 2-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Special Purpose Districts

[HB 1510](#)

[Isaac, Jason\(R\)](#)

Relating to the transfer of certain functions related to emergency services districts from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of State Health Services and the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

Remarks: Transfers ESD annual reporting from the Department of Agriculture to the Department of State Health Services. The Texas Commission on Fire Protection must provide assistance to ESDs regarding technical assistance, assistance programs for rural firefighters, and information for rural homeowners on the benefits of volunteer fire departments.

Changes the agency for which the ESD annual report is filed from the Ag Commission to the DHS.

Last Action: 2- 2-17 H Filed

[HB 1610](#)

[Kuempel, John\(R\)](#)

Relating to the disclosure of interested parties by business entities contracting with governmental entities or state agencies.

Remarks: This bill would require the conflicts statement filings only if the contract is for over \$10,000.00. Also requires annual filing for duration of contract.

Last Action: 2- 7-17 H Filed

- [HB 1784](#) [Faircloth, Wayne\(R\)](#) Relating to the period during which an action alleging a violation of the open meetings law may be brought.
- Remarks:** Provides one year statute of limitations on actions for violation of the Open Meetings Law.
- Last Action:** 2-13-17 H Filed
- [HB 1930](#) [Frullo, John\(R\)](#) Relating to financial accounting and reporting requirements for this state and political subdivisions of this state.
- Companions:** [SB 753](#) Perry, Charles(R) (Identical)
2-22-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs
- Remarks:** Repeals entire chapter of Government Code dealing with standards of financial accounting for political subdivisions. Replaces it with statement that generally accepted accounting principles would be used.
- Last Action:** 2-15-17 H Filed
- [SB 79](#) [Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#) Relating to the production of public information available on a publicly accessible website.
- Last Action:** 2-28-17 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce
- [SB 200](#) [Campbell, Donna\(R\)](#) Relating to public access to boundary, financial, and tax rate information of certain political subdivisions.
- Remarks:** Requires the Comptroller to create and make accessible on a website (and the political subdivision to submit information for) a database on any political subdivision authorized to impose a property tax, impose a sales tax, or to issue bonds, notes, or other obligations. The information includes: the name of the entity; its website and contact information; its boundaries (optional); the rate of sales tax; a table of property tax rates for the most recent tax year; the total amount of the debt, including principal and interest, and the year in which the debt is to be paid according to the terms; its budget for the current fiscal year (optional); its check registry published by the its governing body (optional); its current financial audit or annual reports (optional); the website for the appraisal district in each county in which it has territory.
- Last Action:** 3- 6-17 S Committee action pending Senate Finance
- [SB 281](#) [Taylor, Van\(R\)](#) Relating to limitations on the use of a biometric identifier by a governmental body.
- Last Action:** 1-30-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
- [SB 407](#) [Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#) Relating to the exception from disclosure under the public information law for information related to competition and bidding.
- Companions:** [HB 792](#) Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Identical)
2-28-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House General Investigating and Ethics
- Last Action:** 2-28-17 S Committee action pending Senate Business and

Commerce

[SB 408](#)

[Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#)

Relating to the definition of a governmental body for the purposes of the public information law.

Companions: [HB 793](#) Capriglione, Giovanni(R) (Identical)
2-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Government Transparency and Operation

Last Action: 2-28-17 S Committee action pending Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 504](#)

[Taylor, Van\(R\)](#)

Relating to lobbying by former members of the legislature; creating an offense.

Companions: [HB 504](#) Geren, Charlie(R) (Identical)
3- 9-17 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. or Adj., E1.010, House General Investigating and Ethics

Remarks: Establishes 2 year revolving door prohibition on lobbying by former legislator.

Last Action: 2-15-17 H Received in the House

[SB 564](#)

[Campbell, Donna\(R\)](#)

Relating to the applicability of open meetings requirements to certain meetings of a governing body relating to information technology security practices.

Remarks: Exempts governmental bodies from compliance with Open Meetings Act with regard to cyber security matters.

Last Action: 2- 8-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 623](#)

[Burton, Konni\(R\)](#)

Relating to the establishment of a public information Internet website.

Remarks: Requires the comptroller to create a public information website. Requires each governmental entity to submit for inclusion on the website any public or legal notice the entity is required to publish by statute or rule; this posting does not satisfy the publication requirement.

Requires the State Comptroller to develop and maintain a website on which local governments would be required to post notices and matters that otherwise require publication. Does not satisfy publication requirement.

Last Action: 2-13-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

[SB 625](#)

[Kolkhorst, Lois\(R\)](#)

Relating to public access to financial and tax rate information of certain special purpose districts.

