

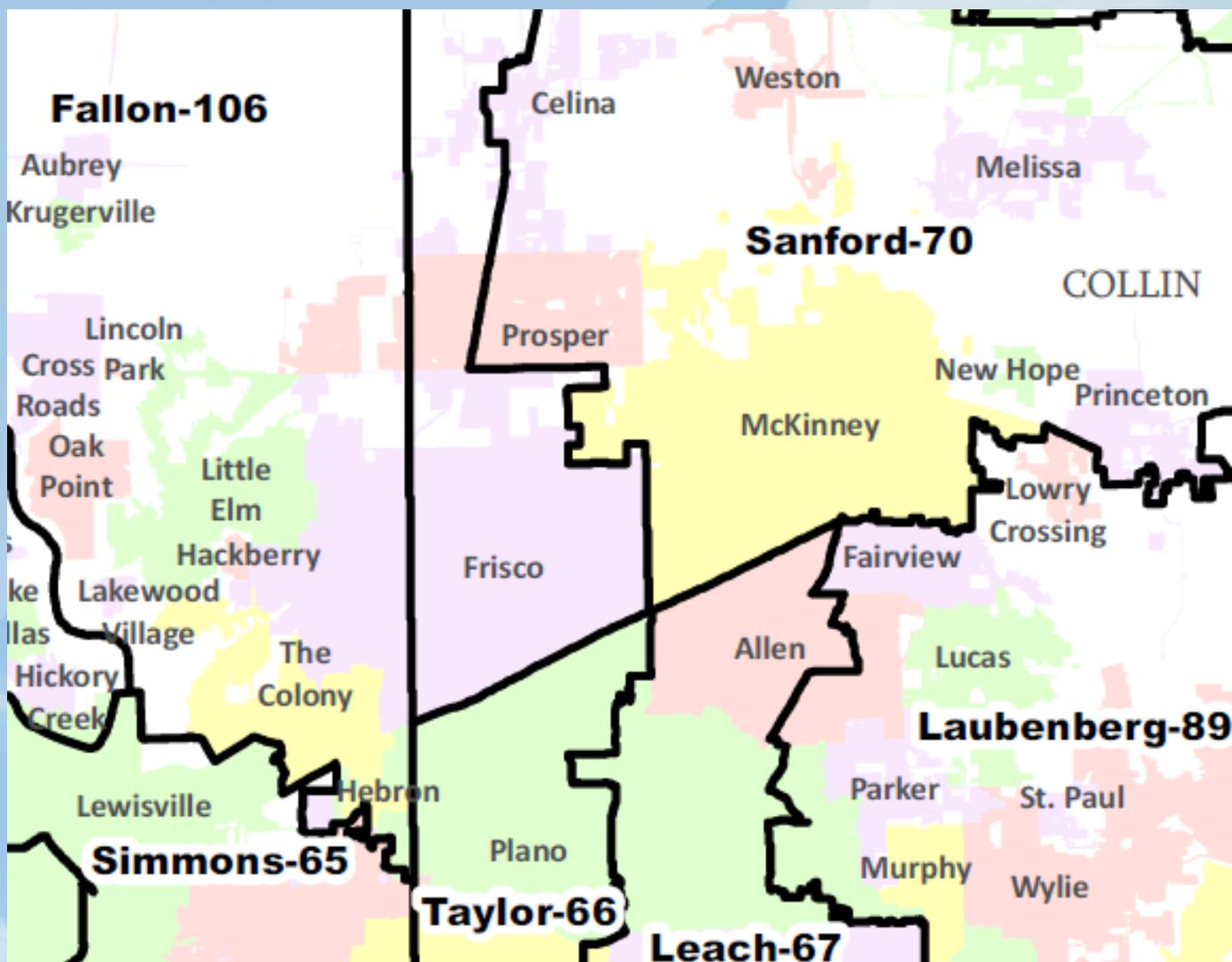
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

