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			Bills Supported by City	46
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HB1028	Support	Open Government	Relating to certain political subdivisions publishing required notices by alternative media.	would, among other things, provide that for cities with a population of 75,000 or less and in which there is no newspaper of general circulation: (1) the city may satisfy a requirement to provide notice by publication in a newspaper by publishing the notice: (a) using the following forms of alternative media: (i) social media; (ii) free newspapers; (iii) a homeowners' association newsletter or magazine; (iv) utility bills; (v) direct mailings; or (vi) a print or digital newsletter; and (b) for a continuous period of not less than two weeks in a prominent location on an internet website maintained by the city that meets certain search requirements and does not require user registration or payment for access; (2) before providing notice by an alternative method, the city must hold a public meeting about the notice method; and (3) a city providing notice using alternative media must submit notice to the attorney general describing the alternative notice method that includes: (a) a list of the other laws requiring notice by newspaper publication for which notice published under this section is an alternative; (b) a description of the alternative media used for the notice; and (c) a link to the Internet website maintained by the city where the public notice will be posted.
HB1080	Support	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the publication of required notice by a political subdivision by alternative media.	would: (1) allow a political subdivision to satisfy any law that requires notice to be published in a newspaper by publishing the notice in the following locations: (a) social media, free newspapers, school newspapers, a homeowners' association newsletter or magazine, utility bills, direct mailings, or any other form of media authorized by the comptroller; and (b) the internet websites maintained by the political subdivision and the comptroller; (2) provide that before providing notice under (1), above, a political subdivision must hold a public meeting about the alternative notice under (1)(a), above, and demonstrate that the circulation will be greater than the circulation of the newspaper with the greatest circulation in the political subdivision; (3) authorize the comptroller to grant a city's request for a waiver from publishing notice in accordance with (1)(b), above, if the city provides sufficient proof that Internet access is limited in the city, and if the comptroller grants the waiver, the city must provide additional notice on a public agenda board within the city; (4) require a city using alternative media described in (1)(a), above, to submit notice to the comptroller describing the alternative notice method in (1)(a), above, and certain other information; (5) authorize the comptroller to require a political subdivision to provide notice in a newspaper if the comptroller determines that the means under (1)(a), above, do not have greater circulation than a newspaper with the greatest circulation in the political subdivision; and (6) require the comptroller to prepare a report identifying and comparing the effectiveness of different methods of notice publication used by political subdivisions and provide the report to the governor, lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house.
HB1183	Support	Land Use	Relating to county and municipal authority to prohibit the operation of e-cigarette retailers near primary or secondary schools.	would provide that: (1) a governing body of a city may adopt an ordinance applicable within the city prohibiting an e-cigarette retailer from operating within: (a) 300 feet of a public or private primary or secondary school campus; (b) 1,000 feet of a public primary or secondary school campus on request of the school district board of trustees for the campus; or (c) 1,000 feet of a private primary or secondary school campus on request of the governing body of the school; (2) the board of trustees of a school district or governing body of a private school may request the governing body of a city to adopt a prohibition described in (1)(b) or (1)(c), above, for a district or school campus within the described area in (1), above; and (3) a city ordinance adopted in (1), above, does not apply to an e-cigarette retailer whose gross receipts from the sale of e-cigarettes is less than 50 percent of the retailer's total gross receipts at the retailer's premises within an area described in (1), above.
HB1198	Support	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to consideration of the location of a bidder's principal place of business in certain municipal contracts.	would provide that in purchasing any real property, personal property that is not affixed to real property, or services, if a city receives one or more competitive sealed bids from a bidder whose principal place of business is in the city and whose bid is within five percent of the lowest bid price received by the city from a bidder who is not a resident of the city, the city may enter into a contract for construction services or other purchases in an amount of less than \$500,000 with: (1) the lowest bidder; or (2) the bidder whose principal place of business is in the city if the governing body of the city determines, in writing, that the local bidder offers the city the best combination of contract price and additional economic development opportunities for the city created by the contract award, including the employment of residents of the city and increased tax revenues to the city.
HB1245	Support	Utilities and Environment	Relating to a prohibition on the use of water on nonresidential property to irrigate nonfunctional turf during a drought.	would: (1) require wholesale and retail public water suppliers' and irrigation districts' drought contingency plans to prohibit the use of water on nonresidential property to irrigate nonfunctional turf during periods of water shortages and drought; and (2) include methods for enforcing compliance with the prohibition.

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HB1261	Support	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the disposition of abandoned or unclaimed property seized by a peace officer.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) for purposes of any unclaimed or abandoned personal property, a person designated by the city to dispose of the property may, instead of sending a notice to the last known address of the owner of the property by certified mail, place a one-time notice on the internet website and social networking website of the law enforcement agency that seized the property; and (2) the notice described in (1), above, shall state that if the owner does not claim the property before the 90th day after the date of the notice, the property shall be disposed of, and the proceeds placed in the city treasury.
HB1344	Support	Utilities and Environment	Relating to prioritization of requests for financial assistance from certain funds administered by the Texas Water Development Board.	would provide that, in providing financial assistance from any revolving fund for financial assistance for water pollution control, the Texas Water Development Board shall, to the extent permissible under federal law, give priority to a request for financial assistance from a city located not more than 50 miles from an area of high growth.
HB1360	Support	Land Use	Relating to certain regulations adopted by governmental entities for the construction or alteration of residential or commercial buildings.	would, among other things, provide for additional exemptions to the current building materials preemption related to: (1) an energy code adopted by the State Energy Conservation Office for building energy efficiency performance standards; (2) an energy and water conservation design standards established by the State Energy Conservation Office; and (3) a high-performance building standards approved by a board of regents relating to the construction of a building, structure, or other facility owned by an institution of higher education.
HB1407	Support	Utilities and Environment	Relating to public utility agencies; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments.	would, among other things: (1) add a water supply or sewer service corporation to the definition of "public entity" for the purposes of state law that allows two or more public entities that have the authority to engage in the collection, transportation, treatment, or disposal of sewage or the conservation, storage, transportation, treatment, or distribution of water to join together as cotenants or co-owners to plan, finance, acquire, construct, own, operate, or maintain water or sewer facilities; (2) provide that each participating public entity may: (a) make an acquisition of property and easements for a facility through a purchase from a public or private entity; and (b) for the use and benefit of each participating public entity, acquire by purchase a public utility, other than an affected county; (3) provide that a public utility agency includes a retail public utility as defined in state law; (4) provide that a participating public entity may withdraw from a public utility agency by providing an ordinance or resolution of the governing body of the participating public entity to the agency not later than the 180th day before the proposed date of withdrawal; (5) provide that the Public Utility Commission (PUC) has appellate jurisdiction over the rates and charges of a public utility agency in the manner provided by state law; and (6) provide that ratepayers of a public utility agency may appeal the decision of the agency affecting their water, drainage or sewer rates to the PUC.
HB1424	Support	Utilities and Environment	Relating to the structuring of water rates by retail public utilities to promote water conservation; authorizing a fee.	would, among other things, provide that the governing body of a city may by ordinance: (1) structure the city's rates for water service in a manner that promotes water conservation by all of the city's water customers so that customers in a class who consume greater amounts of water pay a higher rate per unit volume than customers in a class who consume lesser amounts of water; and (2) establish an excessive use fee for water customers whose water usage is greater than the water usage of a percentage of the city's other customers.
HB1435	Support	Open Government	Relating to an expedited response by a governmental body to a request for public information.	

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HB1452	Support	Community and Economic Development	Relating to the promotion of film and television production in this state, including the eligibility of film or television productions for funding under the major events reimbursement program, the creation of a film events trust fund and a film production tax rebate trust fund, the establishment of virtual film production institutes, and the designation of media production development zones.	would, among other things: (1) create the film events trust fund and a film production tax rebate trust fund; (2) add a film or television production to the major events reimbursement program; (3) provide that a city may submit a request for funding for a film event to the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office (the office); (4) provide that an endorsing city that requests funding for a film event shall submit the city's hotel occupancy tax revenue determined to be directly attributable to the film event less any amount of the revenue the city determines is necessary to meet the obligations of the city; (5) provide that the comptroller shall place an endorsing city's sales and use tax revenue and alcoholic beverage tax attributable to the film event in the film event trust fund; (6) provide that the office may disburse money from the film events trust fund for a purpose for which an endorsing entity, including a city, or the state is obligated under an event support contract, including any obligation to pay costs incurred in preparing, producing, performing, or presenting the film event; and (7) provide that on payment of all municipal, county, or state obligations under an event support contract related to the location of a film event in Texas, the office shall remit to each endorsing entity, in proportion to the amount contributed by the entity, any money remaining in the film events trust fund.
HB1576	Support	Public Safety and Emergency Management		would, among other things: (1) require the commissioner of insurance to establish the hurricane and windstorm loss prevention grant program to provide grants to retrofit eligible single-family residential property to resist hurricane and windstorm losses; (2) require the recipient of a grant under the bill to secure all required local permits and inspections for a retrofitting project to be performed using the grant and ensure that the project is performed in accordance with local building codes; and (3) provide that the Department of Insurance or a political subdivision in which property for which a grant is awarded is located may inspect the property at any time during the progress of or following completion of the retrofitting project for compliance with laws applicable to the project.
HB1624	Support	Transportation	Relating to the authority of a local authority to install a temporary traffic-control device on certain highways.	would allow cities to temporarily place a traffic-control device in a highway under the jurisdiction of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) without TxDOT's permission if: (1) an existing traffic-control device becomes inoperable; (2) the city notifies TxDOT of the placement of the temporary traffic-control device; and (3) the city removes the temporary traffic-control device as soon as practicable after the existing traffic-control device becomes operation again.
HB1688	Support	Property Tax	Relating to a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the appraised value of the residence homesteads of certain peace officers.	would provide a local option property tax exemption of all or part of the appraised value of the residence homestead of an eligible peace officer. (See H.J.R. 106, below.)
HB1893	Support	Open Government	Relating to the disclosure under the public information law of a motor vehicle license plate number captured in a video recording obtained or maintained by a law enforcement agency.	would provide that: (1) the license plate number of a motor vehicle captured visually or audibly in a video recording obtained or maintained by a law enforcement agency is not confidential and may be included in a video recording disclosed under the Public Information Act (PIA); (2) the provision in (1), above, does not preclude a law enforcement agency from asserting other exceptions to disclosure of information under the PIA; and (3) a law enforcement agency may release a video recording obtained or maintained by the law enforcement agency that includes the license plate number of a motor vehicle captured visually or audibly in the video in response to a request for public information under the PIA, and the agency is not required to redact any license plate numbers before releasing the video.
HB1901	Support	Land Use	Relating to the release of certain areas from a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction by petition or election.	would exempt the following areas of a city's extraterritorial jurisdiction from release by petition or election: (1) areas located within: (a) one-quarter mile of the corporate boundaries of a city with a population of less than 5,000; (b) one-half mile of the corporate boundaries of a city with a population of 5,000 to 24,999; (c) one mile of the corporate boundaries of a city with a population of 25,000 to 49,999; (d) 1-1/2 miles of the corporate boundaries of a city with a population of 50,000 to 99,999; or (e) 2-1/2 miles of the corporate boundaries of a city with a population of 100,000 or more; and (2) an area identified in a city's long-range master plan for land use, water infrastructure, wastewater infrastructure, or roadways.

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HB1910	Support	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to regulate panhandling on public property; creating a criminal offense.	would, among other things: (1) require a city with a population over 100,000 to adopt and enforce an ordinance requiring a permit to panhandle on public property within the city's jurisdiction; (2) allow cities with a population under 100,000, or other political subdivisions, to adopt and enforce an ordinance described in Number 1, above; (3) require that any ordinance adopted and enforced under Numbers 1 and 2, above: (a) require a person to obtain a panhandling permit before panhandling on public property; (b) may not require a fee to issue the permit; (c) may impose reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on panhandling on public property; (d) may restrict the number of people allowed to panhandle in a specific location at a given time; and (e) must provide that a permit may not be issued until at least 24 hours after the time an individual submits a permit application, or a longer period if the political subdivision determines that a longer time is necessary for public safety; (4) provide for application, physical permit, and permit issuance requirements; (5) require a political subdivision to provide all applicants for a panhandling permit with information about local and regional resources that assist persons who are suffering from hunger or homelessness; (6) require a political subdivision that imposes a limit on the number of persons who can panhandle in a specific location at a given time, allocate panhandling permits for the specific location on a first-come, first-serve basis; (7) provide that a panhandling permit may not authorize panhandling at a specific location for longer than 12 consecutive hours; (8) require a person issued a panhandling permit carry the permit while engaged in panhandling on public property, restrict their panhandling to the date, time, and specific location identified on the permit, and comply with permit terms; (9) create a criminal offense for panhandling on public property in a political subdivision that adopts an ordinance described in Numbers 1 and 2, above, and provide criminal penalties for violations; (10) provide that the bill does not preempt or otherwise affect the authority of a political subdivision to adopt or enforce an order, rule, or other measure relating to panhandling on public property that is compatible with and equal to, or more stringent than the level of offense provided by Number 9, above; (11) provide that a policy that encourages diversion or a provision of services in lieu of citation or arrest for a violation of Number 10, above, is not prohibited; (12) prohibit a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing a policy that prohibits or discourages the enforcement of an ordinance, order, rule, or other measure adopted under Number 1, above; (13) prohibit a political subdivision from prohibiting or discouraging a peace officer or prosecuting attorney from enforcing an ordinance, order, rule, or other measure adopted under Number 1, above; and (14) allow a person, including the attorney general, to bring an action to enjoin a violation of the provisions above in Travis County, the county where the principal office of the political subdivision in which the violation occurs is located, or a county adjacent to such county; (15) waive a political subdivision's governmental liability to suit and liability to the extent of liability; and (16) provide that a political subdivision found to have violated Numbers 1 and 2, above, may not receive state grant funds for two years following the violation.
HB1924	Support	Personnel	Relating to employment restrictions for certain former county or municipal officers and employees.	would provide that: (1) a former county or city officer or employee who during the period of county or city service or employment participated on behalf of the county or city in a contract negotiation or procurement involving a person may not accept employment from that person before the second anniversary of the date the contract is signed or the procurement is terminated or withdrawn; and (2) the governing body of a county or city may, on an individual basis, waive the applicability of the prohibition under (1), above, for a former county or city officer or employee who submits to the governing body an application for a waiver from the prohibition in the form and manner the governing body requires.
HB224	Support		Relating to contracting with companies that boycott or discriminate against certain entities.	would, among other things, repeal the prohibitions against a governmental entity from entering into certain contracts with companies unless the contracts contain a written verification that the company: (1) does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (2) does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract; or (3) does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract.
HB247	Support	Property Tax	Relating to the taxation of border security infrastructure.	would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to reduce the property tax appraisal cap on residence homesteads from ten to five percent. (See
HB310	Support	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the use of money transferred from the Texas water fund.	would require that the Texas Water Development Board to ensure that a portion of the money transferred from the Texas Water Fund is used for water infrastructure projects, prioritized by risk or need, for: (1) rural political subdivisions; (2) cities with a population of less than 20,000; and (3) cities with a population of 20,000 or more but less than 150,000.

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HB447	Support	Transportation	Relating to traffic studies before the issuance of certain municipal utility district bonds.	would require that before a municipal utility district may issue a bond to finance a road project, each entity with jurisdiction over a road intersection located inside the district or within one mile of the boundaries of the district, or over a road that will provide ingress or egress from a residential development in the district, must conduct a study evaluating potential changes to traffic patterns and volumes for the intersection or road that would result from the project.
HB398	Support	Property Tax	Relating to the limitations on increases in the appraised value of certain property for ad valorem tax purposes.	would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize a political subdivision other than a school district to adopt a property tax freeze on the residence homestead of individuals who are elderly or disabled and their surviving spouses. (Note: Cities already have this authority. H.J.R. 59 would expand the authority to additional political subdivisions that levy property taxes.) (See
HB563	Support	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the establishment of the small municipality revenue recovery grant program to provide financial assistance for economic development to small municipalities facing severe economic hardships.	would provide, among other things, that: (1) the comptroller shall establish and administer the small municipal revenue recovery grant program; (2) cities with population of 10,000 or less that experienced a decrease in total revenue of at least 15 percent during the preceding fiscal year as the result of a reduction or termination of contracts with private sector entities may apply for a grant from the program; (3) the comptroller may award a grant to a qualified city in the amount of: (a) not more than \$7 million for economic development programs; and (b) not less than \$100,000 or more than \$7 million to fund one or more specific projects to create or promote the creation of jobs in the city, including the purchase of real and personal property and the construction or improvement of new buildings, facilities, infrastructure, or other improvements.
HB602	Support	Open Government	Relating to the qualifications for serving as a member of the board of directors of a municipal utility district.	would require all members of a municipal utility district's board of directors to own land subject to taxation in the district.
HB622	Support	Community and Economic Development	Relating to mandatory sales price disclosure in commercial and industrial real property sales; providing a civil penalty.	would, among other things, prohibit a person from filing or recording an instrument in the county clerk's office conveying commercial or industrial real property under a contract for sale unless the instrument discloses the sales price of the property.
HB769	Support	Transportation	Relating to a grant program for neighborhood organization pedestrian infrastructure administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.	would, among other things, provide: (1) for the creation of the pedestrian infrastructure grant fund; (2) that the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) administer the fund; and (3) that TDHCA may make grants to neighborhood organizations to construct certain pedestrian infrastructure related to sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian lighting.
HB784	Support	Transportation	Relating to a grant program for municipal pedestrian infrastructure administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.	would: (1) establish a grant fund and program to provide grants to cities to construct pedestrian infrastructure related to sidewalks, curbs, or pedestrian lighting, subject to certain contract conditions; and (2) direct the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to adopt rules necessary to administer (1), above.
HB790	Support	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the amount of an expenditure made by certain political subdivisions for which a competitive procurement method may be required to be used.	would, among other things: (1) increase the threshold at which competitive bidding is required for city purchases from \$50,000 to \$200,000; and (2) increase the threshold at which competitive bidding in relation to historically underutilized businesses is required from \$50,000 to \$200,000.

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HB875	Support	Personnel	Relating to workers' compensation insurance coverage and bid bonding requirements for small municipal construction projects.	would provide that: (1) for a construction project for an amount that is less than one percent of the total amount of a municipality's most recently adopted budget, the municipality is not required to: (a) ensure that the contractor is covered by workers' compensation insurance coverage; or (b) require the contractor to obtain a performance bond; (2) for the purpose of determining the contracted amount of a construction project under (1), above, a municipality may not aggregate work from more than one project; and (3) a project in (1), above, includes all work to be completed on a construction project for a municipality at one location within 12 months of the date the work begins.
HJR106	Support	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the appraised value of the residence homesteads of certain peace officers.	would amend the Texas Constitution to provide a local option property tax exemption of all or part of the appraised value of the residence homestead of an eligible peace officer.
SB102	Support	Utilities and Environment	Relating to the notice and petition for the creation of a municipal utility district in certain counties.	would provide that for a municipal utility district which is to be located outside the corporate limits of a city before a petition requesting creation of a proposed district is filed with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, notice must be sent to the commissioners court of each county in which the proposed district is to be located and shall: (1) generally describe the boundaries to be included in the district; and (2) inform the commissioners of the right to: (a) respond to the notice; (b) review the petition requesting creation of the proposed district; and (c) submit a written opinion on the creation of the proposed district. (Companion bill is S.B. 102 by Hall.)
SB178	Support	Sales Tax	Relating to the permissible uses of revenue attributable to the municipal sales and use tax for street maintenance.	would provide that revenue derived from the street maintenance sales tax may be used to reconstruct city streets and sidewalks in addition to being used for maintenance and repair.
SB250	Support	Land Use	Relating to municipal annexation of an area adjacent to contiguous or connecting railroad rights-of-way.	would, among other things, provide that a city that is annexing an area may also annex an additional area if: (1) the area is adjacent to a right-of-way of a railway line, spur, or other railroad property that is: (a) contiguous and runs parallel to the city's boundaries; and (b) contiguous to the area being annexed; and (2) each owner of the area agrees to the annexation by the municipality.
SB277	Support	Land Use	Relating to the consideration of certain local government actions before the renewal of air permits for certain concrete plants.	would provide that, for the renewal of an authorization to use a standard permit issued for the operation of a permanent concrete plant that performs wet batching, dry batching, or central mixing, in determining whether and under which conditions to renew an authorization, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality shall, while classifying the applicant's compliance history, consider any civil suit instituted and any other enforcement actions taken by a local government against the applicant.
SB284	Support	Transportation	Relating to the civil penalty for certain signs placed on the right-of-way of a public road.	would provide for a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 to be collected from a person: (1) who places or commissions the placement of an unauthorized sign on the right-of-way of a public road; or (2) whose commercial advertisement is placed on a sign described in (1), above.
SB303	Support	Municipal Court	Relating to the appointment of spoken language interpreters for certain court proceedings.	would, among other things, allow a municipal court or municipal court of record to appoint a spoken language interpreter under certain circumstances.
SB304	Support	Municipal Court	Relating to the jurisdiction of municipal courts over health and safety and nuisance abatement ordinances.	would allow a city, by ordinance, to provide its municipal court with: (1) civil jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing certain code enforcement-related ordinances; (2) concurrent jurisdiction with a district court or county court of law within the city's territorial limits and property owned by the city in the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction, for the purposes of enforcing health and safety nuisance abatement ordinances; (3) the authority to issue search warrants to investigate a health and safety or nuisance abatement ordinance violation, and

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SB305	Support	Public Safety and Emergency Management, Utilities and Environment	Relating to the criminal offense of passing certain vehicles on a highway.	would create a criminal offense for unlawfully passing a vehicle operated by: (1) an animal control officer or other individual for the purpose of removing an animal or animal carcass from a roadway and using certain prescribed visual signals; or (2) an employee of a local authority for the purpose of issuing a parking citation and using certain prescribed visual signals.
SB464	Support	Land Use	Relating to county and municipal authority to prohibit the operation of e-cigarette retailers near primary or secondary schools.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) a city council may adopt an ordinance applicable within the city prohibiting an e-cigarette retailer from operating within 300 feet of a public or private primary or secondary school campus; and (2) a municipal ordinance adopted under the bill does not apply to an e-cigarette retailer whose gross receipts from the sale of e-cigarettes are less than 50 percent of the retailer's total gross receipts at the retailer's premises within an area described by (1), above.
SB480	Support	Utilities and Environment	Relating to the authority of a local government to enter into an interlocal contract with certain governmental entities to participate in water research or planning activities.	would provide that a local government may contract with another local government, the state, or the federal government to jointly participate in research or planning activities related to water resources.
SB482	Support		Relating to increasing the criminal penalties for the offenses of assault and harassment committed against certain employees or agents of a utility and committed in a disaster area or evacuated area.	provide that: (1) an offense of assault is a felony of the third degree of the offense is committed against a person the actor knows or reasonably should know is an employee or agent of a utility while the person is: (a) performing a duty within the scope of that employment or agency; and (b) located in an area that is: (i) subject to a declaration of a state of disaster made by the president of the United States, the governor, or the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision; or (ii) subject to an emergency evacuation order; and (2) an offense of harassment is a Class A misdemeanor if the offense was committed against a person the actor knows or reasonably should know is an employee or agent of a utility while the person is: (a) performing a duty within the scope of that employment or agency; and (b) located in an area that was, at the time of the offense: (a) subject to a declaration of a state of disaster made by the president of the United States, the governor, or the presiding officer of the governing body of a political subdivision; or (b) subject to an emergency evacuation order.
SB628	Support	Public Safety and Emergency Management		would, among other things, provide that: (1) a county with a population of 250,000 or any county adjacent to such a county which has adopted a fire code may contract for the administration and enforcement of the county fire code with: (a) a city located in the county; or (b) an emergency services district (ESD) located wholly in the county; and (2) an ESD that has adopted a fire code and that is wholly located in one county may enter into an interlocal agreement with the county to delegate to the ESD all or part of the county's authority to enforce the county's fire code.
SB67	Support		Relating to conducting certain contested case hearings under the Texas workers' compensation system by videoconference.	would provide that: (1) the Texas Department of Insurance Division of Workers' Compensation (TDI-DWC) shall conduct a contested case hearing by videoconference on request of: (a) the claimant, if: (i) the claim relates to an injury incurred by the claimant in the course and scope of the claimant's employment or volunteer service as a custodial officer, detention officer, emergency medical technician, firefighter, or peace officer; or (ii) the claimant resides more than 75 miles from the hearing site at the time of the hearing; or (b) the insurance carrier, if the insurance carrier is the State Office of Risk Management, the Texas A&M University System, the Texas Department of Transportation, or the University of Texas System; and (2) a contested case hearing may not be conducted at a site more than 75 miles from the claimant's residence at the time of the injury unless the TDI-DWC determines that good cause exists for the selection of a different location or the contested case hearing is conducted by videoconference as provided by (1), above.
SB830	Support	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the amount of an expenditure made by a municipality for which competitive bidding is required.	would provide that the contract value which would trigger a requirement that a city follow certain public procurement procedures such as competitive sealed bidding or reverse auctions would be increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

