



# 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session Staff Report

# Session Overview

- Session began January 11, 2011 and concluded after 140 days on May 30, 2011.
- Staff Representatives: Bruce Glasscock, Frank Turner, & Mark Israelson;
  - Assisted by Sherry Jackson.
- City Legislative Program Key Issues :
  - Revenue
  - Home rule authority
  - Unfunded mandates
  - Economic development
  - Transportation
  - Civil Service
  - Water
- City Actions:
  - Take positions on bills: for, against, neutral, no-impact or follow (vehicles);
  - Provide Testimony, letters, e-mail or phone calls;
  - Work with key partners including Texas Municipal League (TML) and legislative delegation.

# Thanks to the Plano Delegation

## Senate



**Senator Florence  
Shapiro**  
**Senate District 8**

## House of Representatives



**Representative Burt  
Solomons**  
**House District 65**



**Representative Van  
Taylor**  
**House District 66**



**Representative Jerry  
Madden**  
**House District 67**



**Representative Ken  
Paxton**  
**House District 70**



**Representative Jody  
Laubenberg**  
**House District 89**

# 82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative Session Bills

- In the 2011 session, lawmakers filed fewer bills than in recent previous sessions.
- 6,303 bills and proposed constitutional amendments were filed.
- Compared to the 7,609 bills in 2009, this was **a decrease of more than 20 %**.
- TML tracked almost 1,500 bills that could have affected city authority.
- November 8 – March 11: 50 bills per calendar day.
- Last two weeks: almost 3,000 bills filed, with almost 1,000 city-related bills.

Year	Total Bills Introduced	Total Bills Passed	City-Related Bills Introduced	City-Related Bills Passed
1993	4,560	1,089	800+	140+
1995	5,147	1,101	800+	140+
1997	5,741	1,502	1,100+	130+
1999	5,908	1,638	1,230+	130+
2001	5,712	1,621	1,200+	150+
2003	5,754	1,403	1,200+	110+
2005	5,369	1,397	1,200+	105+
2007	6,374	1,495	1,200+	120+
2009	7,609	1,468	1,500+	120+
<b>2011</b>	<b>6303</b>	<b>1410</b>	<b>1500+</b>	<b>160+</b>

# State Budget – Impact on Cities and Plano

Budget Item	HB1	2010-11 Appropriated	Change	Impact to Plano FY 2011-12
Mixed Beverage Tax	\$246,020,807	\$261,255,000	(\$52,000,000)	(\$205,591)
Library Resource Sharing	\$14,534,904	\$24,594,393	(\$10,059,489)	(\$25,972)
Local Library Aid	\$9,720,097	\$29,684,263	(\$19,964,166)	(\$122,000)
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TCEQ Solid Waste Grants*	\$15,806,890	\$27,674,640	(\$5,933,879)	\$0
<b>Total</b>			<b>(\$153,679,119)</b>	<b>(\$353,563)</b>

# Other Important Issues

- Mixed Beverage Tax Amendment restored local share to 10.7% for 2013/2014 Biennium.
- Red-Light Cameras... Funds went unappropriated.
- SB 350 related to how TMRS invests retiree money was passed which should bring relief to the City in contribution rates by making returns less volatile through the combining of investment funds.
- Redistricting based upon the 2010 census.
- SB 100 brought the State of Texas into compliance with the Federal MOVE Act, but gave counties the option to opt out of May elections in even years which impacts local elections.
- Constitutional Amendment prohibiting unfunded mandates from State on local governments (HJR 56) failed to pass out of committee.
- Special Session Issues:
  - Fiscal matters bill (required for budget certification)
  - Healthcare issues
  - Sanctuary cities
  - Secure communities programs
  - Texas Windstorm Insurance Association reform
  - Congressional Redistricting

# Written Report

- Memorandum - Overview of the Session
- Bills that passed
  - Bill number
  - Sponsor/Author
  - Topic and description provided by TML
  - Fiscal Impact
  - Effective Date
  - City Actions
- Bills that were Vehicles
  - Bill number
  - Sponsor/Author
  - Topic and description provided by TML
  - Fiscal Impact
  - Effective Date
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  - Bill number
  - Sponsor/Author
  - Bill Caption – brief description



Questions?



**82<sup>ND</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
CITY OF PLANO TRACKED BILLS**

## Legislative Report 2011

**To:** City Council

**Through:** Bruce Glasscock, City Manager  
Frank Turner, Deputy City Manager

**From:** Mark Israelson, Assistant City Manager  
Sherry Jackson, Assistant to Deputy City Managers Turner and Ross

**Date:** August 22, 2011

**Re:** 2011 @gislative Session Summary and Impact on the City of Plano

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### Overview

The 82<sup>nd</sup> regular session of the Texas Legislature began on January 11, 2011 and concluded on May 30, 2011. A total of 6,303 bills were filed this session (a decrease of more than 20% as compared to the 2009 session) with more than 1,500 bills introduced that were city-related and were tracked by the Texas Municipal League. The major issues for the session were: State budget (a deficit of \$15-\$27 billion), voter ID, sanctuary cities, re-districting, sunset of State agencies, and eminent domain.