83RD Regular Session

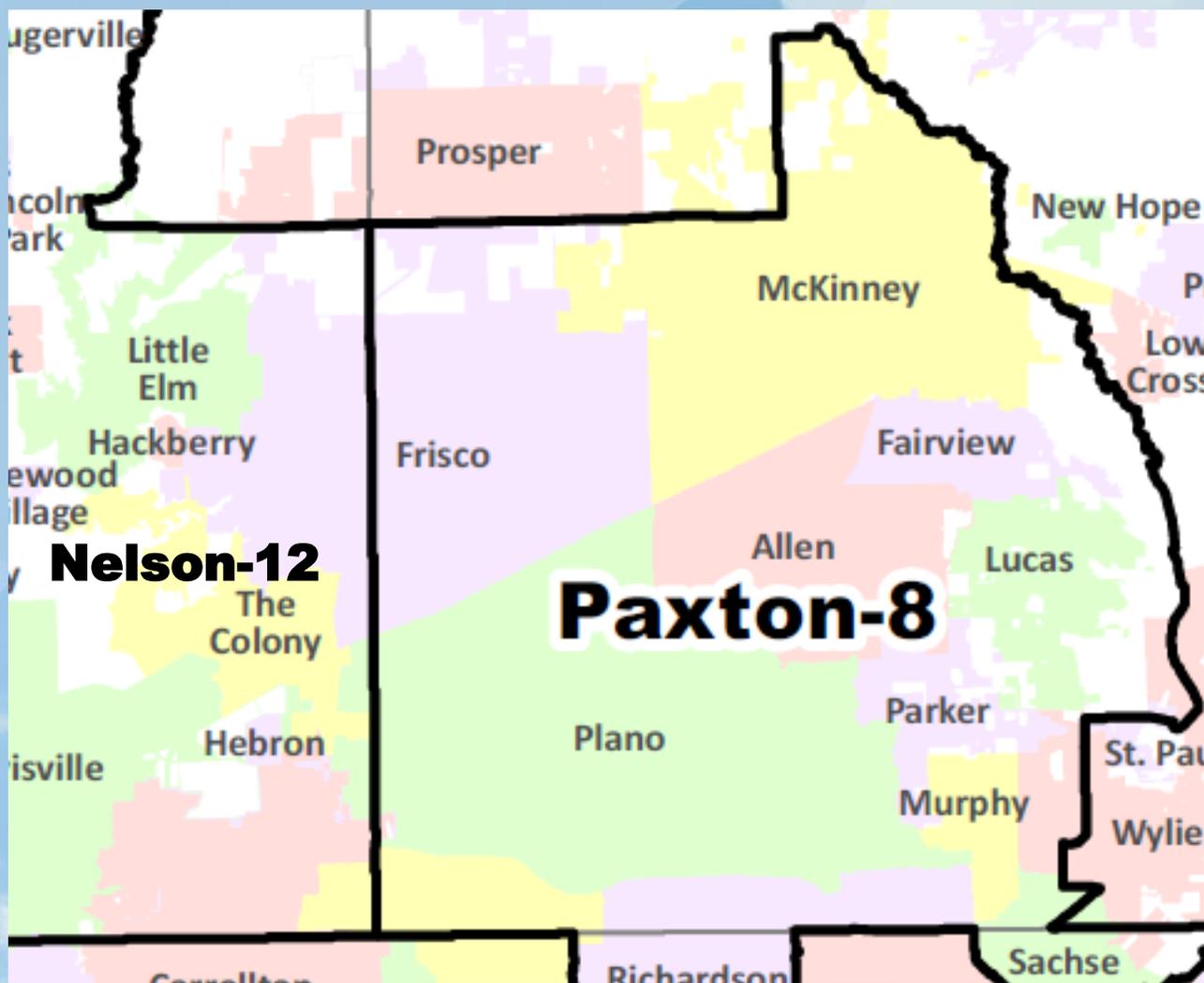
and

1st, 2nd & 3rd Special Called Sessions

Plano Representatives - House



Plano Representatives - Senate



Bills

- 6,061 bills were filed this session
 - 4% less than the 82nd legislative session
- 1,700 bills were identified by TML as being city-related
 - TML was used as the initial screen for all bills reviewed by staff
- 1,139 bills were reviewed and monitored by city staff
 - Use of Telicon system to track bills and capture staff impact statements