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HB1013	Oppose	Elections	Relating to election integrity and security, including by preventing fraud in the conduct of elections in this state; authorizing a penalty, increasing a penalty.	would, among other things, provide that: 1. each election precinct established for an election shall be served by a single polling place located within the boundary of the precinct or adjoining precinct; 2. more than one precinct may vote at the same location provided the location is large enough to accommodate all required election activities while keeping those activities separate and distinct for each precinct; 3. the room where the election is conducted shall be used solely for that purpose during the election and shall be capable of being locked and secured from unauthorized access at any time an election judge is not present; 4. a polling place may not be located: (a) at the business location of certain persons; or (b) in a movable structure; 5. in addition to any other penalty set forth in the Election Code, failure to comply with the procurement and distribution of supplies and ballots by an election administrator or election officer whether or not intentionally impacting more than one precinct shall result in the removal of the administrator or office and the election shall be reconducted; 6. the authority responsible for procuring the election supplies for an election shall provide for each election precinct a number of ballots equal to at least the number of registered voters in that precinct plus 1 percent of that number; 7. a person commits a state jail felony if the person intentionally obstructs the distribution of elections supplies for an election; 8. in the event of a misprint or other error in printing one or more ballots, such ballots: (a) must be marked "VOID" in large letters across the front of the ballots; and (b) must be accounted for by ballot number, placed in locked containers, with numbered seals marked "VOID MISPRINTED BALLOTS" and placed in a secure, locked location and retained as election records; 9. a ballot: (a) shall be designed for hand marking and shall be printed in black ink, on secure, auditable, counterfeit resistant, non-encrypted paper, on white or light-colored paper; (b) may not contain any QR or bar code or any other code not readable by the human eye; (c) may not contain any open or encrypted means of tracking, tracing or identifying a voter's ballot; and (d) shall include the voting precinct number and polling location pre-printed on all pages of the ballot; 10. the failure of an election administrator to comply with Number 9, above, shall be a Class A misdemeanor; 11. ballots shall be numbered sequentially, with no gap in numbering, on the front and back of each ballot, consecutively beginning with number "1" and no ballot in the state shall have a duplicative number; 12. immediately after closing the polls for voting on the final day of voting, the ballots shall be hand-counted by bipartisan teams; 13. all elections and hand counting of ballots shall be video recorded without interruption; 14. before the election may be certified, the public shall be provided 30 days to examine the video recording for errors; 15. members of the canvassing authority who fail to correct errors that are identified by the public viewing the video recording shall: (a) be subject to recall and removal from their elected office upon petition of ten registered voters and the recall shall be decided in a special election to be held within 45 days after the filing of the petition; (b) during the interim, shall be suspended from their duties until the results of the recall election; 16. an election shall keep a printed, physical list containing the list of names of the voters duly registered, including their residence address and whether they applied for a mail-in ballot; 17. the countywide polling program is repealed; and 18. early voting by personal appearance is repealed.
HB1005	Oppose	Elections	Relating to the process of canvassing elections.	would provide that the city council, as the canvassing authority of an election of the city, shall compare the precinct returns with the corresponding tally list.
HB1077	Oppose	Personnel	Relating to the right of public employees to collectively bargain with governmental entities.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) an official of the state or a political subdivision may enter into a collective bargaining agreement with a labor organization regarding wages, hours or conditions of employment of public employees; and (2) public employees may strike or engage in an organized work stoppage against the state or a political subdivision of the state.
HB1131	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to the repeal of provisions authorizing certain taxing units in the year following the year in which a disaster occurs to adopt an ad valorem tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate without holding an election to approve the adopted tax rate; making conforming changes.	would repeal the provision authorizing cities to adopt an ad valorem tax rate the exceeds the voter-approval tax rate without holding an election in the year following the year in which a disaster occurs.

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HB1189	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.	
HB1197	Oppose	Elections	Relating to a requirement that an election for a member of a board of trustees of an independent school district is partisan.	would, among other things: (1) repeal the option for an election for trustees of an independent school district to be held on the same date as the election for city councilmembers of a city located in the school district; (2) require that an election for trustees of an independent school district be held on the same date as the general election for state and county officers; and (3) require that an election for a member of a board of trustees of an independent school district is partisan.
HB1227	Oppose	Utilities and Environment	Relating to municipal solid waste management services contracts; limiting the amount of a fee.	would prohibit a city from: (1) charging a solid waste franchisee a city franchise fee of more than two percent of the franchisee's gross receipts from the sale of services in the city; and (2) restricting the right of an entity to contract with a person other than the city or the city's exclusive franchisee for commercial, industrial, or multifamily residential solid waste management services.
HB1251	Oppose	Sales Tax	Relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for certain educational materials.	would: (1) expand the sales tax exemption for school supplies and backpacks so that it is effective year-round; and (2) exempt from the sales tax education materials necessary for in-class learning, including textbooks and school computers.
HB1294	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.	
HB1322	Oppose	Land Use	Relating to municipal approval of subdivision plans or plats in certain municipalities.	would provide that for cities with populations under 10,000: (1) the municipal authority responsible for approving plats shall approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove a plat within 90 days after the date the plat is filed; (2) if the city requires a plat be approved by the city council in addition to the planning
HB1394	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to sovereign immunity and civil rights actions related to certain laws protecting the free exercise of religion.	would, among other things: (1) waive sovereign immunity in state and federal court for certain claims of violation of religious freedom; and (2) seek to expand the federal constitutional bar against citizens of other states or nations suing the State of Texas or Texas cities in federal court for violations of religious freedom.
HB1286	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the award of attorney's fees to a prevailing property owner in a judicial appeal of certain ad valorem tax determinations.	would provide that: (1) a property owner who prevails in a judicial appeal of property taxes may be awarded reasonable attorney's fees; (2) except as provided by (3), below, the amount of the award may not exceed the greater of \$25,000 or 50 percent of the total amount by which the property owner's tax liability is reduced as a result of the appeal; and (3) the amount of an award of attorney's fees to the prevailing property owner is not subject to the limitation in (2), above, if: (a) the property owner prevails in an appeal for excessive appraisal or unequal appraisal; and (b) the property owner qualifies the property as the owner's residence homestead.
HB1378	Oppose	Utilities and Environment	Relating to municipal and county regulation of certain electric energy storage.	would: (1) provide that a city by ordinance or a county by order shall prohibit the installation of electric energy storage within 500 yards of real property owned by a person other than the owner or operator of the proposed storage unless the owner or operator of the proposed storage obtains written consent from each owner of the real property; (2) provide that a county may not regulate under (1), above, the installation of electric energy storage within the corporate boundaries of a city; and (3) require a city to adopt an ordinance providing for the prohibition on the installation of electric energy storage as required by (1), above, by October 1, 2025.
HB1430	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value of certain commercial real property for ad valorem tax purposes.	would establish a 20 percent appraisal cap on commercial real property with a market value of \$10 million or less. (See H.J.R. 101, below.)

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HB1433	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to efficiency audits for certain political subdivisions.	would, among other things, require: (1) a political subdivision other than a school district, including a city, that adopts a property tax rate that exceeds the no-new-revenue tax rate for five consecutive years to conduct an efficiency audit; (2) the political subdivision to pay for the costs associated with the efficiency audit; (3) the governing body of the political subdivision conducting an efficiency audit to hold an open meeting to discuss the results of the efficiency audit; (4) the results of an efficiency audit to be posted on the political subdivision's website not later than 30 days after the date of the open meeting described by (3), above; and (4) the political subdivision to provide all documents, records, and personnel requested by an auditor conducting an efficiency audit as needed to conduct the audit in an efficient manner.
HB1488	Oppose	Personnel	Relating to employment practices of governmental entities, state contractors, and private employers in this state regarding the legal status of employees, including requiring participation in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify program, and authorizing the suspension of certain licenses held by private employers for certain conduct in relation to the employment of persons not lawfully present; providing an administrative penalty.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) a political subdivision, including a city, shall register and participate in the E-Verify program to verify information of all new employees; and (2) an employee of a political subdivision who is responsible for verifying new employees' information shall be subject to immediate termination if the employee fails to verify the information as required by (1), above.
HB1632	Oppose	Sales Tax	Relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for animal food intended for consumption by domesticated animals.	would exempt from the sales tax animal food that is intended for consumption by domesticated animals.
HB1678	Oppose	Open Government	Relating to the collection and disclosure of certain public information.	would, among other things: (1) provide that under the Texas Public Information Act (PIA), information encompassing the following is not confidential by law, either constitutionally, statutorily or by judicial decision: (a) attorney-client privilege; (b) work product privilege; (c) another exception to disclosure provided by the PIA; or (d) a state or federal discovery privilege, including a privilege provided by the Texas or Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Texas or Federal Rules of Evidence, or Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct; (2) provide that the failure to make timely requests for an attorney general opinion under the following exceptions to disclosure do not constitute a compelling reason for a governmental body to withhold the information: (a) information related to litigation or settlement negotiations; (b) information related to competition or bidding; (c) information related to the location or price of property; (d) certain legislative documents; (e) law enforcement and prosecutorial information; (f) interagency or intra-agency memoranda not available to a third-party in litigation; (g) information related to financial institutions or securities; (h) audit work papers; (i) test items; (j) certain audits; (k) certain economic development information; (l) certain communications with employees of the legislative budget board; and (m) proprietary records and trade secrets in certain partnerships; (3) repeal the PIA provision related to responding to requests for information that require programming or manipulation of data; and (4) provide that for purposes of body worn cameras, a "recording" by a body worn camera, however phrased, shall mean an audio recording, a video recording, or an audiovisual recording.
HB165	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to the elimination of ad valorem taxes and the creation of a joint interim committee on the elimination of those taxes.	would, among other things: (1) eliminate property taxes by 2035; and (2) create a joint interim committee to conduct a comprehensive study of alternative methods of taxation to replace local tax revenue that will be lost when property taxes are eliminated.

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HB167	Oppose	Personnel	Relating to the implementation of diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives and certain prohibited considerations in contracting by governmental entities.	would, among other things: (1) provide that a governmental entity, including a city shall not, except as required by federal law: (a) establish or maintain a diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) office; (b) hire or assign an employee or contract with a third party to perform the duties of a DEI office; (c) compel, require, induce or solicit any person to provide a DEI statement or give preferential consideration to any person based on the provision of a DEI statement; (d) give preference on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity,
HB1835	Oppose	Land Use	Relating to the regulation of new HUD-code manufactured housing.	would: (1) prohibit a city from unreasonably regulating or restricting the installation of a new HUD-code manufactured home; (2) prohibit a city from requiring a specific use permit for a new HUD-code manufactured home; (3) require a city with zoning regulations to permit the installation of a new HUD-code manufactured home under at least one residential zoning classification or type of residential zoning district; and (4) prohibit a city from adopting zoning regulations that directly or indirectly prohibit HUD-code manufactured homes in all residential areas of the city. (Companion bill is S.B. 785 by Flores.)
HB182	Oppose	Personnel	Relating to rest breaks for employees of certain governmental entity contractors; providing an administrative penalty.	would provide that: (1) a governmental entity, including a city, contracting with a general construction contractor shall require the contractor and any subcontractor to provide to each employee performing work under the contract at least a ten minute paid rest break during every four-hour work period; (2) each general construction contract with a governmental entity must include terms that: (a) authorizes an employee of a contractor or subcontractor required to work without a rest break in violation of (1), above, to make a verbal or written complaint to the governmental entity contracting with the contractor; (b) requires, on confirmation of a violation of (1), above, that is the subject of a complaint, the governmental entity shall provide to the contractor written notice of the violation by hand delivery or certified mail; (c) inform a contractor the governmental entity is authorized to impose an administrative penalty if the contractor fails to comply with (1), above, after the date on which the contractor receives notice; and (d) state that an imposed penalty amount may be withheld from a payment otherwise owed to a contractor under the contract; (3) the governmental entity may impose an administrative penalty against a contractor in an amount of not less than \$100 and not more than
HB1898	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.	would reduce the property tax appraisal cap on homesteads from ten to five percent and apply the new appraisal cap to all real property. (See H.J.R. 114, below.)
HB1921	Oppose	Transportation	Relating to the operation of certain off-highway vehicles on certain roadways.	would allow a person to operate an unregistered off-highway vehicle on a highway for which the posted speed limit is not more than 65 miles per hour, if the highway is not an interstate or limited access highway and the vehicle displays a state-issued license plate.
HB1964	Oppose	Land Use	Relating to equitable relief from the enforcement of certain governmental requirements that affect agricultural operations.	would provide that: (1) the license plate number of a motor vehicle captured visually or audibly in a video recording obtained or maintained by a law enforcement agency is not confidential and may be included in a video recording disclosed under the Public Information Act (PIA); (2) the provision in (1), above, does not preclude a law enforcement agency from asserting other exceptions to disclosure of information under the PIA; and (3) a law enforcement agency may release a video recording obtained or maintained by the law enforcement agency that includes the license plate number of a motor vehicle captured visually or audibly in the video in response to a request for public information under the PIA, and the agency is not required to redact any license plate numbers before releasing the video.
HB223	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to exemptions to competitive requirements for purchases of certain services by a municipality.	would provide that an expenditure by a city to procure lobbying, government relations, or similar services intended to influence state or federal lawmakers on behalf of a city may not be classified as a personal, professional, or planning service for competitive procurement purposes.
HB202	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to making permanent the limitation on increases in the appraised value of certain real property for ad valorem tax purposes.	would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to establish a ten percent appraisal cap on property that: (1) is a single-family residential property leased to a lessee and used by the lessee as a primary residence; and (2) is leased to the lessee for a rent that does not exceed the fair market rent. (See

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HB203	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value for ad valorem tax purposes of certain leased residential real property.	would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to define "farm products" and "in the hands of the producer" for purposes of the farm production property tax exemption and may include in the definition of "farm products" livestock, poultry, timber, and supplies used or produced in a farming operation. (See
HB217	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to the vote required in an election to approve an ad valorem tax rate that exceeds a taxing unit's voter-approval tax rate; making conforming changes.	would require a 60 percent majority of voters to approve a property tax rate for which an automatic election is required.
HB250	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to the calculation of certain ad valorem tax rates of a taxing unit and the manner in which a proposed ad valorem tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate is approved; making conforming changes.	would, among other things: (1) remove the revenue multiplier from the voter-approval tax rate calculation to require an election for any revenue increase; and (2) eliminate the concepts of special taxing units, the de minimis property tax rate, the unused increment rate, and the special tax rate calculation in tax years following a disaster declaration.
HB255	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to the definitions of certain terms for purposes of the exemption from ad valorem taxation of farm products in the hands of the producer.	would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to establish a ten percent appraisal cap on real property with a market value that is not greater than a certain amount. (See
HB325	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to a limit on municipal and county expenditures.	would provide that: (1) a city or county's total expenditures from all available sources of revenue in a fiscal year may not exceed the greater of statewide changes in population and inflation, according to a formula provided in the bill, or the previous year's expenditures; (2) a city or county may exceed the limit in (1), above, if the voters approve the additional expenditure at an election held on a uniform election date or the city or county is located in an area in which the governor declares or renews a disaster declaration; and
HB327	Oppose		Relating to an exemption from certain zoning requirements for developments receiving certain financial assistance administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.	would provide that the ability to protest a proposed change to a zoning regulation or boundary by petition and force a supermajority vote of the city council to approve the proposed change does not apply to a property on which a development is located that has applied for or received credits under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program.
HB369	Oppose	Land Use	Relating to the authority of a municipality to regulate the number of dwellings allowed on certain property.	would (1) prohibit a city from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, zoning variance, or other regulation that allows for the construction of more than one single-family dwelling on a lot that: (a) was zoned for single-family dwellings on September 1, 2023; and (b) is located in a subdivision with at least one developed lot; (2) prohibit a city from changing a zoning classification, regulation, boundary, or an allowed use under a zoning classification for the purpose of allowing more than one single-family dwelling on a lot described by (1), above; (3) create an exception to (1) and (2), above, to allow a city to adopt or enforce a

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HB338	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.	would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to reduce the property tax appraisal cap on residence homesteads from ten to five percent. (See
HB346	Oppose	Community and Economic Development	Relating to support for new businesses.	would direct the Texas Secretary of State to coordinate with city officials to work to eliminate all fees related to licensing and registration required to be paid by a business entity in the entity's first year of business.
HB359	Oppose	Land Use	Relating to the authority of a property owners' association to assess a fine for discolored vegetation or turf during a period of residential watering restriction.	would prohibit a property owner's association from assessing a fine against a property owner related to the maintenance of green turf or vegetation while the property is subject to residential watering restrictions mandated by a city, water utility, or other water supplier, and for a reasonable period following the lifting of the watering restrictions. (Companion bill is S.B. 542 by Schwertner.)
HB375	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.	would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to reduce the property tax appraisal cap on residence homesteads from ten to five percent. (See
HB382	Oppose	Property Tax	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.	would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to expand the application of the ten percent appraisal cap on a residence homestead to all real property. (See
HB407	Oppose	Land Use	Relating to municipal and county requirements for solar energy device compatibility for certain residential construction; creating criminal offenses.	would provide, among other things, that: (1) a city by ordinance shall incorporate into its municipal building code a requirement that the construction of new residential buildings suitable for one to four families must be compatible with the installation of certain solar energy devices that may be interconnected with the electric distribution system serving the area; (2) a residential builder shall have construction inspected for compliance with the requirements in (1), above; and (3) failure to comply with the requirements described in (1), above, or a violation of (2), above, is a Class C misdemeanor.
HB442	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.	would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to reduce the property tax appraisal cap on residence homesteads from ten to five percent and apply the new appraisal cap to all real property. (See
HB455	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to the establishment of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that certain taxing units may impose on the residence homesteads of individuals who are disabled or elderly and their surviving spouses.	would amend the Texas Constitution to: (1) exempt from property tax the total market value of the residence homestead of an individual who is 72 years of age or older and has received a residence homestead exemption on the property for at least the preceding 10 years; and (2) provide that the surviving spouse of an individual who qualified for an exemption under (1), above, is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the same property to which the deceased spouse's exemption applied if: (a) the deceased spouse died in a year in which they qualified for the exemption; (b) the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when their spouse died; and (c) the property was the residence homestead of the surviving spouse when their spouse died and remains their residence homestead. (See

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HB487	Oppose	Community and Economic Development	Relating to criminal offenses applicable to and authorized uses of gambling devices, including eight-liners.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) the term "gambling device" includes an "eight-liner" device; (2) it is a defense to prosecution for gambling that the conduct consists of entirely playing or using a gambling device in which: (a) skill is the predominant requirement for the player or user to win or be awarded a thing of value for playing or using the device; and (b) the player or user may only win or be awarded as a thing of value for playing or using the device: (i) noncash merchandise available only on the premises where the device is located; or (ii) a ticket, coupon, or other representation of value redeemable only on the premises where the device is located for noncash merchandise; (3) for purposes of (2), above: (a) the value of the noncash merchandise or representation of value redeemable for noncash merchandise won or awarded for a single play of game on or use of a gambling device may not exceed the lesser of a wholesale value of ten times the amount charged for the single play or use or five dollars; and (b) the wholesale value of an item of noncash merchandise won or awarded for playing or using the device or for which a person may redeem one or more tickets, coupons, or other representations of value won or awarded for playing or using the device may not exceed \$50;
HB509	Oppose	Elections	Relating to the authority of certain entities and individuals to prevent individuals from accessing private property for the purpose of registering voters or communicating political messages.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) a city may not adopt or enforce a regulation that prevents an individual from knocking on the front door of a residential unit, ringing the doorbell of the unit, or leaving a written communication at the unit for the purpose of: (a) assisting an occupant of the unit with registering to vote; or (b) communicating to an occupant of the unit support or opposition for: (i) a political candidate; (ii) a political party; or (iii) a ballot measure; (2) a city may adopt and enforce reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of an activity described in (1), above; and (3) a peace officer or private party may not prevent an individual from engaging in an activity described in (1), above, unless the officer or party reasonably believes that that activity poses a threat to a person or property or is in violation of a statute, ordinance, order, rule, or policy.
HB511	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the total appraised value of the residence homestead of an unpaid caregiver of an individual who is eligible to receive long-term services and supports under the Medicaid program while the individual is on a waiting list for the services and supports.	would amend the Texas Constitution to provide that a residence homestead is not subject to seizure or sale for delinquent ad valorem taxes.
HB519	Oppose	Land Use	Relating to honey production operations and the harvesting and packaging of honey and honeycomb.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) honey production operations are not food service establishments; (2) a local government authority, including a city, may not regulate the production or honey or honeycomb; and (3) honey and honeycomb are raw agricultural commodities.
HB520	Oppose	Community and Economic Development	Relating to cottage food production operations.	would, among other things, provide that a local government authority, including a city, may not: (1) require a cottage food production operation to obtain any type of license or permit or pay any fee to sell certain foods directly to a consumer or vendor; or (2) employ or continue to employ a person who knowingly requires or attempts to require a cottage food production operation to obtain a license or permit in violation of (1), above.
HB490	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.	would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to: (1) reduce the property tax appraisal cap on residence homesteads from 10 to 2.5 percent; (2) reduce the temporary appraisal cap on real property other than a residence homestead from 20 to 8 percent; and (3) make permanent the temporary appraisal cap on real property other than a residence homestead. (See