Companions: [HB 1343](#) Stephenson, Phil(R) (Identical)
2-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Special Purpose Districts

Remarks: Requires the Comptroller to create a Special Purpose District Public Information Database on the Internet. Must contain information regarding active special purpose districts authorized to impose an ad valorem or sales tax, impose an assessment, or charge a fee. Information

includes district name, board member/employee name, attorney name(s), contact information, Internet website, information required to be reported under 140.008(b) or (g) Local Government Code, total annual revenue, amount of money in possession of the district as of the last day of the most recent fiscal year, and tax rates. Must be updated at least annually. Prohibits the Attorney General from approving a public security from a district that does not provide the information required to complete the database.

Requires State Comptroller to maintain an internet database, including contact, budget, and tax collection information. Would apply to ESDs

Last Action: 2-13-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

	All	Track
Total Bills:	21	21



PROPERTY TAX LEGISLATION

03-06-2017 - 10:56:29

[HB 15](#)

[Bonnen, Dennis\(R\)](#)

Relating to ad valorem taxation.

Remarks: Comprehensive property tax reform bills. Establishes statewide database at Comptroller for all taxing entities. Clarifies that "debt" is that approved at an election. Changes terminology of "effective rate" to "no new taxes rate". Lowers rollback rate to 4%, unless in Governor declared disaster area. Requires Chief Appraiser and entity CFO or Auditor to approve all "no new taxes rate" and rollback rate calculations before submission to governing body and adoption of tax rate. Requires Chief Appraiser to send notice of taxes to all property owners. Requires submission data to Comptroller before adopting tax rate. Requires election to exceed rollback rate. Requires every taxing entity to maintain an Internet website and post information regarding tax rate on that website.

Last Action: 3- 3-17 H Filed

[HB 102](#)

[Guillen, Ryan\(D\)](#)

Relating to exemptions from ad valorem taxes, the sales and use tax, and the franchise tax for certain businesses during an initial period of operation in this state.

Last Action: 2-13-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 167](#)

[Bell, Cecil\(R\)](#)

Relating to a limitation on the maximum appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes of 105 percent of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year.

Companions:

HB 1884	Pena, Gilbert (F)(R)	(Refiled from 84R Session)
HB 2041	Bell, Cecil(R)	(Refiled from 84R Session)

Remarks: Limits increase in appraised value of any real property to 105% over prior year unless sold to new owner. Expands limits that now apply only to homesteads.

Last Action: 2-14-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 212](#)

[Springer, Drew\(R\)](#)

Relating to elections for the authorization of certain political subdivisions to issue bonds.

Remarks: Requires bond elections by local districts to be conducted only at the November general election. Requires proposition to be placed atop ballot.

Last Action: 2-13-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Elections

- [HB 217](#) [Canales, Terry\(D\)](#) Relating to the authority of certain persons to defer or abate the collection of ad valorem taxes on a person's residence homestead.
- Last Action:** 2-13-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
- [HB 231](#) [Rodriguez, Eddie\(D\)](#) Relating to the eligibility of land for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land.
- Last Action:** 2-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Agriculture and Livestock
- [HB 301](#) [Larson, Lyle\(R\)](#) Relating to the authority of an appraisal district to increase the appraised value of property for ad valorem tax purposes in the tax year following a year in which the appraised value of the property is lowered as a result of an.
- Last Action:** 2-15-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
- [HB 302](#) [Goldman, Craig\(R\)](#) Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of mineral interests having a value of less than a certain amount.
- Companions:** [HB 128](#) Goldman, Craig(R) (Refiled from 84R Session)
- Last Action:** 2-15-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
- [HB 320](#) [Canales, Terry\(D\)](#) Relating to the additional tax imposed on land appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land if a change in use of the land occurs.
- Companions:** [HB 2306](#) Canales, Terry(D) (Refiled from 84R Session)
- Last Action:** 2-27-17 H Rereferred to Committee on House Agriculture and Livestock
- [HB 343](#) [Canales, Terry\(D\)](#) Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses of certain disabled veterans.
- Last Action:** 2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
- [HB 345](#) [Canales, Terry\(D\)](#) Relating to the calculation of the ad valorem rollback tax rate of a taxing unit.
- Remarks:** Reduces Roll Back tax rate increase to 5% unless CPI is more, then lesser of 8% or CPI. Leaves Rollback petition process in place.
- Last Action:** 2-15-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
- [HB 364](#) [Huberty, Dan\(R\)](#) Relating to exemptions for disabled peace officers and fire fighters from payment of tuition and fees at public institutions of higher education.
- Last Action:** 2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Higher Education

[T HB 513](#) [Davis, Sarah\(R\)](#) Relating to the reappraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of property damaged in a disaster.