Plano's Legislative Program

- The goal of the City legislative efforts is the protection of municipal interests and to use the City's legislative program as a guide for City position. The City Council of the City of Plano adopted the legislative program on November 12th, 2012 by Resolution No. 2012-11-4.
- **Support:**
- Support a regional transportation funding option which allows for participation by all cities within a region.
- Support a water plan that encourages conservation through contracts and rate structures and keeps revenues within the region they are collected.
- Support economic development bills that create jobs which benefit the region and do not create a disadvantage for DART cities.
- Support the revision or removal of mandatory property tax rate adoption language which misleads citizens.
- Support the timely relocation of utility facilities.

Plano's Legislative Program

- **Endorse:**
- Legislative programs of (except as they conflict with a City of Plano Position):
 - Texas Municipal League
 - Texas Coalition for Affordable Power
 - Texas Coalition of Cities for Utility Issues
 - Dallas Area Rapid Transit
 - Texas Civil Service Cities Coalition
 - Plano Independent School District
- Endorse legislation that would create a local option for undergrounding utilities.
- Endorse a change in the use of video Public Educational and Government (PEG) fees to allow use for operational expenses associated with running a cable television channel.

Plano's Legislative Program

- **Oppose:**
- Oppose legislation that would erode or otherwise diminish:
 - Local control over operations
 - Local control over resources
 - Local control over pension elections
 - Local control over operations and revenue from red light cameras
 - Local control over placement of electronic billboards
 - Expansion of collective bargaining rights
 - Local authority as a home rule city or impose a duty or responsibility that the city would otherwise not perform
- Oppose legislation that would create an unfunded duty, responsibility or standard on local government.

City Actions

- Take position of support, endorse, or oppose
- Write letters of support/opposition to delegation and committees
- Weekly visit/meeting with Representatives and Senators
- Weekly email to Representatives and Senators with comprehensive list of bills and positions

Major Issues- 83R



- The major issues of the regular session were:
 - Water
 - » SJR1 - Proposed a constitutional amendment providing for the creation and funds for the state water fund.
 - » HB4 - Implements the state water fund.
 - 2nd Amendment Rights
 - Fiscal Transparency
 - Cottage Foods & Farmers Markets
 - Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans/Spouses
 - Transportation Funding
 - Education

How did they vote?

Bill/City Position	Author/Description	Status	Representative Vote				
			Fallon	Laubenberg	Leach	Paxton	Taylor
HB 4 <i>Support</i>	<u>A. Ritter</u> State Water Funding	Engrossed	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB 970 <i>Oppose</i>	<u>E. Rodriguez</u> Cottage food products	Engrossed	Y	Y	Y	NO VOTE ON RECORD	Y
HB 1076 <i>Oppose</i>	<u>S. Toth</u> Firearms	Engrossed	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB 1382 <i>Oppose</i>	<u>D. Simpson</u> Farmers' Markets	Engrossed	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SB 656 <i>Support</i>	<u>K. Paxton</u> Taxing and budgeting transparency	Engrossed	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HB 335 <i>Support</i>	<u>S. King</u> Use of home by food production	Voted in Committee, Died in House	Y*				
HB 1312 <i>Oppose</i>	<u>A. Fletcher</u> Reinstatement of Firefighter or Police Officer	Voted in Committee, Died in House			Y*		
HB 1377 <i>Oppose</i>	<u>L. Kolkhorst</u> Trees and timber	Voted in Committee, Died in House			Y*		
SB 1383 <i>Oppose</i>	<u>K. Hancock</u> Billboard reimbursement	Voted in Committee, Died in Senate				Y*	
HB 1314 <i>Oppose</i>	<u>B. Creighton</u> Unlawful seizure of a firearm	Passed House, Died in Senate	Y**	Y**	Y**		Y**

Key Issues/Bills of the Special Sessions

- SS1- Filibuster
- SS2- Women's Health
- SS3- Transportation (SB1)