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HB571	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.	would: (1) except as provided by (2), below, prohibit a political subdivision from spending public funds to: (a) hire an individual required to register as a lobbyist for the purpose of lobbying a member of the Texas legislature; or (b) pay a nonprofit state association or organization that: (i) primarily represents political subdivisions; and (ii) hires or contracts with an individual required to register as a lobbyist; (2) provide that the prohibition in (1), above, does not prevent: (a) a city or county from spending public funds to compensate or contract with an individual required to register as a lobbyist for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the outcome of legislation related to the military, military service members, or military veterans; or (b) a full-time employee of a nonprofit state association or organization that primarily represents political subdivisions from: (i) providing legislative services, including services related to bill tracking, bill analysis, and legislative alerts; (ii) communicating directly with a member of the legislature to provide information; or (iii) testifying for or against legislation before a legislative committee; (3) provide that if a political subdivision engages in activity prohibited by (1), above, a taxpayer or resident of the political subdivision is entitled to injunctive relief to prevent any further prohibited activity and any further payments of public funds; and (3) provide that a taxpayer or resident who prevails in an action under (3), above, is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the political subdivision.
HB606	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to de novo review and interpretation of state laws and state agency rules by reviewing court judges and administrative law judges.	would: (1) require a court and administrative law judge when reviewing a provision of state law, to interpret the meaning and effect of the provision de novo, without deference to a state agency's interpretation of the provision; (2) require a court in an action brought by or against a state agency concerning an ambiguous provision of state law, after applying all other rules and canons of interpretation, to resolve the ambiguity in favor of limiting state agency authority; and (3) require an administrative law judge when conducting a hearing concerning an ambiguous provision of state law, after applying all other rules and canons of interpretation, to resolve the ambiguity in favor of limiting state agency authority.
HB671	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.	would: (1) except as provided by (2), below, prohibit a political subdivision from spending public funds to: (a) hire an individual required to register as a lobbyist for the purpose of lobbying a member of the Texas legislature; or (b) pay a nonprofit state association or organization that: (i) primarily represents political subdivisions; and
HB695	Oppose	Elections	Relating to the use of certain facilities of a building being used as a polling place or early voting polling place.	would provide that the secretary of state shall adopt rules requiring an entity that owns or controls a building being used as a polling place or an early voting polling place to permit a person electioneering on the building's premises to use the facilities of the building otherwise available to voters or election officials, including bathrooms provided that the person: (1) may not bring political signs or literature inside the facilities; (2) must cover or remove any political logos or messaging before entering the facilities; and (3) must meet any other requirements determined by the secretary of state to be necessary to ensure compliance.
HB698	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to the abolition of ad valorem taxes and the creation of a joint interim committee on the abolition of those taxes.	would, among other things: (1) repeal the Property Tax Code; (2) prohibit a political subdivision from imposing a property tax beginning in the year 2031; and (3) convene a committee to determine how property tax revenue could be replaced by local sales and use tax revenue. (See H.J.R. 64, below.)
HB710	Oppose	Personnel	Relating to the recognition of occupational licenses and government certifications issued in other states; authorizing a fee.	would, among other things: (1) require a state agency or political subdivision, including a city, to issue an occupational license or government certification to an individual who applies in a manner prescribed by the political subdivision if the individual: (a) holds a current and valid occupational license or government certification in another state in a lawful occupation with a similar scope of practice; (b) has held the occupational license or government certification in another state for at least one year; (c) was required by a board in another state to pass an examination or to meet education, training, or experience standards; (d) is in good standing with the board in the other state; (e) does not have a disqualifying criminal record; (f) has not had an occupational license or government certification revoked by the board of another state or surrendered due to negligence or intentional misconduct;
HB755	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to certain requirements applicable to certain public entities that engage in lobbying.	would: (1) prohibit the governing body of a public entity, including a city, from spending public money or providing other compensation to a lobbyist to communicate directly with one or more members of the legislative branch to influence legislation pending before the legislature unless the expenditure is: (a) authorized by a majority vote of the governing body of the entity in an open meeting of the governing body; and (b) voted on by the governing body as a stand-alone item on the agenda at the meeting; (2) require a public entity that contracts with a lobbyist to publish on the entity's Internet website: (a) the amount of money authorized for the purpose of contracting with the person; (b) the name of the person, (c) a copy of the contract; (d) the amount of money, if any, spent by the entity for membership fees or dues to a nonprofit state association or organization of similarly situated entities that contracts with a lobbyist; and (e) a copy of any current legislative agenda or resolution adopted by the entity; (3) prohibit a lobbyist that contracts with a public entity from communicating directly with a member of the legislative branch on behalf of the entity regarding legislation pending before the legislature that specifically proposes to amend state statutes dealing with the calculation of property tax rates;

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HB763	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to the repeal of provisions authorizing certain taxing units in the year following the year in which a disaster occurs to adopt an ad valorem tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate without holding an election to approve the adopted tax rate; making conforming changes.	would repeal the provision authorizing cities to adopt an ad valorem tax rate the exceeds the voter-approval tax rate without holding an election in the year following the year in which a disaster occurs.
HB794	Oppose	Personnel	Relating to limitations on the enforcement of certain occupational regulations.	would, among other things: (1) direct each licensing authority, including a city, by September 1, 2026, to conduct a comprehensive review of each occupational regulation applicable to a license issued by the authority, and: (a) specify the public health, safety, or welfare objective served by the regulation and reason the regulation is necessary to serve each objective; (b) analyze the effects of the regulation on: (i) worker opportunity; (ii) consumer choice and costs; (iii) general unemployment; (iv) market competition;
HB901	Oppose	Personnel	Relating to a limitation on the salary paid to officers and employees of this state and political subdivisions of this state.	would, among other things, provide that the taxpayer funded salary of an officer or employee of a political subdivision, including a city, may not exceed the amount of the salary set by the state law for the governor.
HB920	Oppose	Sales Tax	Relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for firearms, ammunition, and other related items.	would exempt from the sales tax a firearm, firearm accessory, and ammunition.
HB925	Oppose	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the applicability of a defense to prosecution for an offense relating to carrying a handgun in certain prohibited locations and to repealing associated notice requirements.	would repeal the provisions: (1) allowing a person to post a sign stating that a person may not carry a firearm or other weapon on a property; and (2) making unavailable a defense to prosecution if: (a) a sign described by (1), above, was posted prominently at each entrance to the premises or other property, as applicable; or (b) at the time of the offense, the actor knew that carrying a firearm or other weapon on the premises or other property was prohibited.
HB927	Oppose	Community and Economic Development	Relating to the interpretation of certain laws protecting the free exercise of religion.	would clarify that a city may not substantially burden a person's free exercise of religion.
HB950	Oppose	Land Use	Relating to the provision of municipal services to land annexed by a municipality for full purposes.	would, among other things: (1) define "full municipal services" to mean a city's provision of each of the following services to land following annexation: (a) police protection; (b) fire protection including fire hydrants; (c) emergency medical services; (d) solid waste collection; (e) construction, operation, and maintenance of: (i) water and wastewater facilities; (ii) roads and streets, including lighting; and

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HB960	Oppose	Property Tax, Sales Tax	Relating to the repeal of or limitations on certain state and local taxes, including school district maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes, the enactment of state and local value added taxes, and related school finance reform; imposing taxes.	would, among other things, repeal local sales and use taxes and authorize a political subdivision that was authorized to impose a sales and use tax to impose a value added tax not to exceed two percent.
HB981	Oppose	Open Government	Relating to access to certain litigation, law enforcement, corrections, and prosecutorial records under the public information law.	would provide that: (1) for purposes of the exception to disclosure for pending or reasonably anticipated litigation, litigation is considered reasonably anticipated only if a person with an alleged claim, or that person's attorney, has: (a) threatened in writing to take legal action against the governmental body; or (b) made a written demand for compensation as a result of an alleged claim against the governmental body; (2) a law enforcement record related to the detection, investigation or prosecution of crime that did not result in conviction or deferred adjudication is not excepted from public disclosure under the law enforcement exception if a written request for the record is made by: (a) a person who is the subject of the record or the person's attorney; or (b) if the person described in (2)(a), above, is deceased, the person's spouse, child or parent, an administrator of the person's estate, or any of their attorneys.
HB989	Oppose	Elections	Relating to processes to address election irregularities; providing a civil penalty.	would provide that: (1) a person who participated in the relevant election as a candidate, a county chair or state chair of a political party, a presiding judge, an alternate presiding judge or the head of a specific-purpose political committee that supports or opposes a ballot may issue a written request to the county clerk or other authority conducting an election for an explanation and supporting documentation for: (a) an action taken by the election officer that appears to violate the Election Code; (b) irregularities in results in a precinct or at a polling place or early voting polling place; (c) inadequacy or irregularity of documentation required to be maintained under the Election Code; or (d) irregularity or reconciliation results identified in reconciliation reports regarding voters and votes cast; (2) not later than the 20th day after the date a request is received under (1), above, the county clerk or other authority shall provide the requested explanation and any supporting documentation; (3) a requestor who is not satisfied with the explanation and supporting documentation provided under (2), above, may issue a request for further explanation and supporting documentation to the county clerk or other authority; (4) not later than the 10th day after the date a request is received under (3), above, the county clerk or other authority shall provide the requested explanation and any supporting documentation; (5) a requestor who is not satisfied with the explanation and supporting documentation provided by the clerk or other authority may issue a request for an audit to the secretary of state that includes the request submitted to the clerk or other authority and explanations and supporting documentation; (6) not later than the 30th day after the date the secretary of state receives a request for an audit, the secretary must determine whether the information submitted sufficiently explains the irregularity defined in (1), above; (7) if the information submitted by the requestor is insufficient, the secretary of state shall immediately begin an audit of the identified irregularity at the expense of the county or other authority conducting the election; (8) the county clerk or other authority conducting the election shall cooperate with the office of the secretary of state and may not interfere with or obstruct the audit; (9) on conclusion of the audit the secretary of state shall provide notice of the findings of the audit to the person who submitted the request for an audit and the county clerk or other authority conducting the election; (10) the secretary of state, may, in the secretary's discretion, make a determination that a violation of the Election Code has occurred solely on the basis of the evidence submitted under (5), above, without conducting an audit, and shall send notice of the determination to the person who submitted the request for an audit and to the county clerk or other authority conducting the election; (11) if, following an audit, the secretary of state determines that a violation of the Election Code has occurred, the secretary shall appoint a conservator to oversee elections in the county election precinct where the violation occurred and the conservator shall serve for two federal election cycles; (12) in addition to the notice required under (9), above, the secretary of state shall provide special notice to the county clerk or other authority conducting the election detailing any violation of the Election Code found by the secretary; (13) if the county clerk or other authority conducting the election does not remedy a violation detailed in a notice under (12), above, by the 30th day after the date the clerk or other authority receives the notice, the secretary of state shall assess a civil penalty of \$500 for each violation not remedied and, if possible, remedy the violation on behalf of the county clerk or other authority; (14) if the secretary of state is unable to remedy the violation on behalf of the county clerk or other authority, the secretary shall assess an additional penalty under (13), above, for each day the county clerk or other authority does not remedy the violation until the violation is remedied; (15) the secretary of state shall maintain a record of county clerks or other authorities that conduct elections who have been assessed a civil penalty, and shall publish the record on the secretary of state's website; and (16) the attorney general may bring an action to recover a civil penalty that has not been paid, and such penalty collected shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general revenue fund.

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HB993	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the time for processing a municipal building permit application.	would, among other things: (1) require a city to provide certain notice to an applicant for a building permit, if the city is unable to grant or deny a building permit within 45 days of application; (2) provide that a city may reach a written agreement with an applicant providing for a deadline for granting or denying a building permit that goes beyond the 45 day limit only for a commercial building permit; and (3) prohibit a city from: (a) denying a building permit solely because the city is unable to grant or deny the application within 45 days of the date of application; or (b) requiring an applicant to waive certain requirements.
HB999	Oppose	Elections	Relating to the public inspection of election records.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) an election record that is public information shall be made available to the public during the regular business hours of the record's custodian and not later than ten days after the date the custodian receives a request for public inspection; (2) not later than the 60th day after election day, the general custodian of election records shall make available for public inspection election records that are: (a) original voted ballots; or (b) images of voted ballots, if a county maintains images of voted ballots; (3) the custodian of election records shall adopt procedures to ensure the redaction of any personally identifiable information of the voter contained on a ballot before making the voted ballot available for public inspection; and (4) repeal the provision that allows the custodian of elections to adopt reasonable rules limiting public access to election records for the purpose of safeguarding election records or economizing the custodian's time.
HJR101	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of certain commercial real property for ad valorem tax purposes.	
HJR104	Oppose	Property Tax		would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to make permanent the temporary 20 percent appraisal cap on real property other than a residence homestead. (See H.B. 1622, above.)
HJR26	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to make permanent the limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes.	
HJR30	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for a limitation on the maximum appraised value for ad valorem tax purposes of certain leased residential real property.	
HJR32	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of certain commercial real property for ad valorem tax purposes.	

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HJR34	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation the portion of the assessed value of a person's property that is attributable to the installation or construction in or on the property of border security infrastructure.	
HJR36	Oppose	Property Tax	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.	
HJR39	Oppose	Property Tax	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.	
HJR42	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment establishing a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that certain political subdivisions may impose on the residence homesteads of persons who are disabled or elderly and their surviving spouses.	
HJR43	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment to exempt from ad valorem taxation the total market value of the residence homesteads of certain elderly persons and their surviving spouses.	

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HJR45	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.	
HJR50	Oppose	Property Tax	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.	
HJR53	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.	
HJR55	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district.	
HJR56	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to set lower limits on the maximum appraised value of residence homesteads and of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes and to make permanent the limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead.	
HJR64	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment to abolish ad valorem taxes.	

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HJR66	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation income-producing tangible personal property for a certain period of time.	
HJR99	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation tangible personal property consisting of animal feed held by the owner of the property for sale at retail.	
SB104	Oppose	Elections	Relating to the availability of paper ballots for a person voting by personal appearance.	would provide that: (1) the authority responsible for procuring election supplies shall provide, unless the number of ballots provided to an election precinct is equal to the total number of registered voters in the precinct, the means to print additional paper ballots at each precinct polling place and early voting polling place; (2) an election officer shall provide a paper ballot to a voter who requests a paper ballot; and (3) the secretary of state may prescribe procedures to implement the provisions of (2), above.
SB121	Oppose	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the right to choose medical treatments and certain control measures and to the imposition of isolation or quarantine control measures.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) before ordering an individual or a group of individuals to implement control measures that involve isolation or quarantine, a health authority must: (a) provide notice of the control measures to the individual or group of individuals; and (b) provide to the individual or group of individuals an opportunity to demonstrate that implementing the control measures is unnecessary; (2) a health authority may not order an individual or a group of individuals to implement control measures described by (1), above, for a period that exceeds five days unless the health authority obtains from a district court of the county in which the individual or group of individuals resides, is located, or is receiving court-ordered health services a court order authorizing the health authority to order the individual or group of individuals to implement the control measures; and (3) in ordering an individual or group of individuals to implement control measures described by (1), above, a health authority to the greatest extent possible must: (a) use the least restrictive means available; (b) allow an individual to isolate or quarantine with other individuals subject to the same court order under (2), above; (c) if the individual subject to the control measure is a minor, allow the individual to isolate or quarantine with the individual's parent, legal guardian, or managing conservator; and (d) allow an individual to isolate or quarantine in the individual's home or with another family member or a friend.
SB131	Oppose	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the enforcement within this state of certain federal laws for federally declared public health emergencies.	would provide that: (1) a city or its employees may not enforce or provide assistance to a federal agency or official with respect to enforcing a federal statute, order, rule, or regulation that: (a) is enacted or issued in response to a federally declared public health emergency; and (b) imposes a prohibition, restriction, or other regulation that does not exist under state law; (2) a city is ineligible to receive state money from the general revenue fund or a grant program if it through consistent actions or a contract adopts a rule, order, ordinance, or policy under which the city enforces or assists with the enforcement of a federal statute, order, rule or regulation described in (1), above; (3) an individual residing in the city may file a complaint with the attorney general if the individual offers evidence to support an allegation in (1), above; (4) if the attorney general determines that a complaint filed under (3), above, is valid, the attorney general may file a petition for a writ of mandamus or apply for other equitable relief (including court costs, reasonable attorney's fees, investigative costs, witness fees, and deposition costs) in a district court in Travis County or in a county in which the city is located; (5) an appeal of an action brought under (4), above, shall be accelerated and an appellate court shall render its final order or judgment with the least possible delay; and (6) the attorney general shall defend a city in an action by the federal government for an act or omission consistent with this law.
SB134	Oppose	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to agreements between municipalities and counties and United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to enforce federal immigration law.	would: (1) require the governing body of each city and the commissioners court of each county to request, and as offered, enter into a written agreement with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement to authorize officers and employees of the city or county to enforce federal immigration law; (2) require that an agreement under (1), above, include the scope, duration, and limitations of the authority; (3) authorize the Office of Attorney General to bring an action for injunctive relief against a city or county that fails to comply with (1), above, plus recovery of reasonable expenses;

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SB141	Oppose	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the authority of a municipality or a property owners' association to regulate the raising or keeping of chickens.	would, among other things, provide that a city: (1) may not adopt or enforce a regulation prohibiting the raising or keeping of six or fewer chickens on a single-family residential lot; (2) may impose reasonable regulations on the raising or keeping of poultry on a single-family residential lot that do not have the effect of prohibiting the activity, including: (a) a limit on the number of chickens that may be raised or kept in excess of six; (b) a prohibition on poultry breeding; (c) a prohibition on keeping roosters; or (d) the minimum distance between a chicken coop and a residential structure.
SB212	Oppose	Utilities and Environment	Relating to certain public meetings and public hearings concerning permits issued by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	would provide that: (1) if the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), the executive director, or the applicant for certain permits, permit amendments, or permit renewals, under authority authorizing or requiring a public meeting or public hearing to be held in the county in which the facility or proposed facility that is the subject of the meeting or hearing is located or proposed to be located, holds a public meeting or public hearing concerning the issuance, amendment, or renewal of a permit for a facility or proposed facility, the meeting or hearing must be held: (a) in person; and (b) at a public location: (i) not more than one mile from the location or proposed location of the facility or proposed facility; or (ii) if a public location at which the meeting or hearing may be held does not exist within one mile of the location or proposed location, at a public location as near as practicable to and not more than five miles from the location or proposed location of the facility or proposed facility; and (2) the applicant for the permit, permit amendment, or permit renewal shall pay the cost of a public meeting or public hearing concerning a permit in (1), above.
SB240	Oppose	Community and Economic Development	Relating to regulations and policies for entering or using certain private spaces; authorizing a civil penalty.	
SB244	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes.	would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to reduce the property tax appraisal cap on residence homesteads from ten to five percent. (See
SB265	Oppose	Sales Tax	Relating to the applicability of sales and use taxes to certain services provided by a marketplace provider.	would exclude services provided by a marketplace provider in relation to the processing of a sale or payment for a marketplace seller from the definition of "taxable services" for the purpose of the sales tax.
SB291	Oppose	Community and Economic Development	Relating to the failure to disclose certain appraisal reports by an entity with eminent domain authority in connection with an offer to acquire real property.	would provide that an entity that fails to disclose certain appraisal reports in connection with an offer to acquire real property through eminent domain is liable to the property owner for reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the owner in connection with the entity's acquisition of the owner's property.
SB320	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.	
SB321	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.	would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to exempt all tangible personal property from property taxation. (See

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SB363	Oppose	Land Use	Relating to the assessment of damages resulting from the condemnation of property that is subject to a conservation easement.	would provide that when valuing property subject to a conservation easement for the purposes of condemnation, the value of the property being condemned as well as any damages to the owner's remaining property shall be valued based on the property's highest and best use as though the property was not burdened by a conservation easement.
SB385	Oppose	Land Use	Relating to construction standards for certain recreational vehicle parks and campgrounds.	would: (1) adopt certain construction safety standards applicable to certain privately owned and operated recreation vehicle parks or campgrounds on which sites for recreational vehicles, recreational park trailers, or other camping units are offered primarily for use by the public for overnight stays; and (2) prohibit a city from adopting a policy, rule, ordinance, or order that regulates environmental health and sanitation, electrical distribution system safety, liquefied petroleum gas storage and dispensing safety, or fire protection, if the policy, rule, ordinance, or order imposes more stringent standards than those adopted in (1), above.
SB393	Oppose	Land Use	Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to issue debt to purchase or lease tangible personal property.	would prohibit a political subdivision, including a city, from issuing a public security to purchase or lease tangible personal property if the expected useful life of the property for the purpose of calculating depreciation deductions ends before the maturity date of the public security.
SB459	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to the exemption of tangible personal property from ad valorem taxation; making conforming changes.	would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize a political subdivision other than a school district to adopt a property tax freeze on the residence homestead of individuals who are elderly or disabled and their surviving spouses. (Note: Cities already have this authority. S.J.R. 26 would expand the authority to additional political subdivisions that levy property taxes.) (See
SB477	Oppose	Property Tax	Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes.	would, among other things: (1) provide that the appraised value of a residence homestead for a tax year is equal to the market value of the property for the first tax year that the owner qualified the property for a homestead exemption; (2) provide that if the owner acquired the property as a purchaser, the appraised value of the property is equal to the purchase price; and (3) require an owner of property to apply for the appraisal cap under (1), above, using an application form prescribed by the comptroller that includes, among other information, the purchase price of the property paid by the applicant.
SB50	Oppose	Open Government	Relating to maintenance and production of electronic public information under the public information law.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) public information for purposes of the Public Information Act (PIA) includes data dictionary or other indicia of the type or category of information held in the applicable field of a database, other than metadata that directly implicates database security; (2) if a request for public information applies to electronic public information (public information produced and maintained in an electronic spreadsheet or database that is searchable or sortable) and the requestor requests the electronic public information in a searchable or sortable format, a governmental body shall: (a) provide an electronic copy of the requested electronic public information in the searchable or sortable format requested using computer software the governmental body uses to access, support, program, manipulate, or otherwise manage the governmental body's information; (b) if the requestor prefers, provide a copy of electronic public information in the form of a paper printout; (3) a governmental body may not refuse to provide a copy of electronic public information on the grounds that exporting the information or redacting excepted information will require inputting range, search, filter, report parameters, or similar commands or instructions into the governmental body's computer system if the commands or instructions can be executed with computer software the governmental body uses in the ordinary course of business to access, support, or otherwise manage the information; (4) if a requestor requests that a copy of electronic information be provided in the format in which the governmental body maintains information or in a standard export format such as a flat file electronic American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII), the governmental body shall provide the copy if the computer programs the governmental body uses support exporting the information in that format; (5) the copy of electronic information provided to the requestor under (4), above, shall: (a) be in the requested format or in another format acceptable to the requestor; and (b) on suitable electronic media; (6) if electronic public information is maintained by a governmental body in a format that is: (a) searchable but not sortable, the governmental body shall provide an electronic copy of the information in a searchable format; or (b) sortable, the governmental body shall provide an electronic copy of the information in a sortable format; (7) governmental body shall use reasonable efforts to ensure that a contract the governmental body enters into for the creation and maintenance of electronic public information does not impair the public's ability to inspect or copy the information or make the information more difficult for the public to inspect or copy than records the governmental body maintains; and (8) the provision related to responding to requests for information that require programming or manipulation shall be repealed.
SB541	Oppose	Community and Economic Development	Relating to cottage food production operations.	would, among other things, provide that a local government authority, including a city, may not: (1) require a cottage food production operation to obtain any type of license or permit or pay any fee to sell certain foods directly to a consumer or vendor; or (2) employ or continue to employ a person who knowingly requires or attempts to require a cottage food production operation to obtain a license or permit in violation of (1), above. (Companion bill is H.B. 520 by Goodwin.)