Companions: [SB 717](#) Taylor, Van(R) (Identical)
3-14-17 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.036,
Senate Finance

Last Action: 2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[T HB 532](#) [Schofield, Mike\(R\)](#) Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to issue debt to purchase or lease tangible personal property.

Companions: [HB 3344](#) Schofield, Mike (F)(R) (Refiled from 84R Session)
[SB 794](#) Hancock, Kelly(R) (Refiled from 84R Session)

Remarks: Prohibits a political subdivision, including ESDs, from issuing a public security (including a bond, certificate, note, or other type of obligation) to purchase or lease tangible personal property if the expected useful life of the property ends before the maturity date of the security.

Prohibits taxing entity from issuing public bonds for assets with a useful life or lease term shorter than the bond term.

Last Action: 2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Investments and Financial Services

[T HB 570](#) [Button, Angie\(R\)](#) Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.

Companions: [HB 2524](#) Fallon, Pat(R) (Identical)
2-28-17 H Filed
[SB 15](#) Huffines, Donald(R) (Identical)
3- 1-17 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Finance

Remarks: Exempts total value of residence homestead for surviving spouse of first responder fatally injured in line of duty. Does not include Volunteer EMS personnel.

Last Action: 2-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[T HB 1017](#) [Perez, Mary Ann\(D\)](#) Relating to the calculation of the ad valorem rollback tax rate of a municipality.

Last Action: 1-12-17 H Filed

[T HB 1050](#) [Swanson, Valoree \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the abolition of ad valorem taxes.

Last Action: 1-17-17 H Filed

[T HB 1144](#) [Davis, Sarah\(R\)](#) Relating to voter approval of a proposed ad valorem tax rate that exceeds the rollback tax rate.

Remarks: Requires all taxing units to conduct an election to exceed the rollback tax rate. Now applicable only to school districts.

Last Action: 2-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways

and Means

- [HB 1146](#) [Davis, Sarah\(R\)](#) Relating to the calculation of the ad valorem rollback tax rate of a taxing unit and voter approval of a proposed tax rate that exceeds the rollback tax rate.
- Remarks:** Comprehensive bill to calculate rollback tax rate and require voter approval to exceed it.
- Last Action:** 2-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
- [HB 1147](#) [Davis, Sarah\(R\)](#) Relating to the calculation of the ad valorem rollback tax rate of a taxing unit.
- Remarks:** Change in calculation of rollback tax rate.
- Last Action:** 2-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
- [HB 1165](#) [Paul, Dennis\(R\)](#) Relating to the calculation of the ad valorem rollback tax rate of a taxing unit and voter approval of a proposed tax rate that exceeds the rollback tax rate.
- Last Action:** 2-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
- [HB 1343](#) [Stephenson, Phil\(R\)](#) Relating to public access to financial and tax rate information of certain special purpose districts.
- Companions:** [SB 625](#) Kolkhorst, Lois(R) (Identical)
2-13-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations
- Remarks:** Requires special purpose district to file the following with Comptroller: entity name; board members; attorney; contact info; web address; public security debt info; total revenue; total fund balance; sales tax rate; and ad valorem tax table.
- Requires Comptroller to maintain an internet database with all organizational and financial information of the district.
- Last Action:** 2-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Special Purpose Districts
- [HB 1591](#) [Bohac, Dwayne\(R\)](#) Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of a Purple Heart recipient or the surviving spouse of a Purple Heart recipient.
- Remarks:** Exempts total appraised value of homestead for Purple Heart recipients and spouse.
- Last Action:** 2- 6-17 H Filed
- [HB 1772](#) [Swanson, Valoree \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the total appraised value of the residence homesteads of certain elderly persons and their surviving spouses.
- Last Action:** 2-13-17 H Filed
- [HB 2524](#) [Fallon, Pat\(R\)](#) Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the

residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.

Companions: [HB 570](#) Button, Angie(R) (Identical)
2-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee
on House Ways and Means
[SB 15](#) Huffines, Donald(R) (Identical)
3- 1-17 S Reported favorably from committee on
Senate Finance

Remarks: Exempts total value of residence homestead for surviving spouse of first responder fatally injured in line of duty. Does not include Volunteer EMS personnel.

Last Action: 2-28-17 H Filed

[HJR 17](#)

[Keough, Mark\(R\)](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes to 105 percent or less of the appraised value of the property.

Last Action: 2-13-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HJR 18](#)

[Guillen, Ryan\(D\)](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governing bodies of certain political subdivisions to exempt from ad valorem taxation the real and tangible personal property of businesses.