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SB599	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to regulate a licensed child-care facility or registered family home.	would prohibit a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, order, or other measure that requires a licensed child-care home or family home registered or listed in state law to comply with health and safety standards that exceed those set forth in statute or by rule of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.
SB617	Oppose	Community and Economic Development		would, among other things, provide that: (1) a city may not approve the conversion of city property to provide housing to homeless individuals unless the city holds a public hearing not less than 90 days before the conversion begins; (2) the hearing must be held at a location within one mile of the property; and (3) the city must provide notice of the hearing by mail to each residence and business located within a one-mile radius of the property.
SB673	Oppose	Land Use	Relating to regulation of accessory dwelling units by political subdivisions.	would: (1) define "accessory dwelling unit" (ADU) to mean a residential housing unit that is: (a) located on any lot that is either not zoned or is zoned for single-family or duplex homes; (b) independent or detached from the primary dwelling unit; and (c) a complete and independent living facility for at least one individual; (2) prohibit a city from adopting or enforcing a regulation that: (a) prohibits an owner from building or leasing an ADU; (b) requires owner occupancy of the primary dwelling unit; (c) requires additional parking for ADUs on a lot that: (i) was platted before 1965; (ii) is less than 7,000 square feet; or (iii) is located within 1,320 feet of a public transit line; (d) requires a minimum lot size for an ADU larger than that required for: (i) a single-family home or duplex; or (ii) an ADU on September 1, 2025, if notice of ADU construction is required by the city; (e) requires setbacks larger than five feet for an ADU; (f) prevents an owner from converting an existing structure into an ADU due to the current structure's setbacks; (g) applies the city's growth, density, or bulk limitations to an ADU; (h) limits ADU square footage to either: (i) 50 percent of the square footage of the primary dwelling unit; or (ii) 800 square feet; (i) regulates certain design aspects of the ADU; (j) limits ADU height to 14 feet; (k) charges an impact fee for the ADU unless the ADU requires a: (i) larger meter or connection to serve the primary dwelling unit; or (ii) new meter or connection for the ADU; (l) charges any additional fee or exaction, including a parkland or right-of-way dedication; (m) imposes ADU occupancy restrictions based on age or employment relationship with the primary dwelling unit owner; (n) prohibits construction of an ADU: (i) due to open space or impervious cover restrictions; or (ii) in accordance with the current residential building code; or (o) prohibits an ADU based on its physical orientation on the lot with respect to the primary dwelling if space allows for that orientation; (3) authorize a city to: (a) generally apply its height and front setback limitations, site plan review, and other generally applicable zoning requirements to ADU construction; (b) publish ADU plans, building codes, and design standards; (c) allow ADUs on a lot: (i) containing a historic structure; or (ii) that is located in an area that is used to implement a water conservation plan or subject to a certain Texas Water Development Board standard; (d) apply the city's short term rental regulations to an ADU; (e) prohibit sale of the ADU separately from the primary dwelling unit, except under certain circumstances; (f) apply parking regulations which do not require more than one parking space per ADU or regulate the placement or adequacy of parking; (4) require a city that requires a permit to construct an ADU to: (a) process the permit application ministerially without discretion or a hearing; (b) consider only whether the application satisfies applicable building codes, design standards, and fire codes; and (c) approve or deny the application not later than the 60th day after submission; (5) deem an application to be automatically approved if it is not denied on or before the 60th day after submission; and (6) allow a property owner to bring a cause of action against a city for violations.
SB76	Oppose	Elections	Relating to elimination of the countywide polling place program.	would, among other things, repeal the provisions that allow for use of countywide polling places in elections.
SB785	Oppose	Land Use	Relating to the regulation of new HUD-code manufactured housing.	would: (1) prohibit a city from unreasonably regulating or restricting the installation of a new HUD-code manufactured home; (2) prohibit a city from requiring a specific use permit for a new HUD-code manufactured home; (3) require a city with zoning regulations to permit the installation of a new HUD-code manufactured home under at least one residential zoning classification or type of residential zoning district; and (4) prohibit a city from adopting zoning regulations that directly or indirectly prohibit HUD-code manufactured homes in all residential areas of the city. (Companion bill is H.B. 1835 by Guillen.)
SB776	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the award of compensatory damages caused by certain delays under governmental construction contracts.	

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SB80	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the Texas Sovereignty Act.	would, among other things: (1) establish the Joint Legislative Committee on Constitutional Enforcement (JLCCE); (2) provide for the JCCLE's membership and powers, including declaring a federal action unconstitutional; (3) provide that a federal action declared unconstitutional by the JCCLE has no legal effect in this state and may not be recognized by this state or a political subdivision of this state as having legal effect; (4) prohibit the state and a political subdivision of the state from spending public money on a federal action declared to be unconstitutional by the JCCLE; and (5) provide that a person authorized to enforce state law may enforce such laws against a person who attempts to implement or enforce a federal action declared unconstitutional by the JCCLE.
SB84	Oppose	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the definition and use of the terms "male" and "female" for purposes of certain government documents.	would require that all government documents, policies, surveys, questionnaires, reports, publications, notices, or other written or electronic material reference only male or female when requesting or providing information regarding a person's sex.
SJR21	Oppose	Property Tax	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.	
SJR22	Oppose	Property Tax	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.	
SJR23	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to set a lower limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes and to postpone the expiration of the limit.	
SJR25	Oppose	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment exempting tangible personal property from ad valorem taxation.	
HB1002	Watch	Elections	Relating to the disposition of certain election records.	

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HB1006	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the amendment of restrictive covenants applicable to certain subdivisions.	
HB1018	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to the establishment of a certification program for public work contracting purposes for operators of certain facilities that emit air contaminants.	would: (1) direct the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to establish a certification program for operators of facilities that have been issued a permit or an authorization to use a permit for: (a) the production of aggregates; or (b) the operation of a concrete plant that performs wet batching, dry batching, or central mixing;
HB1007	Watch	Elections	Relating to the security of election systems.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) an election system that is capable of being connected to the Internet or any other computer network may not be used, except for the use of a visible wired connection to an isolated local area network within the building; and (2) equipment used in the operation of a voting system must have a documented chain of custody and be stored in a locked facility with video surveillance monitoring the storage facility at all times.
HB1008	Watch	Elections	Relating to the systems used in a central counting station.	would provide that an authority operating a central counting station may not purchase or use a ballot scanner unless the ballot scanner can only use a data storage device on which information, once written, is incapable of being modified without
HB1019	Watch	Personnel	Relating to requiring political subdivisions of this state to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify.	would: (1) require a political subdivision, including a city, to register and participate in the E-verify program to verify information of all new employees; and (2) provide that an employee of a political subdivision who is responsible for verifying information of new employees of the political subdivision as required by (1), above, is subject to immediate termination of employment if the employee fails to comply with (1), above.
HB1053	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the text of municipal ballot propositions on the issuance of bonds.	would provide that a ballot proposition to approve bonds issued by a city that would add or increase taxes must include the statement "THIS IS A TAX INCREASE."
HB1035	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the criteria for a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility.	would extend the eligibility for the local option property tax exemption for a child-care facility to leased property when the property is subject to a net lease under which the lessee is directly responsible for the payment of property taxes imposed on the property.
HB1045	Watch	Personnel	Relating to health benefit plan coverage of treatment for chemical dependency.	
HB1047	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the designation of certain optional holidays.	
HB1050	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to the award of attorney's fees in certain suits involving a groundwater conservation district.	

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HB1051	Watch	Personnel	Relating to health benefit plan coverage of telemedicine, teledentistry, and telehealth services provided by only synchronous or asynchronous audio interaction.	
HB1052	Watch	Personnel	Relating to health benefit plan coverage of telemedicine, teledentistry, and telehealth appointments with an originating site or distant site located outside this state.	
HB1058	Watch	Elections	Relating to the eligibility requirements to serve as an election watcher.	
HB1069	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the classification of certain construction workers and the eligibility of those workers for unemployment benefits; providing an administrative penalty.	would, among other things: (1) require a contractor to properly classify each individual providing construction services as either an employee or an independent contractor in accordance with Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) rules; (2) provide an exception for services performed by an individual in the employ of, among others, a political subdivision or an instrumentality of a political subdivision that is wholly owned by one or more states, political subdivisions, or Indian tribes, provided that the services are excluded from employment in certain circumstances under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act; and (3) provide that if the TWC determines that a contractor has violated (1), above, the TWC shall provide notice of the violation to each governmental entity that the TWC reasonably believes has received construction services provided by the contractor.
HB1075	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to a cause of action for drag performances performed in the presence of a minor.	
HB1076	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the unauthorized entry, occupancy, sale, rental, lease, advertisement for sale, rental, or lease, or conveyance of real property, including the removal of certain unauthorized occupants of a dwelling; creating criminal offenses; increasing a criminal penalty; authorizing a fee.	
HB1091	Watch	Elections	Relating to practices and procedures for an early voting ballot voted by mail.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) the deadline to submit an application for ballot by mail or an application for an annual ballot by mail is no later than the 15th day before election day; (2) a carrier envelope contained a marked ballot voted by mail that is delivered by mail or common or contract carrier must: (a) arrive at the address on the carrier envelope not later than 5 p.m. on the day before election day; and (b) be placed for delivery by mail or common or contract carrier or a courier on or before the fourth day before election day;

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HB1111	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity or expression; providing an administrative penalty.	would, among other things, provide that an employer, including a city, may not discriminate against a person on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.
HB1125	Watch	Personnel	Relating to prohibited provisions in a settlement agreement between a governmental agency and employee regarding a claim or complaint involving sexual assault or certain unlawful conduct based on sex.	would provide that: (1) a settlement agreement between a governmental agency and the agency's employee related to a claim filed in a civil action or a complaint filed in an administrative action involving a sexual assault or an unlawful employment practice based on sex may not contain a provision that prevents the disclosure of factual information related to the claim or complaint unless the provision is requested by the employee; (2) a provision in a settlement agreement prohibited by (1), above, is void and unenforceable as against public policy; and (3) the provision under (1), above, does not prohibit the entry or enforcement of a provision in a settlement agreement that prevents the disclosure of the amount paid to settle the claim or complaint.
HB1128	Watch	Elections	Relating to the applicability to election judges of a prohibition on the carrying of a concealed handgun at a polling place.	would provide that a person may carry a concealed handgun on the premises of a polling place on election day or while early voting is in progress if the person: (1) is licensed to carry a handgun; and (2) is engaged in the performance of the person's duties as: (a) an election judge; or (b) an early voting clerk or a deputy early voting clerk who is serving as an election judge at an early voting polling place.
HB1133	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the authority of a property owners' association to prohibit or regulate certain swim instruction provided in a pool on an owner's or resident's property.	
HB1144	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to state and local government disaster preparedness.	would: (1) expand the model guide for local officials regarding disaster response and recovery required to be developed by the Texas Department of Emergency Management to include planning practices for developing and reviewing local and interjurisdictional emergency management plans to ensure: (a) the needs of the community's vulnerable populations, including persons with disabilities, persons who are homeless, and low-income households, are accurately identified; (b) the emergency management plans address the needs in (a), above; and (c) the community resources that vulnerable populations
HB1142	Watch	Personnel	Relating to coverage for mental health conditions and substance use disorders under certain governmental health benefit plans.	
HB1177	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to the creation of the criminal offense of diverting or impounding the flow of surface water in a manner that damages the property of another by the overflow of the water diverted or impounded.	would: (1) create a criminal offense for diverting or impounding the natural flow of surface waters or permitting a diversion or impoundment by them to continue, in a manner that damages the property of another by the overflow of the water diverted or impounded; and (2) provide a defense to prosecution if an actor filled the mouth of a gully or slough up to the height of the adjoining banks of a river or creek as allowed under state law.

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HB1164	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the prohibition of certain discrimination; authorizing civil penalties.	
HB1191	Watch	Personnel	Relating to inquiries about and the consideration of criminal history record information regarding an applicant for employment.	would provide that: (1) an employer, including a city, may not include a question regarding an applicant's criminal history record information on an initial employment application form; (2) an employer may inquire into or consider an applicant's initial employment application form; (2) an employer may inquire into or consider an applicant's criminal history record information after the employer has: (a) determined that the applicant is otherwise qualified; and (b) conditionally offered the applicant employment or invited the applicant to an interview; and (3) the provisions in (1) and (2), above, do not apply to an applicant for a position for which consideration of criminal history record information is required by law.
HB1223	Watch	Open Government	Relating to the publication of a line-item budget by school districts and municipalities.	would, among other things, require a city to prepare its proposed budget and final budget in line-item form.
HB1207	Watch	Personnel	Relating to conditions applicable to health benefit plan coverage of in vitro fertilization procedures.	
HB1228	Watch	Land Use	Relating to municipal and county permitting requirements to conduct certain repairs on residential buildings.	would provide, among other things that: (1) a city shall allow an owner of a damaged residential building to immediately begin to repair to the building if: (a) the owner applies for an emergency permit; and (b) the repairs are necessary to protect public safety, prevent further damage to the building, or protect the overall structural integrity of the building; (2) an owner of a residential building may apply for an emergency permit to conduct repairs by filing an application not later than the third business day after the later of the date the repairs commence or the date the city is able to accept the application;
HB1232	Watch	Open Government	Relating to the reporting of violations of law under the whistleblower protection laws.	would prohibit a state or local government entity from suspending or terminating the employment of, or taking other adverse personnel action against, a public employee who in good faith reports a violation of law by an elected official of the employing governmental entity.
HB1231	Watch	Open Government	Relating to public access to personal financial statements filed by public officials and candidates.	
HB1243	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the authority of spouses who occupy separate properties as their principal residences to each qualify the property in which they reside as their residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes.	would permit individuals married to each other who reside in different homes to each claim a residence homestead exemption for the property that is the principal residence of each spouse.
HB1241	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to the installation of conduit by the Texas Department of Transportation in the state highway system.	would, among other things, provide that for each road construction or reconstruction project in a part of the state highway system in which telecommunications conduit has not been installed under the improved portion of the highway, the Texas Department of Transportation shall: (1) provide for the installation of telecommunications conduit as part of the project at intervals not to exceed: (a) one mile in an unincorporated area; and (b) 500 feet in an incorporated area; and (2) ensure that access points to the conduit are provided at each interval described by (1), above, to facilitate use by a telecommunications provider.

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HB1244	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the eligibility of land to continue to be appraised for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land following a transfer to a person who uses the land in materially the same way as the former owner and to late applications for such appraisal filed by the new owner of the land.	would: (1) provide that land that was eligible for agricultural appraisal remains eligible after a change in ownership if the new owner uses the land in materially the same way it was used in the preceding year and the use is conducted by the same individuals who conducted the use in the preceding year; and (2) require the chief appraiser to accept an application for agricultural appraisal after the deadline if the land was appraised as agricultural land in the preceding year, the new owner uses the land in materially the same way as the former owner, and the application is received not later than the first anniversary of the date ownership of the land was transferred.
HB1246	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the authority of sheriffs and constables to enter into contracts to provide law enforcement services and county financial authority in relation to sheriffs and constables.	would provide, among other things, that a county sheriff or constable may enter into a contract with a property owners' association or an owner of land in a subdivision to provide law enforcement services in the sheriff's county: (1) in and near the area managed or regulated by the association or the area owned by the owner; and (2) to the persons residing in or visiting an area described in (1), above.
HB1252	Watch	Sales Tax	Relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for purchases up to a certain amount.	
HB1256	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the authority of a county commissioners court to adopt an exemption from ad valorem taxation by each taxing unit that taxes the property of the portion of the appraised value of a person's property that is attributable to the installation in or on the property of certain water conservation systems.	would: (1) authorize the county commissioners court to adopt an exemption from taxation of the portion of the appraised value of a person's property that is attributable to the installation in or on the property of a rainwater harvesting or graywater system; and (2) provide that the exemption in (1), above, would be applicable to the taxation by each taxing unit that taxes the property. (See H.J.R. 88, below.)
HB1262	Watch		Relating to the purpose of and programs administered by the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation.	
HB1263	Watch	Elections	Relating to the verification of citizenship of an applicant for voter registration.	
HB1288	Watch	Transportation	Relating to discretionary funding decisions of the Texas Transportation Commission.	would repeal a statute limiting the Department of Transportation's discretionary funding decision to no more than ten percent of its then-current biennial budget.

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HB1284	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the duty of an appraisal review board to determine a motion or protest filed by a property owner and the right of the owner to appeal the board's determination.	
HB1280	Watch	Personnel	Relating to prohibiting governmental discriminatory practices as well as submissions and trainings that could lead to discriminatory treatment of individuals because of personal identity characteristics including an individual's race, color, ethnicity, sex, national origin or religion and the establishment of remedies and penalties for discriminatory treatment.	would, among other things: (1) define "prohibited discriminatory practice," among other things: (a) as engaging in or maintaining a policy, procedure, practice, program, office, initiative, or required training that, based on an individual's personal identity characteristics promotes the differential treatment of an individual; or (b) engaging in or maintaining a policy, procedure, practice, program, office, initiative, or required training that, among other things, asserts that an individual, by virtue of the individual's personal identity characteristics, is inherently privileged, oppressed, racist, sexist, oppressive, or a victim, whether consciously or unconsciously; or asserts that an individual, by virtue of the individual's personal identity characteristics, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other individuals with the same personal identity characteristics; (2) define "prohibited submission" as a submission, statement, or document that relates to a policy, program, or initiative regarding: (a) anti-racism; (b) bias; (c) critical race theory; (d) implicit bias; (e) intersectionality; (f) prohibited discriminatory practice, as that term is defined in the bill; or (g) racial privilege; (3) define "prohibited training" as a mandatory instructional program and related materials that require employees, prospective employees, to attend that promote prohibited discriminatory practices as that term is defined in the bill; (3) provide that a governmental employer, including a city, may not: (a) engage in prohibited discriminatory practices; (b) establish or maintain an office, division, employment position, or other unit of an institution established to implement, develop, plan, or promote campus policies, procedures, practices, programs, or initiatives, regarding prohibited discriminatory practices; or (c) employ or assign an employee or a third-party whose duties for an institution include coordinating, creating, developing, designing, implementing, organizing, planning, or promoting policies, programming, training, practices, activities, and procedures relating to prohibited discriminatory practices; (4) provide that a governmental employer may not require, request, solicit, or compel a prohibited submission as a certification or condition before taking action with respect to, among other things, employment; (5) prohibit a governmental employer, including a city, from requiring prohibited training; (6) create a cause of action to enforce the bill and provide for attorney's fees; and (7) create a criminal misdemeanor offense if a person, on behalf of a governmental employer, (a) knowingly engages in, promotes or facilitates a discriminatory practice; or (b) knowingly requests or requires a person to produce or provide a prohibited submission; or (c) knowingly conducts, promotes or facilitates a prohibited training.
HB1298	Watch	Elections	Relating to the days and hours during which the polls are open for early voting by personal appearance.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) an authority ordering an election may order early voting by personal appearance at the main early voting polling place to be conducted during an extended early voting period beginning the 19th day before election day and continuing for any number of consecutive days up to and including the third day before election day; and (2) an authority that orders early voting during an extended early voting period shall order personal appearance voting at the main early voting polling place to be conducted for at least 12 hours on any weekday or Saturday and for at least five hours on any Sunday of the extended early voting period.
HB1308	Watch	Personnel	Relating to employment practices of governmental entities, state contractors, and private employers in this state regarding the legal status of employees, including requiring participation in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify program, and authorizing the suspension of certain licenses held by private employers for certain conduct in relation to the employment of persons not lawfully present.	would provide that: (1) a governmental entity, including a city: (a) shall register and participate in the E-verify program to verify information of all new employees; and (b) may not knowingly hire, employ, recruit or refer for a fee a person not lawfully present in the United States; (2) a person who has reasonable belief that a governmental entity violated (1), above, may report the allegation to the attorney general; (3) a governmental entity is ineligible to receive state grant funding if: (a) the entity fails to submit to the attorney general required information in response to the attorney general's investigation; or (b) the attorney general determines that required corrective action taken in response to the attorney general's investigation did not cure the entity's violation; (4) the comptroller shall maintain a list of governmental entities identified by the attorney general for purposes of ensuring that an entity included in the list does not receive grant funding from the state; and (5) any verification form or electronic process used by an employer to report wages paid by the employer for purposes of unemployment compensation shall require the employer to certify the employer's compliance with (1), above.

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HB1309	Watch	Property Tax	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 and to the effect of the receipt of such aid on the maintenance and operations ad valorem tax rate of a local government.	would: (1) provide that, for purposes of the law governing the provision of state aid to certain local governments disproportionately affected by the granting of property tax relief to disabled veterans, the term "local government" includes a city located in a county in which a United States military installation is wholly or partly located; and (2) prohibit a city that received a state aid payment described in (1), above, in the preceding year from adopting a maintenance and operations tax rate that is greater than the rate adopted in the preceding year.
HB1318	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to a certificate of public convenience and necessity to provide water or sewer service in an area incorporated or annexed by a municipality.	would, among other things, provide that, when a city annexes property and the municipally owned utility (MOU) seeks a certificate of convenience and necessity for water or sewer for the annexed area, the Public Utility Commission shall determine in its order granting the certificate to the MOU the adequate and just compensation to be paid for the transferred property and damages to or adverse effects on property remaining in the ownership of the retail public utility after single certification.
HB1312	Watch	Elections	Relating to a person submitting proof of citizenship to verify eligibility to vote in Texas.	
HB1321	Watch	Elections	Relating to electronic voter registration.	
HB1351	Watch	Personnel	Relating to employment leave for certain family or medical obligations.	would create a state family and medical leave law that, among other things: (1) requires an employer, including a city, to provide an employee who has been employed for at least one year not less than 30 days of leave for specific family and medical reasons; (2) creates a wage replacement fund administered by the Texas Workforce Commission that is funded by an assessment on each employee's wages in an amount equal to one quarter of one percent of the employee's average monthly pay; (3) provides that if an employer provides paid sick leave to its employees, an employee is entitled to use such paid leave for the specific family and medical reasons described in (1), above, in an amount not to exceed the lesser of the paid leave or 30 days; (4) provides that if an employer does not provide paid leave to its employees, or provides paid leave that may not be used for the specific family and medical reasons described in (1), above, the employee is entitled to wage replacement benefits for leave taken for such reasons; and (5) provides that an employer may not interfere with an employee's attempt to take leave, discharge an employee or otherwise discriminate against an individual for opposing an practice made unlawful by the bill, or discriminate or discharge an employee for exercising the employee's rights to leave.
HB1335	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to underground facility safety.	
HB1342	Watch	Land Use, Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the issuance of private activity bonds for qualified residential rental projects.	
HB1349	Watch	Land Use	Relating to property owners' associations, including condominium unit owners' associations.	

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HB1362	Watch	Personnel	Relating to eligibility for unemployment compensation for employees who leave the workplace due to sexual harassment.	would allow an individual to qualify for unemployment benefits if the individual involuntarily leaves the workplace because of sexual harassment and: (1) reports the sexual harassment to the individual's employer or a law enforcement agency; or (2) files a sexual harassment complaint with the Texas Workforce Commission or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
HB1363	Watch	Municipal Court	Relating to implicit bias training for justices and judges of state courts, judicial officers, certain court personnel, and attorneys licensed to practice law in this state.	would, among other things, require municipal court judges and any judicial officer and court personnel who interact with the public on matters before a court to complete an implicit bias training course every two years.
HB1370	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the appraised value of real property that arises from the use of xeriscape on the property.	would provide that a person is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the amount of the appraised value of real property owned by the person that arises from the use of xeriscape on the property. (See H.J.R. 97, below.)
HB1367	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the authority of the commissioners court of a county to adopt an exemption from ad valorem taxation by the county of a portion, expressed as a dollar amount, of the appraised value of an individual's residence homestead.	
HB1385	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to the labeling of beef and beef products; providing a civil penalty.	
HB1392	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the postponement of the delinquency date for a payment of ad valorem taxes imposed by a taxing unit if the office of the collector for the taxing unit is closed on the delinquency date.	
HB1399	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of tangible personal property consisting of animal feed held by the owner of the property for sale at retail.	would exempt from the property tax tangible personal property consisting of animal feed that is exempt from the sales tax if the property is held by the owner for sale at retail. (See H.J.R. 99, below.)
HB1398	Watch	Transportation	Relating to signs posted under the memorial sign program for victims of certain vehicle collisions.	

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HB1374	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to the labeling of beef, pork, beef products, and pork products; providing a civil penalty.	
HB1431	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to the prohibited manufacture, processing, possession, distribution, offer for sale, and sale of cell-cultured protein.	
HB1432	Watch	Land Use	Relating to restrictive covenants regulating certain landscaping and water conservation practices.	
HB1439	Watch	Elections	Relating to early voting by mail.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) a person eligible for early voting by mail because of a disability or confinement for childbirth, or because the person is a member of the United States armed forces or the member's family member, may cast a ballot using an accessible absentee mail system (an electronic system, including software, used for the sole purpose of enabling any voter to mark the voter's ballot and print and submit the ballot in the manner required by law for a ballot marked by the voter); (2) a person eligible to vote by mail because of a disability or confinement for childbirth may request, by e-mail, mail in ballot materials from the appropriate early voting clerk; (3) the early voting clerk shall grant a request for the e-mail transmission of balloting materials if: (a) the requestor has submitted a valid application for a ballot to be voted by mail; (b) the requestor provides an e-mail address with the request; (c) the request is submitted on or before the seventh day before the date of the election;

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HB1453	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the issuance of anticipation notes and certificates of obligation by certain local governments.	<p>would, among other things:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. prohibit the governing body of an issuer, including a city council, from authorizing an anticipation note to pay a contractual obligation to be incurred if a bond proposition to authorize bonds for the same purpose was submitted to the voters during the preceding five years and failed to be approved; 2. allow the governing body of an issuer to authorize an anticipation note that the governing body is otherwise prohibited from authorizing under Number 1, above, if the note is issued: (a) to mitigate the impact of a public health emergency in the jurisdiction of the issuer that poses an imminent danger to the physical health or safety of the residents of the issuer; or (b) to finance the cleanup, mitigation, or remediation of a natural disaster in the jurisdiction of the issuer subject to a state of disaster declared by the governor or the presiding officer of the governing body of an issuer; 3. prohibit a city from issuing a certificate of obligation (CO) for the following types of public improvements: (a) a public safety facility, including a police station, fire station, emergency shelter, jail, or juvenile detention facility; (b) a judicial facility; (c) an administrative office building housing the governmental functions of the city or county; (d) an animal shelter; (e) a library; (f) a park or recreation facility that is generally accessible to the public and is part of the city or county park system; (g) the rehabilitation, expansion, reconstruction, or maintenance of an existing stadium, arena, civic center, convention center, or coliseum that is owned and operated by the city or county or by an entity created to act on behalf of the city or county; (h) constructing or equipping a jail; and (i) constructing a bridge that is part of or connected to a county road or an approach to such a bridge; 4. allow the governing body of an issuer to authorize a CO only as necessary to pay a contractual obligation, or professional services associated with an obligation, to be incurred for the construction, renovation, repair, or improvement of a public work that the governing body determines is necessary to: (a) comply with a state or federal law or rule, but only if the issuer has been officially notified of noncompliance with the law or rule; (b) to mitigate the impact of a public health emergency in the jurisdiction of the issuer that poses an imminent danger to the physical health or safety of the residents of the issuer, so long as the governing body adopts a resolution describing the conditions and circumstances of the public health emergency and makes a determination that the emergency exists; (c) to finance the cleanup, mitigation, or remediation of a natural disaster in the jurisdiction of the issuer subject to a state of disaster declared by the governor or the presiding officer of the governing body of an issuer; or (d) to comply with a court order; 5. provide that, if necessary because of a change order for a contractual obligation incurred for the construction, renovation, repair, or improvement of a public work, the governing body of an issuer may authorize the issuance of COs in an amount not to exceed 15 percent of the contractual obligation; 6. require the governing body of an issuer that authorizes the issuance of COs to enter into a contract for the construction, renovation, repair, or improvement of a public work for which the issuance is authorized not later than the 180th day after the date the governing body authorizes the issuance; 7. prohibit a city from issuing a CO for the payment of contractual obligations to be incurred in restoring historic structures; 8. reduce the maturity period of a CO from 40 years to 30 years; 9. prohibit the governing body of an issuer from authorizing certificate of obligation to pay a contractual obligation to be incurred if a bond proposition to authorize the issuance of bonds for the same purpose was submitted to the voters during the preceding five years and failed to be approved; 10. allow the governing body of an issuer to authorize a CO that the governing body is otherwise prohibited from authorizing under Number 9, above, if the note is issued: (a) to mitigate the impact of a public health emergency in the jurisdiction of the issuer that poses an imminent danger to the physical health or safety of the residents of the issuer; or (b) to finance the cleanup, mitigation, or remediation of a natural disaster in the jurisdiction of the issuer subject to a state of disaster declared by the governor or the presiding officer of the governing body of an issuer; and 11. lower the protest petition threshold to force an election on the issuance of a CO from five percent of the qualified voters of the issuer to two percent of the registered voters of the issuer.
HB1485	Watch	Sales Tax	Relating to the repeal of or limitations on certain state and local taxes, including school district maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes, the enactment of state and local value added taxes, and related school finance reform; imposing taxes.	<p>would, among other things, repeal local sales and use taxes and authorize a political subdivision that was authorized to impose a sales and use tax to impose a value added tax not to exceed two percent.</p>

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HB1462	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the authority of certain counties to regulate junkyards, automotive wrecking and salvage yards, and recycling businesses.	
HB1463	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the manufacture, transportation, storage, and disposal of new and scrap tires; authorizing a fee.	
HB1464	Watch	Personnel	Relating to a prescription drug purchasing pool for certain health benefit plan issuers and employers.	
HB1471	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the designation of Diwali and Dashain as optional holidays.	
HB1476	Watch	Elections	Relating to a ballot option to not vote for any candidate.	
HB1477	Watch	Elections	Relating to preparing and delivering precinct election returns; increasing a criminal penalty.	
HB1478	Watch	Elections	Relating to the failure of a voter registrar to comply with voter registration laws.	
HB1513	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to the location and operation of certain concrete batch plants.	would, among other things: (1) require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to adopt rules prohibiting the operation of a concrete batch plant operating under a standard permit within 550 feet of a concrete crushing facility, a hot mix asphalt plant, or a second concrete batch plant operating under that standard permit, unless the first concrete batch plant was authorized to begin operations before September 1, 2025; and (2) provide that for a renewal of an authorization to use a standard permit for a concrete batch plant that was authorized to begin operations before September 1, 2025, after the renewal of the authorization, TCEQ shall prohibit the operation of the concrete batch plant at the same time as any of the following types of facilities located within 550 feet of the concrete batch plant: (a) a concrete crushing facility; (b) a hot mix asphalt plant; or (c) another concrete batch plant operating under a standard permit.
HB151	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to honesty in state taxation.	

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HB1511	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to adopt or enforce a juvenile curfew; creating criminal offenses.	would, among other things: repeal the state law prohibiting political subdivisions from adopting or enforcing juvenile curfew regulations; permit the commissioners court of a county by order to adopt a curfew to regulate the movements or actions of persons under 17 years of age which would apply only to the unincorporated area of the county; provide that the authority in Number 2, above, includes the authority to: (a) establish the hours of the curfew, including different hours for different days of the week; (b) apply different curfew hours to different age groups of juveniles; (c) describe the kinds of conduct subject to the curfew; (d) determine the locations to which the curfew applies; (e) determine which persons incur liability if a violation of the curfew occurs; (f) prescribe procedures in compliance with Number 7, below, that a police officer must follow in enforcing the curfew; and (g) establish exemptions to the curfew, including exemptions for holidays and persons going to or from work; provide that the governing body of a general-law municipality has the same authority to adopt a juvenile curfew ordinance that a county has and may adopt by ordinance a juvenile curfew order adopted by the commissioners court of the county in which any part of the municipality is located and, except as provided by Number 5, below, may adapt the order to fit the needs of the municipality; provide that the governing body of a general-law municipality may not adopt an ordinance regulating the movements or actions of persons under 17 years of age during the period beginning one-half hour before sunrise and extending until one-half hour after sunset; create a Class C misdemeanor offense if a person violates a restriction or prohibition imposed by an ordinance adopted under this bill; provide that a peace officer taking a child into custody for a violation of a juvenile curfew ordinance shall, without unnecessary delay: (a) release the child to the child's parent, guardian, or custodian; (b) take the child before a justice or municipal court to answer the charge; or (c) take the child to a place designated as a juvenile curfew processing office by the head of the law enforcement agency having custody of the child; provide that a juvenile curfew processing office must observe the following procedures: (a) the office must be an unlocked multipurpose area that is not designated, set aside, or used as a secure detention area or part of a secure detention area; (b) the child may not be secured physically to a cuffing rail, chair, desk, or stationary object; (c) the child may not be held for a period longer than is necessary to complete: (i) identification; (ii) investigation; (iii) processing; (iv) release to a parent, guardian, or custodian; or (v) arrangement of transportation to court; (c) the office may not be designated or intended for residential purposes; (d) a peace officer or other individual shall provide continuous visual supervision of a child while the child is in the office; and (e) a child may not be held in the office for a period of more than six hours; and provide that a place designated as a juvenile curfew processing office is not subject to the approval of the juvenile board having jurisdiction where the governmental entity is located.
HB1522	Watch	Open Government	Relating to notice of a meeting held under the open meetings law.	would, among other things, provide that, with the exception of a notice of an emergency meeting: (1) the notice of a meeting of a governmental body must be posted in a place readily accessible to the general public at all times for at least three business days before the scheduled date of the meeting; and (2) the notice of the meeting required under (1), above, at which a governmental body will discuss or adopt a budget for the governmental body must include a physical copy of the budget.
HB1524	Watch	Land Use	Relating to certain definitions applicable to the Texas Fair Housing Act.	would, for purposes of the Texas Fair Housing Act, provide that: (1) "dwelling" is any structure that is occupied, designed, or intended for use as a residence and which has received a certificate of occupancy; and (2) "bona fide offer" for purchase of a dwelling is an offer made in good faith without deceitful motives that is legally binding on the parties.
HB1622	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to making permanent the limitation on increases in the appraised value of certain real property for ad valorem tax purposes.	would make permanent the temporary 20 percent appraisal cap on real property other than a residence homestead. (See H.J.R. 104, below.)
HB156	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to a study by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding the protection of certain water facilities from catastrophes.	
HB1563	Watch	Open Government		would, among other things: (1) provide that a tier two form that is in the possession of a political subdivision is confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Public Information Act; and (2) provide that a political subdivision may release a tier two form or information contained in the form to the public only if: (a) the tier two form or applicable information has been made publicly available by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; or (b) the information released only states the name of a class of dangerous goods under the hazard classification system used in the 2024 Emergency Response Guidebook published by the United States Department of Transportation.

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HB1588	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management, Personnel	Relating to training requirements for certain public officials and candidates for public office.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) an elected local government official, including a member of city council, is not required to attend or complete any continuing education training required for the office; (2) the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) may approve non-TDEM emergency management training for local officials only if the training is provided by a governmental body; (3) the attorney general may certify non-attorney general open meetings training and open records training only if the training is offered by a governmental body; and (4) mandatory cybersecurity training must be provided by a state agency or a local government. (Companion bill is S.B. 411 by Middleton.)
HB163	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the possession and administration of an epinephrine auto-injector by certain entities.	
HB179	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to elimination of limitations periods for suits for personal injury arising from certain offenses against a child.	
HB1797	Watch		Relating to drug testing and prescription drug policies for employees and independent contractors of state agencies and political subdivisions regarding the medical use of low-THC cannabis and hemp.	
HB1800	Watch		Relating to the licensing and regulation of child swim instruction operators; requiring an occupational license; imposing an administrative penalty; authorizing fees.	
HB1844	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to certain requirements applicable to certain municipal economic development programs and grants.	would: (1) provide that a city may not establish, amend, or renew an economic development program adopted under Chapter 380 of the Local Government Code (380 Agreement) unless the city council first holds a public hearing; (2) prohibit a city from making a loan or grant of public money or provide municipal personnel or services through an economic development program adopted under a 380 Agreement unless the city enters into a written agreement with the business that details the terms and conditions of the loan, grant, or provision of personnel or services; (3) provide that a 380 Agreement with a for-profit entity must require the creation or retention of jobs and the making of a capital investment, and must include a schedule of the jobs to be created or retained and the capital investment to be made; (4) provide that a 380 agreement adopted under (3), above, must include a requirement that the business repay to the city the cost of any benefit received from the city if the business fails to meet each performance requirement; and (5) prohibit a city from making a grant under a 380 Agreement to certain tax exempt entities or development corporations unless the city complies with (1)-(4), above.
HB189	Watch	Open Government	Relating to the filing with the Texas Ethics Commission of campaign treasurer appointments and reports of political contributions and political expenditures.	

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HB191	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the purchase of or acquisition of title to real property by certain foreign entities.	
HB1907	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to a prohibition on governmental contracts with Chinese companies for certain information and communications technology; authorizing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.	would, among other things: (1) except under certain circumstances, prohibit a governmental entity from entering into a contract relating to information or communications technology or service with a company that is a wholly owned subsidiary or a majority-owned subsidiary of a company that is: (a) organized in or under the laws of, has its principal place of business in, the People's Republic of China; (b) is a publicly traded company for which the government of the People's Republic of China may exercise control over; (c) or is a privately held company in which the government of the People's Republic of China holds any share of ownership; (2) allow a governmental entity to enter into a contract prohibited under Number 1, above, if the governmental entity, with the approval of the governors, determines: (a) companies prohibited under Number 1, above, are the only vendors available to provide the information or communications technology or service; (b) the cost to the state of finding and contracting with a vendor that is not prohibited under Number 1, above, would be so disproportionately high that the use of a prohibited vendor would be overwhelmingly in the best interest of the state; or (c) any goods or services that originate with a vendor prohibited under Number 1, above, and may be used in a de minimis amount and pose no risk to the security of the state; (3) require a vendor submitting a bid for a contract relating to an information or communications technology or services to include a written verification that: (a) the vendor is not a company prohibited under Number 1, above; (b) will not contract with a prohibited company in any aspect of its performance; and (c) will not procure products or services from or that originate with a prohibited company; (4) require a governmental entity to notify a vendor if it believes that the vendor submitted a false verification described in Number 3, above; (5) allow a vendor to provide information and evidence to rebut the notification described in Number 4, above; (6) require a governmental entity to immediately terminate a contract if, after allowing the vendor to submit information and evidence, it makes a final determination that the vendor submitted a false verification; (7) in addition to terminating the contract under Number 6, above, require a governmental entity to refer the false verification to the attorney general, a district attorney, or a county attorney, as applicable for enforcement; (8) authorize the attorney general to bring an action to recover civil penalties for submitting a false verification described in Number 3, above, in the amount equal to the greater of twice the amount of the contract terminated or the amount of loss suffered by the state from terminating the contract; and (9) create a criminal offense and penalties for submitting a false verification described in Number 3, above.
HB1922	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the accrual of a cause of action for purposes of certain laws governing certain construction liability claims.	would provide that: (1) a cause of action for a claim for damages asserted by a governmental entity for certain claims for damages caused by an alleged construction defect in a public building or public work against a contractor, subcontractor, supplier, or design professional accrues on the date that the report from the governmental entity to each party with whom the governmental entity has contracted with for the design or construction of the affected structure, that identifies the construction defect upon which the claim is based and describes the present physical condition of the structure and any modifications, maintenance, or repairs made by the governmental entity or others since the structure was initially occupied or used, is postmarked; and (2) the date of accrual of a cause of action for such a claim described in (1), above, is unaffected for all other purposes.
HB194	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the establishment of faith-based child-care facilities.	
HB1968	Watch	Elections	Relating to a duty to contract for election services furnished for an election held on the first Saturday in May in an even-numbered year.	
HB205	Watch	Other Finance and Administration, Utilities and Environment	Relating to the eligibility for grants for alternative fueling facilities.	

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HB206	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to limitations on a county's authority to require a cash bond before approving the construction of a pipeline.	
HB209	Watch	Elections	Relating to the separation of federal elections from state and local elections, and to related practices and procedures.	
HB218	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the allocation and deposit of certain surplus state revenue to the property tax relief fund for use in reducing school district maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes.	
HB219	Watch	Elections	Relating to a person submitting proof of citizenship to verify eligibility to vote in Texas.	
HB264	Watch		Relating to the dedication of certain surplus state revenue for ad valorem tax relief.	would: (1) require the comptroller to deposit in an account an amount equal to one-half of the amount by which the total general revenue for a biennium exceeds the comptroller's estimated general revenue for that biennium; and (2) require the legislature to appropriate money in the account described in (1), above, only to provide property tax relief.
HB228	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the allocation and deposit of certain surplus state revenue to the property tax relief fund for use in reducing school district maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes.	
HB239	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to regulations and policies for entering or using certain private spaces; authorizing a civil penalty.	
HB240	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the quorum requirement for a tax levy vote in certain counties.	
HB242	Watch	Elections, Open Government	Relating to the creation of the criminal offense of obtaining personally identifiable voter information.	

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HB244	Watch	Property Tax	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.	
HB246	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to landowner compensation for certain damage to or on agricultural land caused by certain criminal activities.	
HB249	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to installment payments of ad valorem taxes imposed on residence homesteads in certain counties.	
HB254	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the eligibility of an individual to pay the ad valorem taxes imposed on the individual's residence homestead in installments.	would authorize an individual to pay the property taxes imposed on the individual's residence homestead in four equal installments.
HB263	Watch	Transportation	Relating to the grant program distributing money from the transportation infrastructure fund.	
HB279	Watch	Land Use	Relating to procedural requirements for uranium mining production area authorizations.	
HB282	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the authority of certain counties and municipalities to regulate certain subdivisions in a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction.	would provide that for a county with a population of 370,000 or more that contains more than six cities each with populations under 2,000: (1) the commissioners court of the county may issue an order amending an agreement to regulate subdivision plats and approve permits in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) with the city and transfer control of subdivision authority to the county for certain qualifying parcels located in the city's ETJ; and (2) any party to the agreement may submit amendments to the agreement to binding arbitration under certain conditions.
HB283	Watch	Transportation	Relating to axle weight limitations for certain vehicles transporting aggregates.	
HB291	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the appraisal of real property for ad valorem tax purposes.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) for certain purchases of real property, not later than the 10th day after the date the deed is recorded in the county real property records, the purchaser or grantee of real property under a recorded deed conveying an interest in the real property, or certain other parties, shall file a sales price disclosure report with the chief appraiser of the appraisal district established for the county in which the property is located; (2) the sales price disclosure report filed under (1), above, must be made in a certain form prepared by each appraisal district; and (3) the chief appraiser may bring an action for an injunction to compel a person to comply with these requirements.

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HB292	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to the grant amount awarded to certain moving image projects under the moving image industry incentive program.	
HB293	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the requirements for applications for low income housing tax credits for developments financed through the private activity bond program.	
HB294	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the regulation by a municipality or property owners' association of food production on single-family residential lots.	would, among other things: (1) prohibit a city from adopting or enforcing an ordinance or restrictive covenant that prohibits any of the following activities on a single-family residential lot: (a) the growing of fruits and vegetables; or (b) the raising of six or fewer domestic fowls or six or fewer rabbits; (2) allow a city to impose reasonable regulations on the growing of the fruits and vegetables in the front, side, or rear yard of a residence,
HB265	Watch		Relating to the allocation of certain constitutional transfers of money to the economic stabilization fund, the state highway fund, and the Grow Texas fund and to the permissible uses of money deposited to the Grow Texas fund.	would amend the Texas Constitution to allow for a temporary use of state highway funds for transit-oriented projects.
HB309	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.	would: (1) prohibit a political subdivision from spending public funds to: (a) hire an individual required to register as a lobbyist for the purpose of lobbying a member of the Texas legislature; or (b) pay a nonprofit state association or organization that: (i) primarily represents political subdivisions; and (ii) hires or contracts with an individual required to register as a lobbyist; (2) provide that if a political subdivision engages in activity prohibited by (1), above, a taxpayer or resident of the political subdivision is entitled to injunctive relief to prevent any further prohibited activity and any further payments of public funds; and (3) provide that a taxpayer or resident who prevails in an action under (2), above, is entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the political subdivision. (Companion bill is S.B. 239 by Middleton.)
HB312	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the eligibility of a person who is not a United States citizen to be appointed to or serve in a public office or on an advisory board or task force.	would: (1) require that a person be a U.S. citizen to be appointed or serve in a public office, including on the governing body of a commission, board, or other agency, or on an advisory board or task force within the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of state government or a political subdivision for appointments that occur on or after September 1, 2025; (2) exempt offices for which the federal or state constitution prescribes exclusive qualification requirements from (1), above; and (3) provide that the term of office of any person who is not a U.S. citizen who was appointed before September 1, 2025 ends on September 1, 2025.
HB323	Watch	Personnel	Relating to requiring political subdivisions of this state to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify.	would: (1) require a political subdivision, including a city, to register and participate in the E-verify program to verify information of all new employees; and

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HB328	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the regulation of manufactured home rental communities located in certain counties.	
HB339	Watch	Land Use	Relating to municipal regulation of structured sober living homes.	would, among other things, provide that a city may adopt standards for structured sober living homes which may require the structured sober living homes to: (1) provide written notice to residents and potential residents that includes certain contact information; (2) supervise residents during all hours of operation; and (3) establish and maintain an operation plan.
HB342	Watch	Elections	Relating to the combination of certain election precincts.	
HB356	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.	
HB365	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the authority of the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance from the economically distressed areas account that is not required to be repaid.	would provide that the total amount of financial assistance provided by the Texas Water Development Board to political subdivisions for assistance to economically distressed areas for water supply and sewer services from state-issued bonds for which repayment is not required may not exceed at any time 90 percent of the total principal amount of issued and unissued bonds plus outstanding interest on those bonds.
HB374	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the designation of certain election days as state holidays.	
HB377	Watch	Land Use	Relating to consent requirements for municipal annexation of an area on request of the landowners.	would provide that for annexation of property into a city which requires a certain written services agreement to be entered between the owners of the property and the city: (1) the written services agreement may not be entered into earlier than the 90th day before the date of annexation; and (2) any agreement that authorizes a city to annex the property that is the subject of the agreement may not waive the requirement that the city and land owners enter into a written service agreement.
HB378	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to an increase in the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in local revenue.	
HB388	Watch	Personnel	Relating to a uniform coordination of benefits questionnaire for health benefit plans.	
HB391	Watch	Open Government	Relating to board of directors meeting locations of certain rural area water districts.	

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HB392	Watch	Elections	Relating to the provision of the reason for rejecting a voter registration application.	
HB402	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the purchase of or acquisition of title to real property by certain aliens or foreign entities.	
HB404	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to state agency review of adopted rules.	
HB405	Watch	Transportation	Relating to fees on and grants for fuel ethanol, renewable methane, biodiesel, and renewable diesel.	
HB406	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to notification of the execution of certain local economic development agreements by a municipality or county to local workforce development boards.	would: (1) require a city to provide written notice of a local economic development agreement to the local workforce development for the workforce development area in which the city is located not later than the 14th day after the date of entering into, amending, or renewing the agreement; and (2) provide specific information that must be included in the notice in (1), above.
HB408	Watch	Transportation	Relating to the awarding of contracts by the Texas Department of Transportation for certain materials used in road construction projects.	
HB414	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the unauthorized entry, occupancy, sale, rental, lease, advertisement for sale, rental, or lease, or conveyance of real property, including the removal of certain unauthorized occupants of a dwelling; creating criminal offenses; increasing a criminal penalty; authorizing a fee.	
HB415	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to a study on mold contamination in housing developments supported by financial assistance administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.	