Companions: [HJR 88](#) Guillen, Ryan(D) (Refiled from 84R Session)

Last Action: 2-13-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HJR 26](#)

[Bell, Cecil\(R\)](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes to 105 percent or more of the appraised value.

Companions: [HJR 93](#) Pena, Gilbert (F)(R) (Refiled from 84R Session)
[HJR 99](#) Bell, Cecil(R) (Refiled from 84R Session)

Remarks: Authorizes legislature to limit increases in appraised value on any property to 105%. Expands authority from just homesteads.

Last Action: 2-14-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HJR 33](#)

[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 71](#) Bohac, Dwayne(R) (Refiled from 84R Session)
[HJR 43](#) Bohac, Dwayne(R) (Identical)
2-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee
on House Ways and Means

Last Action: 2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

- [HJR 35](#) [Button, Angie\(R\)](#) Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation by one or more political subdivisions of this state a person's inventory held for sale at retail.
- Last Action:** 11-21-16 H Filed
- [HJR 43](#) [Bohac, Dwayne\(R\)](#) 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 71](#) Bohac, Dwayne(R) (Refiled from 84R Session)
[HJR 33](#) Metcalf, Will(R) (Identical)
2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
- Last Action:** 2-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
- [SB 2](#) [Bettencourt, Paul\(R\)](#) Relating to ad valorem taxation.
- Remarks:** Reduces Rollback rate to 4%, requires election to exceed rollback, requires adoption of tax exceeding rollback by August 15.
- Last Action:** 3-14-17 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.036, Senate Finance
- [SB 15](#) [Huffines, Donald\(R\)](#) Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a first responder who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.
- Companions:** [HB 570](#) Button, Angie(R) (Identical)
2-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
[HB 2524](#) Fallon, Pat(R) (Identical)
2-28-17 H Filed
- Remarks:** Exempts total value of residence homestead for surviving spouse of first responder fatally injured in line of duty. Does not include Volunteer EMS personnel.
- Last Action:** 3- 1-17 S Reported favorably from committee on Senate Finance
- [SB 418](#) [Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#) 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.
- Last Action:** 2- 1-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Finance
- [SB 625](#) [Kolkhorst, Lois\(R\)](#) Relating to public access to financial and tax rate information of certain special purpose districts.
- Companions:** [HB 1343](#) Stephenson, Phil(R) (Identical)
2-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Special Purpose Districts
- Remarks:** Requires the Comptroller to create a Special Purpose District Public Information Database on the Internet. Must contain information regarding active special purpose districts authorized to impose an ad valorem or sales tax,

impose an assessment, or charge a fee. Information includes district name, board member/employee name, attorney name(s), contact information, Internet website, information required to be reported under 140.008(b) or (g) Local Government Code, total annual revenue, amount of money in possession of the district as of the last day of the most recent fiscal year, and tax rates. Must be updated at least annually. Prohibits the Attorney General from approving a public security from a district that does not provide the information required to complete the database.

Requires State Comptroller to maintain an internet database, including contact, budget, and tax collection information. Would apply to ESDs

Last Action: 2-13-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

[SB 717](#)

[Taylor, Van\(R\)](#)

Relating to the reappraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of property damaged in a disaster.

Companions: [HB 513](#) Davis, Sarah(R) (Identical)
2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Last Action: 3-14-17 S Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.036, Senate Finance

	All	Track
Total Bills:	36	36



SALES TAX LEGISLATION

03-06-2017 - 10:56:00

- [HB 343](#) [Canales, Terry\(D\)](#) Relating to a sales and use tax exemption for certain disabled veterans and surviving spouses of certain disabled veterans.
Last Action: 2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
- [HB 359](#) [Cyrier, John\(R\)](#) Relating to the motor vehicle sales tax imposed on the purchase, rental, or use of certain emergency services vehicles.
Remarks: Exempts the vehicles used by an emergency medical services chief or supervisor from the tax on the sale, rental, and use of a motor vehicle. Also extends the tax exemption for fire trucks and emergency vehicles when the purchase is made by an entity that has an agreement with a local government to provide emergency ambulance services.
Last Action: 2-16-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
- [HB 1332](#) [Parker, Tan\(R\)](#) Relating to the exemption of certain entities that operate ambulances from certain motor fuel taxes.
Remarks: Expands fuel (gasoline and diesel) tax exemption to licensed ambulance providers.
This would exempt nonprofits, such as NCEMS, that contract with a governmental unit, from paying gas or diesel tax.
Last Action: 2-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
- [HB 1370](#) [Springer, Drew\(R\)](#) Relating to sales and use tax information provided to certain local governmental entities.
Remarks: Requires Comptroller to provide taxing entity with certain information related to each person doing business in the entity area.
Requires Comptroller to make detailed information on sales tax collections available to special purpose districts, including gross sales and taxable sales by outlet.
Last Action: 2-28-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

	All	Track
Total Bills:	4	4



MISC ESD LEGISLATION

03-06-2017 - 10:54:58

- [T HB 41](#) [White, James\(R\)](#) Relating to the sale of fireworks.
Last Action: 2-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs
- [T HB 67](#) [White, James\(R\)](#) Relating to the repeal of the driver responsibility program.
Companions: [HB 275](#) Gonzales, Larry(R) (Identical)
11-14-16 H Filed
Last Action: 2-14-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
- [T HB 113](#) [Keough, Mark\(R\)](#) Relating to the authority of the governing body of a local authority to impose a civil penalty for certain violations recorded by an automated traffic control system or a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.
Last Action: 2-14-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
- [T HB 267](#) [Hernandez, Ana\(D\)](#) Relating to the compensation and per diem compensation of emergency services commissioners in certain counties.
Companions: [SB 517](#) Garcia, Sylvia(D) (Identical)
2- 6-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations
Remarks: Applies only to Harris County. Limits the compensation of a Harris County emergency services commissioner to no more than \$150 per day or \$7,200 per year, plus reimbursement for reasonable & necessary expenses. All other commissioners remain at a \$50 per day and \$3,000 per year compensation limit under current statute.
Would raise commissioner compensation to \$150 per day. Bill as filed is bracketed to Harris County.
Last Action: 2-13-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs
- [T HB 275](#) [Gonzales, Larry\(R\)](#) Relating to the repeal of the driver responsibility program.
Companions: [HB 67](#) White, James(R) (Identical)
2-14-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
Last Action: 11-14-16 H Filed
- [T HB 283](#) [Herrero, Abel\(D\)](#) Relating to the creation of an open burn pit registry for certain service members and veterans.

Companions: [SB 158](#) Hinojosa, Chuy(D) (Identical)
1-25-17 S Introduced and referred to committee
on Senate Veteran Affairs and Border Security

Last Action: 3- 7-17 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.012, House Public Health

[HB 312](#) [Johnson, Jarvis\(D\)](#) Relating to the creation and administration of a disaster recovery fund.

Last Action: 3- 1-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations

[HB 412](#) [Huberty, Dan\(R\)](#) Relating to regulation of the retail sale of fireworks.

Last Action: 2-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

[HB 429](#) [Villalba, Jason\(R\)](#) Relating to increasing the punishment for an offense committed against a person because of the person's status as a peace officer, a firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel.

Last Action: 2-20-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

[HB 520](#) [Turner, Chris\(D\)](#) Relating to the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

Last Action: 3- 9-17 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.012, House Transportation

[HB 554](#) [White, James\(R\)](#) Relating to the sale of fireworks on and before the Labor Day holiday.

Last Action: 2-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

[HB 638](#) [Workman, Paul\(R\)](#) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of operation of unmanned aircraft over correctional facility or critical infrastructure facility.

Companions: [SB 395](#) Campbell, Donna(R) (Identical)
2- 1-17 S Introduced and referred to committee
on Senate Criminal Justice

Last Action: 3- 9-17 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. or Adj., E2.014, House Corrections

[HB 744](#) [Farrar, Jessica\(D\)](#) Relating to recovery of attorney's fees in certain civil cases.

Companions: [HB 230](#) Farrar, Jessica(D) (Refiled from 84R Session)

Remarks: Closes a loophole under CPRC 38.001 (general provision allowing recovery of attorney fees in contract actions) to include recovery against entities other than corporations. Would not allow recovery against state or other government entity as filed.

Last Action: 3- 7-17 H Meeting set for 2:00 P.M. or Adj., E2.026, House Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence