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HB416	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the deadlines for performing various functions in connection with the ad valorem tax system.	would: 1. extend the deadline for the chief appraiser to prepare and certify the appraisal roll to the taxing units from July 25 to August 25; 2. extend the date past which the chief appraiser is authorized to provide an estimate of the taxable value of property in the taxing unit if the appraisal district has not yet approved the appraisal records from July 20 to August 2; 3. extend the deadline for the assessor to submit the appraisal roll to the governing body of the taxing units from August 1 to September 1; 4. extend the deadline by which the collector should certify the anticipated collection rate to the governing body from August 1 to September 1; 5. extend the deadline by which the designated officer or employee should submit tax rates to the governing body from August 7 to September 7; 6. change the date on which the chief appraiser must publish notice about the appraisal district's property tax database from August 7 to September 7; 7. reduce the time period after the date the certified appraisal roll is received by the governing body during which the governing body may adopt a tax rate from 60 days to 30 days; 8. extend the deadline for the county assessor-collector to post on the website the tax rate calculation forms from August 7 to September 7; 9. extend the date by which the appraisal review board must finalize all challenges from July 20 to August 20; 10. change the date a board of directors of an appraisal district established for a county with a population of at least one million may postpone the deadline in (9), above, from August 30 to September 15; 11. extend the deadline for a property owner to initiate a protest after the owner received notice of the appraised value from 30 days after to 60 days after; and 12. change the deadline for an appraisal review board to schedule a protest hearing from 90 days after the protest is initiated to 60 days after.
HB417	Watch	Elections	Relating to early voting by mail by any qualified voter and to the repeal of certain criminal offenses concerning the solicitation and distribution of an application to vote by mail.	
HB420	Watch	Open Government	Relating to the meeting places for the board of directors of certain water districts.	
HB423	Watch	Open Government	Relating to a prohibition on the board of trustees of a school district from entering into certain contracts and the disclosure of certain conflicts of interest.	
HB431	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the regulation by a property owners' association of the installation of solar roof tiles.	
HB440	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to requiring certain alert messages to be in English and Spanish.	would provide that the following alerts must be in English and Spanish: (1) power outage alerts to electricity customers; (2) America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) and missing persons with intellectual disabilities alerts; (3) active shooter alerts; (4) silver alerts for missing senior citizens or persons with Alzheimer's disease; (5) blue alerts to aid in the apprehension of an individual suspected of killing or causing serious bodily injury to a law enforcement officer; and (6) coordinated law enforcement adult rescue (CLEAR) alerts for missing adults.
HB457	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to an alert system for notification of the release of toxic chemicals by a manufacturing facility.	would establish an alert system for notification of the release of toxic chemicals by a manufacturing facility.

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HB465	Watch	Elections	Relating to preferential voting in runoff elections for certain voters voting by mail.	
HB472	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the reimbursement of state employees for groceries consumed while traveling on official state business.	
HB480	Watch	Personnel	Relating to required provision of workers' compensation insurance coverage for employees of building and construction contractors and subcontractors.	
HB485	Watch	Sales Tax	Relating to the authority of an emergency services district to impose a sales tax on gas and electricity sold for residential use.	
HB486	Watch	Open Government	Relating to prohibiting the publication of certain criminal record information of individuals involved in the criminal justice system.	
HB492	Watch	Land Use	Relating to prohibiting the allocation of low income housing tax credits for certain developments.	
HB493	Watch	Elections	Relating to ineligibility to serve as a poll watcher.	
HB496	Watch	Elections	Relating to a ballot option to not vote for any candidate.	
HB502	Watch	Open Government	Relating to the confidentiality of identifying information of victims of certain offenses.	
HB504	Watch	Personnel	Relating to health benefit plan coverage for hair prostheses for cancer patients.	

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HB516	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to notice of a water service interruption provided by public water systems in unincorporated areas of certain counties.	would, among other things, for a public water system located in the unincorporated area of a county that contains a city in which the governing body of the city or another regulatory authority has adopted standards to require the installation and maintenance of a hydrant in accordance with state law; (1) require the regulatory authority of a public water system to which the bill applies to adopt rules requiring the public water system to provide to each fire department providing fire suppression services in the area where the hydrant is located notice of a water service interruption that renders the hydrant temporarily unavailable for use in a fire emergency; (2) require a public water system to which the bill applies to provide to each fire department notified of a water service interruption under (1), above, notice of the water service's resumption not later than two hours after the time the water service is resumed; and (3) provide that the regulatory authority of a public water system may delegate the system's duty to provide notice under (2) or (3), above, to a public safety answering point that relays information to fire departments providing fire suppression services in the area where the affected hydrant is located.
HB514	Watch	Personnel	Relating to a maternal health care workforce campaign.	
HB517	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to the authority of a property owners' association to assess a fine for discolored vegetation or turf during a period of residential watering restriction.	would prohibit a property owner's association from assessing a fine against a property owner related to the maintenance of green turf or vegetation while the property is subject to residential watering restrictions mandated by a city, water utility, or other water supplier, and for a reasonable period following the lifting of the watering restrictions. (Companion bill is S.B. 542 by Schwertner.)
HB518	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the ownership of agricultural land by nonresident aliens or foreign entities.	
HB521	Watch	Elections	Relating to accommodating voters with a disability; creating criminal offenses.	
HB523	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the authority of the legislature, courts, the governor, and other state and local officials regarding declared states of disaster.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) a state or local official may issue recommendations and nonbinding guidelines to assist with a state of disaster and may coordinate public and private resources to prevent or respond to the disaster; (2) notwithstanding any other law, an order issued by the governor or a state or local official that regulates or infringes on the rights of any private person must be: (a) narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety purpose; and (b) limited in duration, applicability, and scope to reduce any infringement on individual liberty; (3) district and appellate courts have jurisdiction to hear cases challenging a state or local disaster order and shall expedite hearings for the cases; (4) a court may invalidate or enjoin a disaster order or the application of a disaster order that is not narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety purpose because of the order's inequality in application to or impact on groups, situations, or circumstances; (5) only the governor may issue an order that infringes in a nontrivial manner on a protected constitutional right, including but not limited to: (a) the rights to travel, work, assemble, and speak; (b) the freedom of religious exercise; (c) the right to contract without state interference; (d) property rights; (e) the freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures; and (f) the freedom to purchase lawfully acquired firearms and ammunition; (6) an order in (5), above, expires on the 30th day after the date the governor issues the order unless the governor or legislature terminates the order on an earlier date or the legislature extends the order on or before the expiration date; and (7) the governor may only suspend state agency orders and rules (not statutory requirements) during a
HB522	Watch	Elections	Relating to the ability of voters with certain disabilities to cast a secret ballot.	
HB546	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the eligibility of land taken by condemnation for appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes as qualified open-space land.	would provide that land owned by an entity other than the state or a political subdivision that acquired the land by condemnation is not eligible for appraisal as open-space land.

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HB531	Watch	Elections	Relating to the use of certain devices by a person occupying a voting station.	
HB533	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to imposing liens for labor and supplies provided by cleaners.	
HB536	Watch	Personnel	Relating to covered benefits under the child health plan.	
HB537	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the authority of certain counties to regulate noise levels in residential areas; creating a criminal offense.	
HB540	Watch	Elections	Relating to the use of preferential voting in certain elections.	
HB545	Watch	Elections	Relating to the appointment of volunteer deputy voter registrars.	
HB551	Watch	Open Government	Relating to address information contained on reports of political contributions and expenditures made available on the Internet by the Texas Ethics Commission.	
HB554	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the sale of fireworks on and before the Juneteenth holiday in certain counties.	
HB560	Watch	Land Use	Relating to light pollution mitigation for wind turbine generators.	
HB561	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the eligibility of certain local governmental entities affected by the realignment of defense worker jobs or facilities to receive grants.	
HB562	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to the regulation of licensed dog and cat breeders.	

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HB564	Watch	Personnel	Relating to health benefit plan coverage for treatment of autism spectrum disorders.	
HB568	Watch	Elections	Relating to the registration of voters at a polling place and related procedures.	
HB582	Watch	Open Government	Relating to proper etiquette during the recitation of the pledge of allegiance to the state flag.	
HB587	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to a requirement that certain rules proposed by state agencies in the executive branch of state government be approved by certain elected state officials.	
HB590	Watch	Elections	Relating to notification by the secretary of state when a person convicted of a felony may register to vote.	
HB597	Watch	Transportation	Relating to the issuance of an excess gross weight permit for certain farm tractors on county, farm-to-market, and ranch-to-market roads; authorizing a fee.	
HB603	Watch	Transportation	Relating to the operation of school buses at certain railroad grade crossings.	
HB611	Watch	Elections	Relating to electronic voter registration.	
HB616	Watch	Personnel	Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain at-home testing kits.	
HB618	Watch	Personnel	Relating to health benefit plan coverage of certain in vitro fertilization procedures for certain governmental employees and retirees.	

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HB621	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the authority of a property owners' association to regulate the assembly, association, and speech of property owners or residents related to governmental officials or candidates for political office.	
HB640	Watch	Elections	Relating to the office hours of an election authority during an election period.	would provide that, during an election period, the city secretary shall keep his or her office open for election duties for at least three hours each day, during regular office hours, on the days on which the main business office of the city is regularly open for business.
HB638	Watch	Open Government	Relating to a requirement that certain water districts make audio and video recordings of open meetings available on the Internet.	
HB643	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the requirement for payment bonds from certain public work contractors.	
HB645	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the provision of certain co-navigation services to individuals who are deaf-blind.	
HB646	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the use of an unmanned aircraft to locate and retrieve wounded or killed wildlife.	
HB648	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the regulation of clotheslines by a property owners' association.	
HB656	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	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.	would, with respect to issuing citations in lieu of arrest for misdemeanor offenses, provide that: (1) the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas, in collaboration with law enforcement agencies, law enforcement associations, law enforcement training experts, and community organizations engaged in the development of law enforcement policy, shall publish a model policy related to the issuance of citations for misdemeanor offenses, including traffic offenses, that are punishable by fine only, that includes the procedure for a peace officer, upon a person's presentation of appropriate identification, to verify the person's identity and issue a citation to the person; (2) each law enforcement agency shall adopt a written policy regarding the issuance of citations for misdemeanor offenses, including traffic offenses, that are punishable by fine only, provided such policy meets the requirements of the model policy described in (1), above; (3) a law enforcement agency may adopt the model policy developed under (1), above; and (4) a peace officer may not arrest, without warrant, a person found only committing one or more misdemeanors related to certain traffic offenses that are punishable by fine only, and in such instances shall issue a written notice to appear to the person.
HB657	Watch	Elections	Relating to requirements for counties posting election information on an Internet website.	

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HB665	Watch	Elections	Relating to the secretary of state posting on the secretary of state's Internet website databases containing certain information about elections.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) the secretary of state shall post on the secretary of state's public internet website a database containing information on each election for a partisan office, the office of mayor, or a position on the governing body of a city or board of trustees of an independent school district; (2) the secretary of state shall post on the secretary of state's internet website a database containing information about each holder of and candidate for any partisan elected office, office of mayor, or position on the governing body of the city or board of trustees of an independent school district; (3) the authority responsible for giving notice of the election shall deliver, in January of each year, information on an election for a partisan office, the officer of mayor, or a position on the governing body of the city for the secretary of state's database of election information in an electronic format to the county in which the authority is located; and (4) a political subdivision, including a city, shall provide information about a candidate or officeholder to the county in which the political subdivision is located and the county shall forward the information to the secretary of state.
HB670	Watch	Property Tax	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 of individuals who are disabled or elderly and their surviving spouses.	would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to provide that: (1) the appraised value of residence homestead for the first year the owner qualifies for a homestead exemption is equal to the market value of the property; (2) if the owner acquired the property as a purchaser, the purchase price of the property is considered to be the market value of the property; (3) the appraised value of the residence homestead for a subsequent tax year is equal to the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year plus the value of new improvements. (See
HB675	Watch	Open Government	Relating to the imposition of charges by a governmental body for providing copies of public information under the public information law.	would provide that: (1) a governmental body, including a city, may not impose a charge for providing a copy of public information if the information is a campaign report required to be filed with the governmental body unless those
HB673	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the eligibility of certain first responders for workers' compensation benefits for post-traumatic stress disorder.	
HB676	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the use of an unmanned aircraft to locate and retrieve wounded or killed wildlife.	
HB677	Watch	Elections	Relating to the restrictions on political activities of a county elections administrator.	
HB682	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to the creation of certain criminal offenses concerning firearm sales at gun shows.	
HB685	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to rates established by municipalities for water or sewer service for certain entities.	would prohibit a city from establishing a higher rate for water or sewer utilities that applies only to entities that qualify for a sales tax or property tax exemption.

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HB691	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the minimum wage.	would, among other things, provide that, with limited exceptions, an employer, including a city, shall pay to each employee not less than the greater of \$19 an hour or the federal minimum wage.
HB697	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the applicability of prohibitions on municipal or county regulations on the rental or leasing of housing accommodations.	would authorize local ordinances or regulations that prohibit a property owner from refusing to rent or lease a housing accommodation to certain groups based on their lawful source of income, specifically military veterans, people 62 years old or older,
HB704	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to the disconnection of service provided to residential customers by certain utilities and propane gas distribution system retailers.	would provide that private utility providers may not disconnect service to a residential customer on a weekend day, on a holiday officially observed by the State of Texas, on a day preceding a weekend day or during an extreme weather emergency.
HB584	Watch	Elections	Relating to electronic voter registration.	
HB706	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the jurisdiction of certain international organizations.	
HB708	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to the sale of distilled spirits to ultimate consumers by the holder of a distiller's and rectifier's permit.	
HB712	Watch	Personnel	Relating to health benefit plan coverage for certain tests to detect prostate cancer.	
HB716	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the offense of failure to comply with an order from a fire marshal and the authority of certain county peace officers to issue citations for certain violations; changing a criminal penalty.	
HB721	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the applicability of certain laws requiring health care cost disclosures by health benefit plan issuers and administrators.	
HB724	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to notice of the health of children attending and adults employed by a child-care facility.	

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HB736	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to certain procedures for civil suits brought by local governments or certain other persons for violations of certain laws under the jurisdiction of, or rules adopted or orders or permits issued by, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.	would provide that a local government, a person affected, or an authorized agent may institute a claim for certain violations under the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) jurisdiction after the attorney general and TCEQ executive director receive the required notice unless TCEQ has commenced a proceeding or the attorney general has commenced a civil suit concerning at least one of the alleged violations set forth in the notice.
HB734	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the failure to report child abuse or neglect; increasing a criminal penalty.	
HB735	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to required labeling of meat, poultry, shrimp, and certain related food products.	
HB737	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the use of dynamic message signs for the Keep 'Em Safe Texas Gun Storage Campaign.	
HB743	Watch	Municipal Court	Relating to a justice or municipal court's authority to order a defendant confined in jail for failure to pay a fine or cost or for contempt and to the authority of a municipality to enforce the collection of certain fines by imprisonment of the defendant.	would, among other things: (1) prohibit a municipal court judge from ordering the confinement of a person, including a child, for failing to pay all or part of a fine or cost imposed or for contempt of a judgment entered for the conviction of an offense punishable by fine only; (2) require the release of a defendant confined in jail in violation of (1), above; (3) allow a municipal court judge to order that a defendant appear at a hearing and show cause as to why the defendant defaulted in discharging a judgment entered against the defendant; and (4) provide that court credit the defendant for applicable time served in jail at a rate of not less than \$150 for each period served that is not less than eight hours or more than 24 hours, as specified by the judge.
HB742	Watch	Personnel	Relating to human trafficking prevention, including training for first responders, disclosure of human trafficking information by certain health care facilities, and protection for facility employees who report human trafficking.	would provide, among other things, that: (1) a first responder, within the time prescribed by the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) rule, shall successfully complete a training course approved by the executive commissioner on identifying, assisting, and reporting victims of human trafficking; and (2) the HHSC executive commissioner shall approve training courses on human trafficking prevention, including at least one course available without charge and post a list of the approved training courses on HHSC's Internet website.
HB747	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the adoption of a certain plumbing code by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners.	would mandate that the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners adopt the 2015 or later edition of the International Plumbing Code.

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HB760	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to references to "the people's money" in state documents, publications, and notices.	
HB761	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to fee waivers for certain hunting and fishing licenses for honorably discharged veterans.	
HB766	Watch	Elections	Relating to the ballot application requirements for the election of a precinct chair.	
HB768	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to credit services organizations and extensions of consumer credit facilitated by credit services organizations; increasing a criminal penalty.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) the bill does not preempt a city ordinance regulating: (a) a credit access business; or (b) any form of an extension of consumer credit that a credit access business is authorized to obtain for a consumer or assist a consumer in obtaining as provided by the bill; (2) if a city ordinance described by (1), above, conflicts with a provision of the bill, the more stringent regulation controls to the extent of the conflict; and (3) a credit services organization may not obtain for a consumer or assist a consumer in obtaining an extension of consumer credit in any form other than in the form of: (a) a single-payment deferred presentment transaction; (b) a multiple-payment deferred presentment transaction; (c) a single-payment motor vehicle title loan; or (c) a multiple-payment motor vehicle title loan.
HB774	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to municipal and county ad valorem tax relief.	would: (1) define "surplus revenue" as the total amount of money received by a city in excess of the amount determined by multiplying the amount of the city's adopted budget for the preceding fiscal year by the inflation rate and population growth rate; (2) require a city to use its total amount of surplus revenue to provide property tax relief in a manner that reduces the amount of property tax a property owner would otherwise be required to pay; (3) limit a city's tax rate to a rate calculated by multiplying total revenue from all sources for the preceding year by the inflation rate, subtracting the amount of estimated revenue from all sources other than property tax for the current year, and dividing that amount by the total taxable value of property in the city; and (4) provide that a city may exceed the tax rate described in (3), above, if before the adoption of the tax rate the city pledged the tax revenue for payment of a debt and adopting a lower rate would impair the obligation of the contract creating the debt.
HB777	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the places a public employer may provide for employees to express breast milk.	would require a public employer to provide a place, other than a bathroom, where an employee can express breast milk.
HB778	Watch	Personnel	Relating to required health benefit plan coverage for gender transition adverse effects and reversals.	
HB788	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to daylight saving time.	
HB793	Watch	Open Government	Relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information of an applicant for or a person protected by a protective order.	

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HB811	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the applicability of lobbyist registration requirements to a person who provides legal services to a political subdivision.	would provide that a person who has established an attorney-client relationship with a political subdivision to provide legal services and who is entitled to receive compensation, reimbursement, or expenses under an agreement under which the person
HB798	Watch	Land Use	Relating to certain rights and duties of residential tenants and landlords; increasing the amount of civil penalties.	
HB801	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the application for funding for certain workforce development programs.	
HB808	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to the creation of certain criminal offenses concerning firearm sales at gun shows.	
HB813	Watch	Personnel	Relating to health benefit plan coverage for treatment of autism.	
HB817	Watch	Elections	Relating to the determination of a majority vote in certain elections.	would provide that: (1) in an election requiring a majority vote to be elected to a public office, a candidate must receive more than half of the votes as originally cast; and (2) a majority may not be determined by using a preferential voting system (voting system which permits a voter to rank each candidate through a numerical designation from the candidate the voter favors most to the candidate the voter favors least) to reassign votes.
HB816	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to the licensing and regulation of youth sports programs; providing civil and administrative penalties; authorizing fees.	
HB762	Watch	Personnel	Relating to severance pay for political subdivision employees and independent contractors.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) a political subdivision, including a city, that enters into a contract or employment agreement, or renewal or renegotiation of an existing contract or employment agreement, that contains a provision for severance pay with an employee or independent contractor must include: (a) a requirement that severance pay that is paid from tax revenue may not exceed the amount of compensation, at the rate at the termination of employment or the contract, the employee or independent contract would have been paid for 20 weeks, excluding paid time off or accrued vacation leave; and (b) a prohibition of the provision of severance pay when the employee or independent contractor is terminated for misconduct; (2) a political subdivision shall post each severance agreement in a prominent place on the political subdivision's internet website; and (3) for an action brought against a political subdivision by an employee or independent contractor of the political
HB822	Watch	Personnel	Relating to requiring certain employers to provide paid sick leave to employees; providing administrative and civil penalties.	would: (1) require certain employers to provide annual paid sick leave to each employee, accruing on the date the employee is hired at a rate of one hour paid sick leave for each 30 hours worked by the employee; and (2) provide that an employee may use such leave for specific reasons, including to attend: (a) to the employee's or the employee's family member's health condition; (b) to family violence related matters; and (c) a meeting at a child family member's school.

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HB831	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the interlocutory appeal of certain orders regarding the constitutionality, effect, or enforceability of a statute.	
HB826	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to monitoring air contaminant emissions in certain counties.	
HB828	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to the creation of certain criminal offenses concerning firearm sales at gun shows; authorizing a fee.	
HB829	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the text of ballot propositions that increase taxes.	
HB834	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to limiting the locations where a person may carry a firearm other than a handgun in certain counties; creating a criminal offense.	
HB835	Watch	Personnel	Relating to unlawful employment practices with respect to compensation and wage history.	
HB841	Watch	Personnel	Relating to requiring certain employers to provide paid sick leave to employees; providing administrative penalties.	
HB853	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to the issuance of air quality permits for certain facilities located in a nonattainment area.	would, for the construction or major modification of a facility that is a major stationary source and is located or proposed to be located in an area designated as a nonattainment area, provide that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), in making its finding as to whether emissions from the facility will contravene the intent of the Clean Air Act, the TCEQ shall: (1) conduct an analysis of alternative locations, sizes, production processes, and environmental control techniques for the facility that demonstrates that the benefits of the facility significantly outweigh the environmental and social costs imposed as a result of the facility's location, construction, or modification; and (2) in conducting the analysis, consider the cumulative impacts that would result from the issuance of the permit without changes to the site location, size, production processes, and environmental control techniques.
HB843	Watch	Land Use	Relating to certain general definitions in the Code Construction Act.	
HB844	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the authority of a municipality or county to request a hearing from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality related to the construction of a concrete plant.	

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HB851	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the determination and reporting of the number of residence homesteads of certain property owners for which the owner is receiving certain ad valorem tax benefits.	
HB863	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to senior independent living communities; providing civil and administrative penalties.	would, among other things: (1) require the Texas Division on Emergency Management to: (a) establish, maintain, and annually
HB859	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to the establishment of the Texas Environmental Justice Advisory Council.	
HB860	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to requirements for subscription service contracts; providing a civil penalty.	
HB871	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the residential and commercial building codes of municipalities.	would, among other things, provide for the adoption of the International Residential Code and International Building Code as they existed on May 1, 2021, as the municipal residential building code and municipal commercial building code for all cities in Texas.
HB873	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to air quality permits for aggregate production operations and concrete batch plants.	would, among other things: (1) provide that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) shall accept written questions about a facility requesting a standard permit for the production of aggregates or the operation of a concrete plant that performs wet batching, dry batching, or central mixing from the public until the 15th day before the date of the hearing or meeting; (2) require TCEQ to, not later than the 14th day before the date of the hearing or meeting in (1), above, notify each city and county in which the facility is located or proposed to be located, among others, of the date, time, and place of the hearing or meeting; (3) provide that a person authorized to use a standard permit for the production of aggregates or the operation of a concrete plant that performs wet batching, dry batching, or central mixing must: (a) install equipment to monitor noise levels from the facility: (i) at the point on the perimeter of the property on which the facility is located that is closest to the nearest building in use as a single-family or multifamily residence, school, place of worship, or commercial enterprise; and (ii) at two other points on the perimeter of the property on which the facility is located equidistant from the point described by (3)(a)(i), above; (b) ensure that outdoor lighting installed at the facility complies with standards adopted by the Illuminating Engineering Society;
HB878	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the regulation of residential land use and accessory dwelling units by a political subdivision; authorizing a fee.	This bill addresses, among other things, both density preemption in certain cities, and the regulation of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in all cities. The density preemption components of the bill apply to a city with a population of 85,000 or more that is wholly or partly located in a county with a population of one million or more, and would provide, among other things, that:
HB882	Watch	Land Use	Relating to building codes applicable in the unincorporated areas of a county; authorizing a fee.	
HB884	Watch	Sales Tax	Relating to the municipal sales and use tax for street maintenance.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) for a city in which a majority of the voters voting in each of the last two consecutive elections concerning the adoption or reauthorization of the street maintenance sales tax favored adoption or reauthorization and in which the tax has not expired since the first of those two consecutive elections, the city may call an election to reauthorize the tax for a period of eight or ten years, instead of four years; and (2) revenue from the street maintenance sales tax may be used to maintain and repair: (a) a city street or sidewalk; and (b) a city water, wastewater, or stormwater system located in the width of a way of a city street.