- [HB 747](#) [Farrar, Jessica\(D\)](#) Relating to the provision of information and other services relating to emergency contraception to sexual assault survivors.
Last Action: 2-23-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs
- [HB 920](#) [Kacal, Kyle\(R\)](#) Relating to the operation of all-terrain vehicles and recreational off-highway vehicles.
Companions: [HB 1147](#) Kacal, Kyle(R) (Refiled from 84R Session)
Last Action: 2-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Culture, Recreation and Tourism
- [HB 935](#) [Zerwas, John\(R\)](#) Relating to emergency medical air transportation funding.
Remarks: Establishes fund to be used for emergency air transport, to maximize federal funding.
Last Action: 2-21-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Appropriations
- [HB 1003](#) [Capriglione, Giovanni\(R\)](#) Relating to investment of public funds.
Remarks: Broadens the options for investment of public funds. Also has new provisions on investment pools, such as TxPool.
Last Action: 1-12-17 H Filed
- [HB 1143](#) [Davis, Sarah\(R\)](#) Relating to investment prohibitions and divestment requirements for certain investments of public money.
Companions: [SB 253](#) Taylor, Van(R) (Identical)
1-30-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce
Last Action: 1-19-17 H Filed
- [HB 1223](#) [Murr, Andrew\(R\)](#) Relating to the operation and movement of authorized emergency vehicles.
Remarks: Requires drivers to make way for an authorized emergency vehicle using only a visual signal (currently requires audible & visual or only audible). Makes clean up language to other provisions of using sirens & lights by an emergency vehicle.
Requires deference to emergency vehicle when only visual emergency signals are used, and eliminates deference when emergency vehicle is only standing or parking.
Last Action: 2-22-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation
- [HB 1249](#) [Goldman, Craig\(R\)](#) Relating to a prohibition of certain motor vehicles resembling emergency medical services vehicles.
Remarks: Prohibits use of vehicles that look like emergency vehicles unless for legitimate government function.
Prohibits operation of a vehicle marked as an EMS vehicle unless it is an authorized vehicle.

Last Action: 2-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Transportation

[HB 1327](#)

[Metcalf, Will\(R\)](#)

Relating to enhancing the penalty for intoxication assault and intoxication manslaughter in certain circumstances.

Last Action: 2-27-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Criminal Jurisprudence

[HB 1398](#)

[Munoz, Sergio\(D\)](#)

Relating to the processing and payment of claims for reimbursement by certain providers under the Medicaid program.

Last Action: 2-28-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Public Health

[HB 1596](#)

[Lozano, Jose\(R\)](#)

Relating to itemizing certain public notice expenditures in political subdivision budgets.

Companions: [SB 622](#) Burton, Konni(R) (Identical)
2-13-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

Remarks: Requires budget line item for costs of various required publication notices.

Last Action: 2- 6-17 H Filed

[HB 1598](#)

[Martinez, Armando\(D\)](#)

Relating to the establishment of the disaster identification system for a state of disaster.

Remarks: Allows individual (and his pet) to obtain and wear an illuminated disaster identification device to tell him about a disaster.

Last Action: 2- 6-17 H Filed

[HB 1611](#)

[VanDeaver, Gary\(R\)](#)

Relating to the use of warning devices by stationary authorized emergency vehicles.

Remarks: Requires rule making for use of flares, reflectors or other equipment by stationary emergency vehicle.

Last Action: 2- 7-17 H Filed

[HB 1695](#)

[Shaheen, Matt\(R\)](#)

Relating to training for governmental entities and vendors, including purchasing and contract management training.

Companions: [SB 255](#) Zaffirini, Judith(D) (Identical)
1-30-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Business and Commerce

Last Action: 2- 9-17 H Filed

[HB 1701](#)

[Parker, Tan\(R\)](#)

Relating to the presentation of the investment policy of certain governmental entities to a business organization that conducts investment transactions for the entity.

Last Action: 2- 9-17 H Filed

[HB 1748](#)

[VanDeaver, Gary\(R\)](#)

Relating to the use of a portable electronic device while operating a motor vehicle.

Last Action: 2-10-17 H Filed

[HB 1927](#) [Rodriquez, Eddie\(D\)](#) Relating to an alert system for notification of the release of toxic chemicals by a manufacturing facility.

Last Action: 2-15-17 H Filed

[HB 2013](#) [Ashby, Trenton\(R\)](#) Relating to fee waivers for certain hunting and fishing licenses for volunteer firefighters.

Remarks: Best bill of the session. Waives hunting and licence fees for volunteer firefighters.

Last Action: 2-16-17 H Filed

[HB 2211](#) [Coleman, Garnet\(D\)](#) Relating to the qualifications to serve as an emergency services commissioner in certain counties.

Remarks: Allows commissioner to be a member of an organization that provides mutual aid to his / her district. Applies to Harris County.

Last Action: 2-21-17 H Filed

[HB 2386](#) [Bailes, Ernest \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to volunteer firefighter supervision of outdoor burning of waste consisting of plant growth.

Companions: [SB 1064](#) Nichols, Robert(R) (Identical)
2-23-17 S Filed

Remarks: Allows outdoor burning without permit if supervised by a volunteer firefighter.

Last Action: 2-24-17 H Filed

[HB 2471](#) [Davis, Sarah\(R\)](#) Relating to prohibiting political contributions and political expenditures made by certain persons with public funds.

Remarks: Prohibits use of public funds for political contributions or expenditures, which should already be illegal.

Last Action: 2-27-17 H Filed

[HB 2504](#) [Hernandez, Ana\(D\)](#) Relating to the compensation provided to the governing body of certain special districts.

Remarks: Applies statewide and references same compensation as water district directors.

Allows same compensation to ESD commissioners as provided to water district directors under Section 49.060, Water Code. \$150 per day.

Last Action: 2-27-17 H Filed

[HB 2553](#) [Shaheen, Matt\(R\)](#) Relating to the disclosure of public money spent by certain political subdivisions for lobbying activities in a comprehensive annual financial report.

Remarks: Requires that any political subdivision that expends funds on lobbyists disclose names of lobbyists and amounts paid on their annual audit.

Last Action: 2-28-17 H Filed

[HB 2565](#) [Stucky, Lynn \(F\)\(R\)](#) Relating to the powers and duties of the Big Sky Municipal Utility District of Denton County.

Remarks: Creates Big Sky MUD in Denton County with power to contract for firefighting services in Section 7973.055.

Last Action: 2-28-17 H Filed

[HB 2788](#) [White, James\(R\)](#) Relating to the appointment of emergency services commissioners in certain districts located in more than one county.

Remarks: Allows appointment of ESD Commissioners in Tyler/Hardin ESD.

Last Action: 3- 3-17 H Filed

[HCR 86](#) [Gonzales, Larry\(R\)](#) Designating May as Fallen First Responder Awareness Month for a 10-year period beginning in 2017.

Last Action: 2-24-17 H Filed

[HJR 38](#) [Fallon, Pat\(R\)](#) Proposing a constitutional amendment to limit the time that a person may serve as a member of the Texas Legislature.

Companions:

HJR 54	Fallon, Pat(R)	(Refiled from 84R Session)
SJR 10	Huffines, Donald(R)	(Identical)

1-25-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

Remarks: Establishes term limit of 12 years for state representatives and senators.

Last Action: 12- 5-16 H Filed

[SB 14](#) [Taylor, Van\(R\)](#) Relating to the ethics of public officers and related requirements; creating criminal offenses.

Companions: [HB 1283](#) Geren, Charlie(R) (Identical)
1-25-17 H Filed

Remarks: Comprehensive ethics bill. Provisions don't impact ESD Commissioners, but needs to be followed.

Last Action: 2- 8-17 H Received in the House

[SB 67](#) [Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#) Relating to the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

Last Action: 1-24-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

[SB 90](#) [Hall, Bob\(R\)](#) Relating to the repeal of the driver responsibility program.

Last Action: 1-24-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Transportation

[SB 158](#) [Hinojosa, Chuy\(D\)](#) Relating to the creation of an open burn pit registry for certain service members and veterans.

Companions: [HB 283](#) Herrero, Abel(D) (Identical)
3- 7-17 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.012,
House Public Health

Last Action: 1-25-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate
Veteran Affairs and Border Security

[SB 241](#) [Burton, Konni\(R\)](#) Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public money
for lobbying activities.

Remarks: Bill would prohibit use of public funds to employ lobbyists.
Track but expect plenty of opposition from cities and
counties.

Last Action: 1-30-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate
State Affairs

[SB 253](#) [Taylor, Van\(R\)](#) Relating to investment prohibitions and divestment
requirements for certain investments of public money.

Companions: [HB 1143](#) Davis, Sarah(R) (Identical)
1-19-17 H Filed

Last Action: 1-30-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate
Business and Commerce

[SB 255](#) [Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#) Relating to training for governmental entities and vendors,
including purchasing and contract management training.

Companions: [HB 1695](#) Shaheen, Matt(R) (Identical)
2- 9-17 H Filed

Last Action: 1-30-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate
Business and Commerce

[SB 262](#) [Zaffirini, Judith\(D\)](#) Relating to certain purchasing by state agencies and local
governments.

Last Action: 1-30-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate
Business and Commerce

[SB 351](#) [Watson, Kirk\(D\)](#) Relating to the creation and administration of a disaster
recovery fund.

Companions: [SB 921](#) Watson, Kirk(D) (Refiled from 84R
Session)

Last Action: 2- 1-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate
Finance

[SB 395](#) [Campbell, Donna\(R\)](#) Relating to the prosecution of the offense of operation of an
unmanned aircraft over correctional facility or critical
infrastructure.

Companions: [HB 638](#) Workman, Paul(R) (Identical)
3- 9-17 H Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. or Adj.,
E2.014, House Corrections

Last Action: 2- 1-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate
Criminal Justice

[SB 460](#) [Lucio, Eddie\(D\)](#) Relating to general obligation bonds issued by political

subdivisions.