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HB892	Watch	Elections	Relating to requiring a person to submit proof of citizenship to register to vote.	
HB894	Watch	Elections	Relating to the acceptance of identification for voters who identify as transgender.	
HB910	Watch	Elections	Relating to the venue for the prosecution of an election offense.	
HB911	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the designation of Celebration of Life Day as a state holiday.	
HB918	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the authority of a property owners' association to regulate the assembly, association, and speech of property owners or residents.	
HB922	Watch	Elections	Relating to residence for purposes of voting and other matters affecting a candidate's eligibility.	
HB926	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the adoption and voidability of certain rules proposed by a state agency.	
HB934	Watch	Elections	Relating to the eligibility to vote in certain primary elections.	
HB937	Watch	Open Government	Relating to the procedure by which certain special districts are required to provide notice of certain matters.	
HB938	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to a cause of action for drag performances performed in the presence of a minor.	
HB939	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to a liability limit for noneconomic damages for personal injury claims.	
HB941	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the resilience of the electric grid and certain municipalities.	

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HB943	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to informed consent before the provision of certain medical treatments involving COVID-19 vaccination.	
HB948	Watch	Open Government, Personnel	Relating to the required posting by governmental entities of employee contracts and compensation on entity Internet websites.	
HB949	Watch	Open Government, Personnel	Relating to an employee's right to privacy of personal health information; providing a civil penalty.	would provide, among other things, that: (1) an employee has the right to keep the employee's personal health information private and is not required to disclose that information to the employee's employer, including a city, unless the disclosure is required by state or federal law; (2) an employer may not take an adverse employment action or discriminate against an employee who exercises the right described by (1), above; and
HB951	Watch	Elections	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; creating a criminal offense.	
HB954	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the authority of a county to cancel subdivisions in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a municipality.	would provide that a person owning real property located in a portion of the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction subject to county control over platting may apply to the county commissioner's court for cancellation of certain subdivision plats.
HB952	Watch	Elections	Relating to identification of early voting ballots voted by mail by electronic code.	
HB953	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to a prohibition on the receipt of bond proceeds by persons who make a contribution to certain political committees.	
HB959	Watch	Elections	Relating to the date of the primary election runoff.	
HB963	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes.	would, among other things: (1) provide that the appraised value of residence homestead for the first year the owner qualifies for a homestead exemption is equal to the market value of the property; (2) provide, if the owner acquired the property as a purchaser, that the purchase price of the property is considered to be the market value of the property; (3) provide that the appraised value of residence homestead for a subsequent tax year is equal to the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year as adjusted by the chief appraiser for the current tax year to reflect any positive change from the preceding tax year in the purchasing power of the dollar for consumers in this state as determined by the comptroller; and

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HB968	Watch	Elections	Relating to processes to address election irregularities; providing a civil penalty.	
HB972	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of a property other than a residence homestead that is the primary residence of an adult who has an intellectual or developmental disability and who must be related to the owner or trustee of the property within a certain degree by consanguinity.	would amend the Texas Constitution to provide that the appraised value of a residence homestead: (1) is equal to the market value of the property for the first year the owner qualifies for a homestead exemption; and (2) is equal to the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year as adjusted by the chief appraiser for the current tax year to reflect any positive change from the preceding tax year in the purchasing power of the dollar for consumers in this state for a subsequent tax year. (See
HB982	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the authority of a taxing unit other than a school district, county, municipality, or junior college district to establish a limitation on the amount of ad valorem taxes that the taxing unit may impose on the residence homesteads of certain low-income individuals who are disabled or elderly and their surviving spouses.	
HJR49	Watch	Elections	Proposing a constitutional amendment to require a person to submit proof of citizenship to register to vote.	
HJR52	Watch	Land Use	Proposing a constitutional amendment protecting private schools from state and local regulation.	

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HJR59	Watch	Property Tax	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 that the political subdivision may impose on the residence homesteads of persons who are disabled or elderly and their surviving spouses.	
HJR67	Watch	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation the total assessed value of the residence homestead of an unpaid caregiver of an individual who is eligible to receive long-term services and supports under the Medicaid program while the individual is on a waiting list for the services and supports.	
HJR71	Watch	Property Tax, Other Finance and Administration	Proposing a constitutional amendment providing that a residence homestead is not subject to seizure or sale for delinquent ad valorem taxes.	

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HJR72	Watch	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the market value of a property that is the primary residence of an adult who has an intellectual or developmental disability and who must be related to the owner or trustee of the property within a certain degree by consanguinity.	
HJR74	Watch	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes for the first tax year that the owner of the property qualifies the property for a residence homestead exemption is the market value of the property and that, if the owner purchased the property, the purchase price of the property is considered to be the market value of the property for that tax year and to limit increases in the appraised value of the homestead for subsequent tax years based on the inflation rate.	

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HJR82	Watch	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation by certain political subdivisions of a portion of the market value of the residence homestead of the parent or guardian of a person who is disabled and who resides with the parent or guardian.	
HJR83	Watch	Property Tax	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exclude from the market value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes the value of any improvement, or any feature incorporated in an improvement, made to the property if the primary purpose of the improvement or feature is compliance with the requirements of standards that address accessible design of buildings or other facilities.	
HJR88	Watch	Property Tax, Utilities and Environment	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the commissioners court of a county to exempt from ad valorem taxation by each political subdivision that taxes the property the portion of the assessed value of a person's property that is attributable to the installation in or on the property of a rainwater harvesting or graywater system.	

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HJR94	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Proposing a constitutional amendment protecting the right to produce meat and meat food products naturally derived from livestock.	
HJR97	Watch	Property Tax, Utilities and Environment	Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the amount of the market value of real property that arises from the use of xeriscape on the property.	
HB823	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the recovery of exemplary damages based on a compensable death under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act.	
SB103	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to prohibiting the purchase of or acquisition of title to real property by and contracts or other agreements with certain aliens or foreign entities.	would provide, among other things, that: (1) the following entities and individuals may not purchase or otherwise acquire title to real property in Texas: (a) a governmental entity of China, Iran, Russia, or North Korea; (b) a company or entity that is (i) headquartered in China, Iran, Russia, or North Korea; (ii) directly or indirectly under the control of China, Iran, Russia, or North Korea; or (iii) owned or under the control of one or more individuals who are citizens of China, Iran, Russia, or North Korea; (c) a company or other entity that is owned or controlled by a company or entity described in (1)(b), above; or (d) an individual who is a citizen of China, Iran, Russia, or North Korea; (2) a city may not enter a contract payable with public money with: (a) a governmental entity or other entity described in (1), above; or (b) an individual who is a citizen of China, Iran, Russia, or North Korea.
SB105	Watch	Elections	Relating to the procedure for closing a polling place.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) when closing the polls on the last day of early voting, the presiding election judge and alternate presiding judge shall place the printed tape that shows the counter was set to zero for each candidate or measure on the ballot in envelope no. 2; and (2) when closing the polls for voting on election day, any watcher present, but not more than three, may sign the printed tape described in (1), above.
SB106	Watch	Elections	Relating to the separation of federal elections from state and local elections, and to related practices and procedures.	
SB107	Watch	Elections	Relating to the disposition of certain election records.	
SB108	Watch	Elections	Relating to the appointment of election clerks.	would provide that: (1) the alternate presiding judge shall serve as the presiding judge for an election if the regularly appointed presiding judge is not present at a polling location; (2) a person may not prevent an alternate presiding judge from freely observing or occupying the area in which voters are being accepted for voting; (3) the alternate presiding judge for an election precinct shall appoint an election clerk to assist the judge in the conduct of an election at the polling place served by the judge; (4) the authority that appoints election judges shall prescribe the maximum number of election clerks that the alternate presiding judge may appoint for each election; (5) the alternate presiding judge shall appoint at least one clerk for each precinct in each election; and (6) the provision that requires the presiding judge to appoint, in an election conducted by the regularly appointed presiding judge, an alternate presiding judge as one of the clerks is repealed.

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SB109	Watch	Elections	Relating to the procedure for closing a polling place.	would provide that any watcher present at the opening and closing of a polling place, but not more than three, may sign a tape printed to show the number of votes cast for each candidate or ballot measure for each voting machine.
SB110	Watch	Elections	Relating to accommodating a voter unable to enter a polling place.	would provide that: (1) for a voter who is physically unable to enter the polling place without personal assistance or likelihood of injuring the voter's health, on the voter's request for assistance in marking the ballot, two election officers shall provide assistance in marking the ballot; and (2) any person accompanying the voter described in (1), above, shall exit the vehicle and remain outside of the vehicle unless the person is selected by the voter to provide the voter assistance.
SB170	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, delivery, sale, and research of medical cannabis for medical use by patients with certain medical conditions and the licensing of medical cannabis organizations; authorizing fees.	would, among other things: (1) authorize the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, delivery, sale, and research of medical cannabis for medical use by patients with certain medical conditions; (2) provide for the issuance of a medical cannabis research license; (3) provide for the issuance of a medical cannabis dispensing organization license; (4) authorize fees for licenses under (2) and (3), above; (5) provide regulations regarding physicians recommending the use of medical cannabis; (6) provide certain legal protections for patients using cannabis for medical use pursuant to (1), above; and (7) preempt a municipality, county, or other political subdivision from enacting, adopting, or enforcing a rule, ordinance, order, resolution, or other regulation that prohibits the cultivation, production, dispensing, researching, testing, or possession of medical cannabis.
SB145	Watch	Elections	Relating to early voting by mail by any qualified voter and to the repeal of certain criminal offenses concerning the solicitation and distribution of an application to vote by mail.	
SB146	Watch	Elections	Relating to the voter registration of naturalized United States citizens.	
SB214	Watch	Sales Tax	Relating to a temporary exemption from sales and use taxes for certain residential heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems and installation services.	would provide a sales tax exemption for the sale and installation of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems for sales that take place on or after March 1, 2026, and before September 1, 2027, if the system: (1) is used for the purchaser's primary single-family residence; (2) has a minimum Seasonal Energy Efficiency Rating of 14 SEER; (3) is designated as an Energy Star qualified product under the Energy Star program; and (4) is installed by a person licensed to engage in air conditioning and refrigeration contracting.
SB115	Watch	Personnel	Relating to civil liability for, governmental health plan coverage of, and public funding for gender modification procedures and treatments.	would, among other things, prohibit a governmental entity from using or providing public money for the provision or administration of a gender modification procedure or treatment.
SB210	Watch	Land Use	Relating to municipal permitting requirements for certain development projects supported with low income housing tax credit allocations.	would provide that in cities with a population over 100,000: (1) an application for a building permit for certain affordable housing projects submitted to the city for review must be granted or denied in no more than 50 percent of the time allotted by the city to grant or deny any residential building permit application; and (2) if the city has adopted an accelerated residential building permit review process, an applicant for building permit for certain affordable housing projects shall be allowed to submit the application for review under the accelerated process.

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SB220	Watch	Personnel	Relating to an employer's civil liability under the Texas Workers' Compensation Act for injuries sustained by certain victims of sexual assault or abuse.	would provide that an employee who is a victim of sexual assault or abuse may bring a cause of action, outside the workers' compensation program, against the employee's employer if: (1) the employee is an individual with an intellectual or developmental disability; and (2) the employee's injuries arose from the employer's negligence.
SB241	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to prohibitions on camping in a public place.	would: (1) prohibit a local entity, including a city, from adopting or enforcing a policy under which the entity prohibits or discourages the enforcement of any public camping ban, including prohibiting or discouraging the investigation or enforcement of a violation of a public camping ban; (2) provide that a local entity may not permit camping by homeless individuals on a property designated for that purpose until the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has approved a plan for the property; (3) require each local entity to develop and implement a process that allows a person to file a complaint with the local entity regarding a violation of a public camping ban; (4) require a local entity to report to the attorney
SB239	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying and certain other activities.	
SB247	Watch	Property Tax	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.	
SB258	Watch	Elections	Relating to electronic voter registration.	
SB292	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to certain requirements in connection with the acquisition of real property for public use by an entity with eminent domain authority.	would: (1) amend the "Landowner's Bill of Rights," to include additional information on the condemnation process, the condemning entity's obligations to the property owner, the property owner's options during condemnation, and the entity's right to sue for permission to survey the property; (2) require an entity seeking to condemn property to provide a survey permission form to include information on the property owner's rights to refuse permission, negotiate terms, and hold the entity responsible for damages; and (3) require an entity with eminent domain authority, which seeks to acquire property without using that authority, to separately identify and make a separate offer for the real property it seeks to acquire outside the condemnation process.
SB296	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to driving safety or motorcycle operator training course dismissal.	would: (1) allow a defendant to request to complete an approved driver's safety course or motorcycle operator training and safety program course to dismiss an applicable traffic citation through a court-authorized email address or internet portal, on or before the answer date on notice to appear; and (2) provide that a defendant is eligible for dismissal of all offenses arising out the same criminal transaction following completion of such course, if each offense is eligible for dismissal following completion of such course, and the defendant satisfies all other applicable requirements.
SB309	Watch	Elections	Relating to a person submitting proof of citizenship to verify eligibility to vote in Texas.	
SB310	Watch	Elections	Relating to the determination of a majority vote in certain elections.	

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SB317	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the removal, relocation, alteration, or construction of certain monuments or memorials located on public property; authorizing a civil penalty.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) a monument which has been located on city property for at least 25 years may be removed, relocated, or altered only following approval of a majority of city voters at an election held for that purpose; (2) a monument which has been located on city property for less than 25 years may be removed, relocated, or altered by the city's governing body; (3) additional monuments may be added to the property on which a monument is located to complement or contrast with the existing monument; and (4) a city resident may file a complaint with the attorney general asserting violations of (1) or (2), above, and the attorney general may seek injunctive relief, equitable relief, mandamus and civil penalties against the city.
SB324	Watch	Personnel	Relating to requiring state contractors, political subdivisions of this state, and private employers to participate in the federal electronic verification of employment authorization program, or E-verify.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) a political subdivision, including a city, shall register and participate in the E-verify program to verify the information of all new employees; and (2) an employee of a political subdivision who
SB335	Watch	Land Use	Relating to regulating the cultivation, manufacture, processing, distribution, sale, testing, transportation, delivery, transfer, possession, and use of cannabis and cannabis products; authorizing the imposition of fees; requiring occupational licenses; creating a criminal offense.	would, among other things: (1) 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 cannabis or cannabis products on property the person owns, occupies, or manages, except under certain circumstances; (3) provide that a commissioners court of a county may order an election to approve the operation of cannabis growers, cannabis establishments, or cannabis testing facilities in the county; (4) provide that a county that authorizes the operation of cannabis growers, cannabis establishments or cannabis testing facilities in the county may adopt regulations consistent with the bill governing the hours of operation, location, manner of conducting business, and number of cannabis growers, cannabis establishments, or cannabis testing facilities; (5) require a license to operate as a cannabis grower, cannabis establishment, cannabis secure transporter, or cannabis testing facility; (6) establish the cannabis regulation account and limit appropriation of money in the account for implementing and administering this bill; and (7) creating the offense of selling, giving, or causing marijuana to be sold to a person under twenty-one years of age, or another person who intends to provide the marijuana to a person under twenty-one years of age.
SB322	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of certain real property for ad valorem tax purposes.	would: (1) exempt a mineral interest from the temporary property tax appraisal cap applicable to real property other than a residence homestead; (2) reduce the temporary property tax appraisal cap applicable to real property other than a residence homestead from 20 percent to ten percent; and (3) extend the expiration date of the temporary property tax appraisal cap to 2031. (See S.J.R. 23, below.)
SB338	Watch		Relating to required provision of workers' compensation insurance coverage for employees of building and construction contractors and subcontractors.	
SB339	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to authorization for a county or municipality to establish a local minimum wage.	would, among other things, allow: (1) a city to adopt a minimum wage that exceeds the federal minimum wage to be paid by an employer to each of its employees for services performed in the city; and (2) a county to adopt a minimum wage that exceeds the federal minimum wage to be paid by an employer to each of its employees for services performed in the unincorporated areas of the county, including areas located within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of a city.

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SB341	Watch	Elections	Relating to the use of preferential voting in certain elections.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) a special election held to fill a vacancy in an office requiring a majority vote must use preferential voting, which allows a voter to rank each candidate for office through a numerical designation from the candidate the voter favors most to the candidate the voter favors least; (2) if no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast designating the highest favorable ranking for an office, the votes of the candidate receiving the fewest number of votes are reassigned to the candidate ranking next highest in the preference of a voter; (3) if after reassigning votes under (2), above, no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast designating the modified highest favorable ranking, the reassignment of a vote to a voter's next most preferred candidate as described in (2), above, continues until one candidate receives a majority; and (4) a runoff election is not held when preferential voting under (1), above, applies.
SB342	Watch	Elections	Relating to the use of preferential voting in certain elections.	
SB361	Watch	Personnel	Relating to a prohibition of employment discrimination on the basis of reproductive decisions and certain employment agreements limiting reproductive decisions.	would, among other things: (1) provide that an employer, including a city, commits an unlawful employment practice if the employer discriminates against an individual because of or on the basis of the individual's reproductive decision, including: (a) the individual's marital status at the time of pregnancy; (b) the use of assisted reproduction to become pregnant; (c) the use of contraception or a specific form of contraception; or (d) the obtainment or use of any other health care drug, device, or service relating to reproductive health; (2) require an employer that provides an employee handbook to include in the handbook information regarding the prohibition of discrimination because of or on the basis of a reproductive decision; and (3) provide that a mandatory arbitration agreement between an employer and an employee is void and unenforceable to the extent the agreement limits the reproductive decisions of an employee or an employee's immediate family member. (Companion bill is
SB370	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the availability of certain personal information of a child, spouse, or surviving spouse of a current or former employee of the office of the attorney general.	would, among other things: (1) expand the definition of "family member" for purposes of the personal information of employees or officials of certain governmental entities that may be withheld under the Public Information Act (PIA) to include a minor child, adult child, spouse or surviving spouse of the employee or official; (2) provide that information is excepted from public disclosure under the PIA if it is information that relates to the home address, home telephone number, emergency contact information, or social security number of a family member of a current or former employee of the office of the attorney general or that reveals whether the person has family members; and (3) provide that a form notifying a governmental body of a public employee's or officer's choice to restrict public access to their personal information is confidential and not subject to disclosure under the PIA.
SB372	Watch	Personnel	Relating to the persons authorized or appointed to exercise the power of sale under the terms of a contract lien on real property.	would expand the definitions of "trustee" and "substitute trustee" to include a city as an authorized entity under the terms of certain security instruments to exercise the power of sale. (Companion bill is H.B. 576)
SB404	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the investment of public funds by a local government in investment pools.	would: (1) provide that a city may invest funds in an investment pool only if the pool is managed by the comptroller or the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company (TTSTC); (2) require a city to divest all of its funds from any investment pool not managed by the comptroller or TTSTC according to a schedule provided in the bill; (3) provide that a city may delay the schedule for divestment only to the extent that the city determines that divestment will likely result in: (a) a loss in the hypothetical value of all funds managed by the city; or (b) an individual portfolio that uses a benchmark-aware strategy being subject to an aggregate expected deviation from its benchmark; and (4) require that a city that delays the schedule for divestment or otherwise ceases to divest must submit a report to the presiding officer of each house of the legislature, the attorney general, and the comptroller stating the reasons and justification, supported by clear and convincing evidence, for the city's delay.
SB403	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the dedication of certain state money for ad valorem tax relief.	would: (1) require the comptroller to deposit the amount of money received from the federal government during the preceding fiscal year as reimbursement for border security costs incurred by the state into an account in the general revenue fund; and (2) provide that money in the account described in (1), above, may only be appropriated by the legislature to provide ad valorem tax relief.
SB415	Watch	Open Government	Relating to the authority of a governmental body to require certain persons to sign a confidentiality agreement in response to a request for public information for legislative purposes under the public information law.	would provide that: (1) a governmental body shall provide written notification to a member, committee, or agency of the legislature that requests public information if the governmental body requires such person to sign a confidentiality agreement regarding the requested information; (2) the governmental body must provide the notice to the requesting member, committee, or agency not later than the fifth business day following the date the governmental body receives the request for the information that is the subject of the notice; and (3) a governmental body may not require a person to sign a confidentiality agreement if: (a) the governmental body fails to provide the notice required by (1), above in the time and manner prescribed by (2), above; and (b) an agreement regarding the information is not signed by each party to the agreement before the 10th business day following the date the notice required by (1), above, is received by the requesting member, committee, or agency.

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SB411	Watch	Personnel	Relating to training requirements for certain public officials and candidates for public office.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) an elected local government official, including a member of city council, is not required to attend or complete any continuing education training required for the office; (2) the Texas Division of
SB419	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the determination of the market value of solar energy property for ad valorem tax purposes.	would require the chief appraiser to calculate the depreciated value of solar energy property by using a useful life of not less than 35 years when appraising the property using the cost method.
SB423	Watch	Personnel	Relating to conducting certain contested case hearings under the Texas workers' compensation system by remote communication.	would, among other things, provide that, on mutual agreement of the parties, the Division of Workers' Compensation shall conduct a contested case hearing telephonically or by videoconference.
SB427	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the eligibility of certain political subdivisions to receive a state loan or grant following the political subdivision's failure to comply with certain annual financial reporting requirements.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) a city that fails to file its required annual financial audit is not eligible to receive a state loan or grant under a state program for the city's fiscal year in which the city was required to file the report; and
SB460	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to the jurisdiction and enforcement of certain international organization policies.	would prohibit: (1) the state or a political subdivision of the state from enforcing or implementing a policy or rule of the United Nations; and (2) the state, state agency, political subdivision of the state, public school district, private school, open-enrollment charter school, or an institution of higher education, from enforcing or implementing a World Health Organization public health policy or guideline, unless expressly authorized by state law or executive order.
SB461	Watch	Personnel	Relating to disclosure of certain relationships with local government officers and vendors.	would, for the purposes of disclosure of a relationship between a local government officer and vendor: (1) broaden the term "agent" to also include a subcontractor; (2) eliminate the following exceptions from the term "business relationship": (a) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity; (b) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or (c) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency; (3) expand the term "family member" to include a person related to another person within the third degree of consanguinity or the second degree by affinity; and (4) include dividends, capital gains, or interest generated from a trust in the definition of "investment income."
SB467	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the reappraisal for ad valorem taxation purposes of real property on which a building completely destroyed by a casualty is located.	would: (1) require the chief appraiser to, at the request of the owner, reappraise a residence homestead that is completely destroyed by a casualty; and (2) require taxing units to recalculate the amount of taxes due to account for the changed value and, if the tax on the property has been paid, refund the amount by which the payment exceeded the tax due as recalculated.