Remarks: Prohibits the entity establishing early voting polling places from establishing them with the intent to affect the outcome of the election in favor of approval of the proposition. Prohibits any political subdivision from issuing a general obligation bond to purchase, improve, or construct improvements or to purchase personal property if the projected expected useful life of the improvement or the personal property ends before the maturity date of the bond. Restricts a political subdivision from using the unspent proceeds of a general obligation bond on only: the specific purpose for which the bonds were issued; to retire the bonds; or for a different purpose if the specific purpose is accomplished or abandoned AND a majority of the votes cast in an election held in the subdivision approve the use of the proceeds for the proposed purpose. Repeals Chapter 1332, Government Code, related to use of municipal bond proceeds for other purposes.

Limits use of general obligation bonds to the purpose for which they were voted, and has stronger disclosure requirements.

Last Action: 2- 6-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

[SB 483](#)

[Miles, Borris \(F\)\(D\)](#)

Relating to the retention of and the required disclosure under the public information law of certain complaint alleging official oppression.

Last Action: 2- 6-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

[SB 517](#)

[Garcia, Sylvia\(D\)](#)

Relating to the compensation and per diem compensation of emergency services commissioners in certain counties.

Companions: [HB 267](#) Hernandez, Ana(D) (Identical)
2-13-17 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

Remarks: Bracketed to Harris County. ESD Commissioner can't receive compensation in excess of \$150 per day, or \$7,200 per year, plus reimbursement for reasonable & necessary expenses.

Would raise compensation for Harris County ESD commissioners from \$50 per day to \$150 per day.

Last Action: 2- 6-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

[SB 622](#)

[Burton, Konni\(R\)](#)

Relating to itemizing certain public notice expenditures in political subdivision budgets.

Companions: [HB 1596](#) Lozano, Jose(R) (Identical)
2- 6-17 H Filed

Remarks: Requires a political subdivision's proposed budget to include a line item indicating expenditures for notices required by law to be published in a newspaper that allows a comparison between the current year and the prior year.

Requires district budget to itemize costs on publication or required notices, showing year over year comparisons.

Last Action: 2-13-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

[SB 760](#)

[Menendez, Jose\(D\)](#)

Relating to county authority to regulate fireworks.

Last Action: 2-22-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Intergovernmental Relations

[SB 899](#)

[Huffman, Joan\(R\)](#)

Relating to increasing the punishment for an offense committed against a person because of the person's status as a peace officer, a firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel.

Last Action: 3- 1-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Criminal Justice

[SB 1024](#)

[Nelson, Jane\(R\)](#)

Relating to the definition of an authorized emergency vehicle.

Remarks: Adds certain emergency management or airport security vehicles to definition of authorized emergency vehicle.

Last Action: 2-22-17 S Filed

[SB 1064](#)

[Nichols, Robert\(R\)](#)

Relating to volunteer firefighter supervision of outdoor burning of waste consisting of plant growth.

Companions: [HB 2386](#) Bailes, Ernest (F)(R) (Identical)
2-24-17 H Filed

Remarks: Allows volunteer firefighters (previously just paid firefighters) to supervise burning of waste not subject to control or prohibition by TCEQ.

TCEQ can't regulate outdoor burning if it is supervised by a volunteer firefighter, among others.

Last Action: 2-23-17 S Filed

[SB 1189](#)

[Garcia, Sylvia\(D\)](#)

Relating to the provision of information and other services relating to emergency contraception to sexual assault survivors.

Last Action: 3- 1-17 S Filed

[SB 1224](#)

[Miles, Borris \(F\)\(D\)](#)

Relating to the establishment of a statewide system for stroke response and treatment.

Remarks: Creates statewide system for tracking data related to stroke response and treatment.

Last Action: 3- 2-17 S Filed

[SJR 10](#)

[Huffines, Donald\(R\)](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment to limit the time that a person may serve as a member of the Texas Legislature.

Companions: [HJR 54](#) Fallon, Pat(R) (Refiled from 84R Session)
[HJR 38](#) Fallon, Pat(R) (Identical)
12- 5-16 H Filed

Remarks: Establishes term limit of 12 years for state representatives and senators.

Last Action: 1-25-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

[SJR 13](#)

[Huffines, Donald\(R\)](#)

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring a political subdivision of this state to limit the number of terms for which a person may be elected to hold an office of the political subdivision.

Remarks: Limits term in elected office to no more than 12 years. Constitutional amendment. Requires political subdivisions to limit terms of office to not more than 12 years. For current officeholders, requirement effective at next election.

Last Action: 1-25-17 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate State Affairs

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