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SB470	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to the issuance of certificates of obligation by local governments.	<p>would, among other things: prohibit an issuer of a certificate of obligation (CO), including a city, from issuing a CO for the following types of public improvements: (a) a public safety facility, including a police station, fire station, emergency shelter, jail, or juvenile detention facility; (b) a judicial facility; (c) an administrative office building housing the governmental functions of the city or county; (d) an animal shelter; (e) a library; (f) the rehabilitation, expansion, reconstruction, or maintenance of an existing stadium, arena, civic center, convention center, or coliseum that is owned and operated by the city or county or by an entity created to act on behalf of the city or county; (g) constructing or equipping a jail; and (h) constructing a bridge that is part of or connected to a county road or an approach to such a bridge;</p> <p>authorize the issuance of a CO for: (a) a telecommunications, wireless communications, or information technology system and any computer application hardware or software; and (b) a cybersecurity system;</p> <p>allow the governing body of an issuer to authorize a CO only as necessary to pay a contractual obligation, or professional services associated with an obligation, to be incurred for the construction, creation, renovation, repair, or improvement of a public work that is necessary to: (a) comply with a state or federal law or rule, but only if the issuer has been officially notified of noncompliance with the law or rule; (b) to mitigate the impact of the following, as determined by the governing body: (i) a public health emergency in the jurisdiction of the issuer that poses an imminent danger to the physical health or safety of the residents of the issuer, so long as the governing body adopts a resolution describing the conditions and circumstances of the public health emergency; or (ii) a natural disaster in the jurisdiction of the issuer subject to a state of disaster declared or renewed by the governor or the presiding officer of the governing body of an issuer; or (c) to respond to a court decision that requires the issuer to construct, create, renovate, repair, or improve a public work;</p> <p>provide that, if necessary because of a change order for a contractual obligation incurred for the construction, renovation, repair, or improvement of a public work, the governing body of an issuer may authorize the issuance of COs in an amount not to exceed 15 percent of the contractual obligation;</p> <p>require the governing body of an issuer that authorizes the issuance of COs to enter into a contract for the construction, creation, renovation, repair, or improvement of a public work for which the issuance is authorized not later than the 90th day after the date the governing body authorizes the issuance;</p> <p>prohibit a city from issuing a CO for the payment of contractual obligations to be incurred in restoring historic structures;</p> <p>reduce the maturity period of a CO from 40 years to 30 years;</p> <p>prohibit the governing body of an issuer from authorizing certificate of obligation to pay a contractual obligation to be incurred if a bond proposition to authorize the issuance of bonds for the same purpose was submitted to the voters during the preceding five years and failed to be approved; and</p> <p>lower the protest petition threshold to force an election on the issuance of a CO from five percent of the qualified voters of the issuer to two percent of the registered voters of the issuer.</p>
SB472	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the right of the chief appraiser of an appraisal district, the appraisal district, or the appraisal review board of the appraisal district to bring certain claims in an appeal of an order of the appraisal review board.	<p>would prohibit a chief appraiser, an appraisal district, or an appraisal review board from bringing a counterclaim in an appeal from a property tax protest.</p>

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SB488	Watch	Property Tax	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 of individuals who are disabled or elderly and their surviving spouses.	would expand the law authorizing cities to adopt a property tax freeze on the residence homestead of individuals who are elderly or disabled and their surviving spouses to all taxing units other than school districts. (See S.J.R. 26, below.) (Companion bill is
SB492	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the establishment of the Task Force on Concrete Plants.	would: (1) create the Task Force on Concrete Plants; (2) require the task force to consult with experts on and study the effects of air and noise pollution caused by concrete batch and crushing plants in Texas; (3) require the task force to: (a) develop recommendations for legislation to: (i) reduce air and noise pollution caused by concrete batch and crushing plants; (ii) improve the processes for issuing permits for and inspecting concrete batch and crushing plants; and (iii) improve enforcement of statutes and rules that apply to concrete batch and crushing plants; and (b) identify best practices to reduce air and noise pollution caused by concrete batch and crushing plants; and (4) require the task force to submit a report of its findings to the governor, the lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives not later than December 1, 2026.
SB517	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to criminal offenses applicable to and authorized uses of gambling devices, including eight-liners.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) the term "gambling device" includes an "eight-liner" device; (2) it is a defense to prosecution for gambling that the conduct consists of entirely playing or using a gambling device in which: (a) skill is the predominant requirement for the player or user to win or be awarded a thing of value for playing or using the device; and (b) the player or user may only win or be awarded as a thing of value for playing or using the device: (i) noncash merchandise available only on the premises where the device is located; or (ii) a ticket, coupon, or other representation of value redeemable only on the premises where the device is located for noncash merchandise; (3) for purposes of (2), above: (a) the value of the noncash merchandise or representation of value redeemable for noncash merchandise won or awarded for a single play of game on or use of a gambling device may not exceed the lesser of a wholesale value of ten times the amount charged for the single play or use or five dollars; and (b) the wholesale value of an item of noncash merchandise won or awarded for playing or using the device or for which a person may redeem one or more tickets, coupons, or other representations of value won or awarded for playing or using the device may not exceed \$50; (4) it is a defense to prosecution for gambling that the conduct consists entirely of playing or using a gambling device in which the player or user of the device may win or be awarded only the opportunity to continue playing the game or using the device and the opportunity is not exchangeable for another thing of value; (5) it is a defense to promoting gambling, keeping a gambling place, or possession of a gambling device, equipment, or paraphernalia that the conduct consists of or is a necessary incident to offering, using, or maintaining one or more gambling devices used exclusively for conduct for which (2) or (4), above, provides a defense to a person playing or using the device, including manufacturing, transporting, storing, or repairing the device; (6) a licensed authorized organization operating or conducting bingo may exhibit and allow patrons to play or use a gambling device described in (2), above; and (7) certain state law provisions relating to game rooms are repealed. (Companion bill is H.B. 487 by Tepper.)
SB501	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to underground facility safety.	
SB504	Watch	Open Government	Relating to the disclosure of certain financial information by certain nonprofit organizations that enter into sizeable contracts with political subdivisions.	
SB505	Watch	Elections	Relating to processes to address election irregularities; providing a civil penalty.	

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SB506	Watch	Elections	Relating to requirements for certain petitions requesting an election and ballot propositions and to related procedures and provisions.	
SB507	Watch	Elections	Relating to election supplies and the conduct of elections; creating criminal offenses; increasing criminal penalties.	
SB508	Watch	Elections	Relating to preparing and delivering precinct election returns; increasing a criminal penalty.	
SB510	Watch	Elections	Relating to the failure of a voter registrar to comply with voter registration laws.	
SB511	Watch	Elections	Relating to prohibiting an officer or employee of this state or of a political subdivision of this state from distributing certain voter registration application forms.	
SB542	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the authority of a property owners' association to assess a fine for discolored vegetation or turf during a period of residential watering restriction.	would prohibit a property owner's association from assessing a fine against a property owner related to the maintenance of green turf or vegetation while the property is subject to residential watering restrictions mandated by a city, water utility, or other water supplier, and for a reasonable period following the lifting of the watering restrictions. (Companion bills are H.B. 359 by Goodwin and H.B. 517 by Harris Davila.)
SB621	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to a prohibition on the establishment, operation, or ownership of a public bank by a political subdivision.	would provide that a political subdivision may not establish, operate, or own an organization or entity that is organized for the purpose of engaging in banking.
SB567	Watch	Elections		would provide, among other things, that a polling place may not be located at a building owned or controlled by a school district or an open-enrollment charter school unless: (1) the building is not located on or adjacent to a school campus; or (2) the building is located in a county with a population of 50,000 or less and the election authority cannot identify a reasonable alternative polling place.

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SB589	Watch	Personnel	Relating to consideration of criminal history of applicants for public employment.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) before making a conditional offer of employment to an applicant, a public employer may not: (a) obtain criminal history record information relating to the applicant; or (b) ask the applicant to disclose orally or in writing information regarding the applicant's criminal history, if any; (2) before making a conditional offer of employment, a public employer may: (a) notify the applicant for a position that certain criminal convictions disqualify the applicant from consideration for the position under law or the employer's written policy; or (b) include a question on an initial employment application form regarding whether an applicant has been convicted of a criminal offense that would disqualify the applicant from employment under law if the question is limited to offenses that result in disqualification; (3) a public employer may obtain criminal history record information after the public employer has made a conditional offer of employment to an applicant; and (4) the provisions of (1)-(3), above, do not apply to any position with a law enforcement agency for which a license is required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.
SB618	Watch	Elections	Relating to the unlawful altering of election procedures; providing a civil penalty.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) after the secretary of state receives or discovers information indicating that a public official or election official has created, altered, modified, waived, or suspended any election standard, practice, or procedure mandated by law or rule in a manner not expressly authorized by the Election Code, the secretary shall investigate the standard, practice, or procedure; (2) if the secretary of state determines that a violation of (1), above, has occurred, the secretary shall send to the public official or election official: (a) notification of the secretary's determination; (b) a demand that the official immediately cease the implementation or enforcement of the standard, practice, or procedure determined to have been violated; and (c) instructions for the specific actions necessary for compliance; (3) if more than two days after receiving notification under (2), above, a public official or election official does not comply as instructed, the secretary of state shall: (a) notify the attorney general that the official may be subject to a civil penalty under (4), below; and (b) forward to the attorney general any documents or information received, discovered, or created during the secretary's investigation; (4) a public official or election official is liable for a civil penalty for each day that the official fails or refuses to take an affirmative action to comply in an amount not to exceed: (a) \$1,000 per day for each day after the second day and on or before the seventh day after receiving a notice from the secretary of state; or (b) \$5,000 per day for each day after the seventh day after receiving a notice from the secretary of state; and (5) the attorney general may bring an action to recover a civil penalty imposed under (4), above.
SB63	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to the licensing and regulation of child swim instruction operators; requiring an occupational license; imposing penalties, including administrative penalties; authorizing fees.	
SB73	Watch	Other Finance and Administration	Relating to the creation and duties of the unfunded mandates interagency work group.	would establish an unfunded mandate interagency workgroup and require the group to, among other things, publish an advisory list of mandates for which the legislature has not provided reimbursement following each regular or special session of the legislature.
SB72	Watch	Community and Economic Development	Relating to the regulation of private passenger vehicle rental companies.	
SB749	Watch		Relating to the adoption of an ad valorem tax rate by certain special districts and voter approval of a proposed ad valorem tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate.	
SB75	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management, Utilities and Environment	Relating to the resilience of the electric grid and certain municipalities.	

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SB755	Watch	Sales Tax	Relating to an exemption from sales and use taxes for firearms, ammunition, and other related items sold during a limited period.	
SB763	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the renewal and review of standard permits for certain concrete plants.	
SB765	Watch	Open Government	Relating to the confidentiality of fraud detection and deterrence information under the public information law.	
SB77	Watch	Elections	Relating to the use of paper ballots and certain electronic devices in conducting an election.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) a signature roster in the form of an electronic device may not be used in an election; (2) an election officer at a polling place where an electronic voting system is used must provide a paper ballot to each voter who requests one; (3) a paper ballot provided under (2), above, must be printed at the time the request is made and, after being voted by the voter, must be scanned at the polling place with an optical scanner; and (4) a voting system that consists of a ballot marking device may not be used in an election.
SB773	Watch	Property Tax	Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of real property owned by certain charitable organizations.	
SB78	Watch	Elections	Relating to the security of election systems.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) an election system that is capable of being connected to the Internet or any other computer network may not be used in an election held in this state, except for the use of a visible wired connection to an isolated local area network within the building; and (2) equipment used in the operation of a voting system must have a documented chain of custody and be stored in a locked facility with video surveillance monitoring the storage facility at all times.
SB796	Watch	Land Use	Relating to the construction of certain concrete batch plants.	would provide that: (1) the executive director of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality may grant a person authorized under a standard permit to construct a concrete plant that performs wet batching, dry batching, or central mixing only one extension not to exceed 90 days to any deadline to begin construction of the plant incorporated in the standard permit; and (2) on receiving a request to extend a deadline, the executive director shall send notice of the request to the state senator and representative who represent the area in which the facility will be located.
SB817	Watch	Utilities and Environment	Relating to air quality permits for certain concrete plants and crushing facilities.	would, among other things: (1) provide that for a facility that is a concrete crushing facility or a concrete plant that performs wet batching, dry batching, or central mixing, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality by rule shall prohibit the operation of a facility within 440 yards of the following types of buildings or areas: (a) a building in use as a single or multifamily residence, school, or place of worship; (b) a place of business where employees of the business perform outdoor work near the facility; or (c) a park or other outdoor recreational area, including a playing field; and (2) repeal the provision that provides only those persons actually residing in a permanent residence within 440 yards of the proposed concrete plant that performs wet batching, dry batching, or central mixing may request a hearing as a person who may be affected.

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SB824	Watch	Open Government	Relating to the public information law.	<p>would provide that: (1) if a governmental body determines it has no information responsive to a request for information, the officer for public information shall notify the requestor in writing not later than the tenth business day after the date the request is received; (2) if a governmental body determines the requested information is subject to a previous determination that permits or requires the governmental body to withhold the requested information, the officer for public information shall, not later than the 10th business day after the date the request is received: (a) notify the requestor in writing that the information is being withheld; and (b) identify in the notice the specific previous determination the governmental body is relying on to withhold the requested information; (3) a governmental body may not impose a charge for providing a copy of public information if: (a) the information is a campaign report required to be filed with the governmental body, unless all of those reports filed with the governmental body during the preceding three years are available to the public on the governmental body's website; (b) the officer for public information is required to make a certification under that the officer cannot produce the public information for inspection or duplication within ten business days after the date the information is requested; (c) the governmental body asked for clarification of the request under later than the tenth business day after the date the information was requested; (d) the governmental body asked for an attorney general decision with respect to the requested information and did not provide to the requestor the information required when a decision is requested; or (e) the attorney general issued a written opinion determining that the requested information is subject to a mandatory disclosure; (4) with limited exceptions, in a lawsuit brought under the Public Information Act (PIA), the court shall assess costs of litigation and reasonable attorney fees incurred by a plaintiff or intervening requestor: (a) who substantially prevails; or (b) to whom a governmental body voluntarily releases the requested information, unless before the lawsuit is filed: (i) the governmental body releases the information; or (ii) the governmental body certifies a date and hour within a reasonable time when the information will be available for inspection or duplication; (5) if a governmental body fails to promptly produce public information as required under the PIA, the requestor may send a written complaint to the attorney general, which must include: (a) the original request for information; and (b) any correspondence received from the governmental body in response to the request; and (6) if the attorney general determines the governmental body improperly failed to comply in connection with a request for which a complaint is made under (5), above: (a) the attorney general shall notify the governmental body in writing and require the governmental body to complete open records training not later than six months after receiving the notification; (b) the governmental body may not assess costs to the requestor for producing information in response to the request; and (c) if the governmental body seeks to withhold information in response to the request, the governmental body must: (i) request an attorney general decision not later than the fifth business day after the date the governmental body receives the notification; and (ii) release the requested information unless there is a compelling reason to withhold the information.</p>

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SB844	Watch	Land Use	Relating to procedures for changes to a zoning regulation or district boundary.	<p>would provide, among other things, that:</p> <p>(1) for proposed changes to a zoning regulation or district boundary that either is requested by an owner of real property that is subject to the proposed change, or initiated by a city that has the effect of making residential development more restrictive than the previous regulation, provide that a protest of the change must be written and signed by the owners of at least 60 percent of either: (a) the area of the lots or land covered by the proposed change; or (b) the area of the lots or land immediately adjoining the area covered by the proposed change and extending 200 feet from that area;</p> <p>(2) for a proposed change to a zoning regulation or district boundary that is protested under Number 1, above, the proposed change must receive, in order to take effect, the affirmative vote of at least: (a) three-fourths of all members of the governing body for a protest by 60 percent of the owners of real property that is subject to the proposed change; or (b) a majority of all members of the governing body for a protest by 60 percent of the owners of real property of the area of the lots or land immediately adjoining the area covered by the proposed change and extending 200 feet from that area;</p> <p>(3) for zoning changes not described in Number 1, above, the only notice required of the proposed change is: (a) notice of the time and place of a public hearing on the proposal must be published in an official newspaper or a newspaper of general circulation in the city before the 15th day before the date of the hearing; and (b) notice prescribed under certain circumstances in a home rule community;</p> <p>(4) for zoning changes not described in Number 1, above, the following persons may bring an action against a city for declaratory and injunctive relief to compel the city to adopt the change: (1) a person who applies for a change to a zoning regulation or district boundary applicable to the area subject to the proposed change; (2) a person eligible to apply for residency in a housing development project in the area subject to the proposed change; or (3) a nonprofit organization;</p> <p>(5) in an action brought under Number 4, above: (a) the court shall: (i) ensure that its order or judgment is implemented; and (ii) award a prevailing claimant reasonable attorney's fees and costs; (b) the action may not be transferred to a different venue without the written consent of all parties; and (c) the Fifteenth Court of Appeals has exclusive intermediate appellate jurisdiction;</p> <p>(6) an action brought under Number 4, above, may be brought in: (a) the county in which all or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred; (b) the county of residence for any one of the natural person defendants at the time the cause of action accrued; (c) the county of the principal office in this state of any one of the defendants that is not a natural person; or (d) the county of residence for the claimant if the claimant is a natural person residing in this state;</p> <p>(7) for a zoning change that is not described in Number 1, above, and that has the effect of making residential development less restrictive than the previous regulation, the change is conclusively presumed valid and to have occurred in accordance with all applicable statutes and ordinances if an action to annul or invalidate the change has not been filed before the 60th day after the effective date of the change;</p> <p>(8) a person may submit a complaint to the attorney general of a suspected violation of Numbers 1, 3, or 7, above;</p> <p>(9) if the attorney general determines that a city has violated the provisions of Numbers 1, 3, or 7, above, the city may not adopt a property tax rate that exceeds the city's no-new-revenue tax rate for the three tax years that begin on or after the date of the determination; and the proposed provisions on certain rules and restrictions outlined above do not limit the applicability of a historic preservation rule, deed restriction, or homeowners association rule.</p>

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SB852	Watch	Open Government	Relating to the public information law.	<p>would provide that: (1) if a governmental body determines it has no information responsive to a request for information, the officer for public information shall notify the requestor in writing not later than the 10th business day after the date the request is received; (2) if a governmental body determines the requested information is subject to a previous determination that permits or requires the governmental body to withhold the requested information, the officer for public information shall, not later than the tenth business day after the date the request is received: (a) notify the requestor in writing that the information is being withheld; and (b) identify in the notice the specific previous determination the governmental body is relying on to withhold the requested information; (3) a governmental body may not impose a charge for providing a copy of public information if: (a) the information is a campaign report required to be filed with the governmental body, unless all of those reports filed with the governmental body during the preceding three years are available to the public on the governmental body's website; (b) the officer for public information is required to make a certification under that the officer cannot produce the public information for inspection or duplication within ten business days after the date the information is requested; (c) the governmental body asked for clarification of the request under later than the 10th business day after the date the information was requested; (d) the governmental body asked for an attorney general decision with respect to the requested information and did not provide to the requestor the information required when a decision is requested; or (e) the attorney general issued a written opinion determining that the requested information is subject to a mandatory disclosure; (4) with limited exceptions, in a lawsuit brought under the Public Information Act (PIA), the court shall assess costs of litigation and reasonable attorney fees incurred by a plaintiff or intervening requestor: (a) who substantially prevails; or (b) to whom a governmental body voluntarily releases the requested information, unless before the lawsuit is filed: (i) the governmental body releases the information; or (ii) the governmental body certifies a date and hour within a reasonable time when the information will be available for inspection or duplication; (5) if a governmental body fails to promptly produce public information as required under the PIA, the requestor may send a written complaint to the attorney general, which must include: (a) the original request for information; and (b) any correspondence received from the governmental body in response to the request; and (6) if the attorney general determines the governmental body improperly failed to comply in connection with a request for which a complaint is made under (5), above: (a) the attorney general shall notify the governmental body in writing and require the governmental body to complete open records training not later than six months after receiving the notification; (b) the governmental body may not assess costs to the requestor for producing information in response to the request; and (c) if the governmental body seeks to withhold information in response to the request, the governmental body must: (i) request an attorney general decision not later than the fifth business day after the date the governmental body receives the notification; and (ii) release the requested information unless there is a compelling reason to withhold the information.</p>

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SB854	Watch	Land Use	Relating to municipal regulation of multifamily and mixed-use development on religious land.	would, among other things, provide that: (1) "religious land" is land that is: (a) owned by a religious organization; or (b) leased by a religious organization for a term of at least 40 years; (2) except for religious land located within a quarter mile of a heavy industrial use, an airport, a seaport, or a military base, a city must permit multifamily and mixed-use as allowable uses on religious land; (3) a city may not require a proposed multifamily or mixed-use development on religious land to obtain a zoning or land use change, special exception, variance, conditional use approval, special use permit, comprehensive plan amendment, or other land use classification or approval to: (a) permit the proposed use and development; or (b) allow for the minimum densities, building height, setbacks, and site development regulations authorized under (4), below; (4) for a multifamily or mixed-use development on religious land, a city may not: (a) restrict the height of a proposed development to less than 40 feet and three full stories; (b) require front setbacks greater than 15 feet, rear setbacks greater than ten feet, or side setbacks greater than five feet; (c) establish minimum parking requirements except as required by federal law; (d) restrict the ratio of the development's proposed building gross floor area to site area, building coverage, density, unit size or number base as compared to site area, size of a unit, or otherwise restrict development using any other dimensional constraint; (e) prohibit supportive housing or group homes; or (f) for a proposed development converting an existing building from a different use to a multifamily or mixed-use, require the conversion to exceed standards imposed by the International Building Code; (5) a city may apply the following regulations that are generally applicable to other developments in the city: (a) sewer and water access requirements; (b) stormwater mitigation requirements; and (c) building codes, except as otherwise provided by (3), above; (6) a city shall ministerially approve an application for a multifamily or mixed-use development on religious land if the development satisfies the city's land development regulations for multifamily or mixed-use developments, as applicable, other than a regulation involving a matter described by (4), above; (7) a person or housing organization affected by a city's violation may bring an action against the city or an officer or employee of the city in their official capacity; (8) claimant must bring an action under 6, above, in a county in which the real property that is the subject of the action is wholly or partly located; (9) in an action brought under 6, above, a court: (a) may: (i) enter a declaratory judgment; (ii) issue a writ of mandamus compelling a defendant officer or employee to comply; (iii) issue an injunction preventing the defendant from violations; and (iv) award damages to the claimant for economic losses caused by the violation in certain circumstances; and (b) shall award reasonable attorney's fees and court costs incurred to a prevailing claimant; (10) governmental and official immunity are waived; and (11) the Fifteenth Court of Appeals has exclusive intermediate appellate jurisdiction over an appeal or original proceeding arising from an action brought under this section.
SB99	Watch		Relating to certain documents required to be attached to legislation proposing the creation or expansion of an occupational license.	
SB481	Watch	Public Safety and Emergency Management	Relating to emergency preparedness and response plans for the continued care and safety of nursing facility and assisted living facility residents.	would, among other things, require a nursing facility to install and maintain an emergency generator or alternate power source, a fuel supply with enough capacity to power the emergency generator or alternate power source for not less than 96 hours, and a carbon monoxide alarm or detector.
SJR14	Watch		Proposing a constitutional amendment to reserve to the people the powers of initiative and referendum.	

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SJ15	Watch	Property Tax	<p>Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes for the first tax year that the owner of the property qualifies the property for a residence homestead exemption is the market value of the property and that, if the owner purchased the property, the purchase price of the property is considered to be the market value of the property for that tax year and to limit increases in the appraised value of the homestead for subsequent tax years based on the market value of all new improvements to the property.</p>	
SJ16	Watch	Community and Economic Development	<p>Proposing a constitutional amendment to foster economic development and job growth, provide tax relief and funding for education and public safety programs, and reform and support the horse racing industry by authorizing casino gaming at destination resorts, authorizing sports wagering, and creating the Texas Gaming Commission to regulate casino gaming and sports wagering; requiring a license to conduct casino gaming; requiring the imposition of a casino gaming tax, sports wagering tax, and license application fees.</p>	

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