City staff worked closely with our legislative delegation and their legislative staff to protect the City's interests. Our delegation is:

- Senator Florence Shapiro – Senate District 8
- Representative Burt Solomons– House District 65
- Representative Van Taylor– House District 66
- Representative Jerry Madden – House District 67
- Representative Ken Paxton - House District 70
- Representative Jody Laubenberg– House District 89

### City Efforts

The goal of the City legislative efforts is the protection of municipal interests and to use the City's legislative program (Attached) as a guide for City position. The main issues for the City to monitor or take action were:

- Revenue: Protect the City's ability to raise and collect revenue & oppose caps;
- Home rule authority: Preserve our ability to adopt and maintain ordinances;
- Unfunded mandates: Oppose any action to force the City into additional costs;
- Economic development: Provide equity in tools to all cities and protect current authority;
- Transportation: Support funding alternatives;
- Civil Service: Protect the Chiefs' ability to effectively manage the department;
- Water: Support development of reservoir sites and conservation rates.

The City's efforts were coordinated by City staff, Bruce Glasscock, Frank Turner, Sherry Jackson and Mark Israelson, however each Department Director was assigned bills that could affect their area of expertise. Research, comments and requests for action were made by Departments and action was provided based upon the priority of the topic and impact to the City.

The City was active in providing testimony on bills and maintaining communications with the legislative delegation including:

- Take position for/against Bills through: Testimony (oral, written, or cards)
- Letters
- Email
- Phone Calls
- Meetings

The City coordinated efforts when interests were aligned with partners including: TML, DART, Collin County, PISD, TCCFUI, TCAP, the Plano Chamber and Universities. Most of the City's efforts were dedicated to defeating legislation that would negatively affect the City, but several bills were passed that were advantageous to the City of Plano. There was also a substantial amount of monitoring of bills that were possible "vehicles" that could impact the City. Vehicles are bills that in their current form don't impact the City but contain topics that were eligible for amendments at later stages of the legislative session which could require City action.

### **Major Issue of the Session**

The State budget was the most significant topic of the 82<sup>nd</sup> legislative session and the resulting \$27 billion dollar budget **does** affect the City of Plano. Overall cities can expect nearly \$154 million less in funding from the State. The following appropriations were reduced as part of the 2012-13 biennium:

- Mixed Beverage Tax (\$52 million less)
- Parks Grants (\$35 million less)
- Major Events Trust Fund (\$25 million less)
- Libraries Grants (\$30 million less)
- Homeless Grants (\$20 million less)
- Solid Waste Grants (\$6 million less)
- Auto Theft Prevention (\$15 million less)

### **Report Detail**

The attached report shows bills that were passed including a description of the bill, fiscal impact to the City, effective date and City action that is required. These bills are organized within the established TML categories of legislation. Also in the report are bills that were tracked as Vehicles and bills that were defeated are also provided and are listed in numerical order by chamber.

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# 82<sup>ND</sup> LEGISLATIVE SESSION CITY OF PLANO TRACKED BILLS

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

### PROPERTY TAX

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**H.B. 1118 (Ritter) – Property Tax:** Would provide that a taxing unit that purchases property at a foreclosure sale may sell the property at a private sale for an amount equal to or greater than its market value if: (1) the sum of the amount of the judgment plus post-judgment taxes, penalties, and interest owing against the property exceeds the market value; and (2) each taxing unit entitled to receive proceeds of the sale consents to the sale for that amount. The bill provides that a taxing unit that does not consent to a private sale is liable to the taxing unit that purchased the property for a pro rata share of the costs incurred by the purchasing unit in maintaining the property, including the costs of preventing the property from becoming a public nuisance or threat to the public health.

**City Action:** *Fiscal impact dependent on whether the City should decide to purchase or object to a sale of delinquent property.*

**Fiscal Impact**  
Unknown  
**Effective Date:**  
6/17/2011

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**S.B. 582 (Harris) – Property Tax:** Would allow a city to serve notice of delinquent property taxes to a domestic or foreign limited liability company whose right to transact business in the state was forfeited by the comptroller, or on a limited liability company that was involuntarily terminated or had its registration revoked.

**City Action:** *In a likely situation, the company paid it would have a positive impact on City.*

**Fiscal Impact**  
Positive  
**Effective Date:**  
9/1/2011

### SALES TAX

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**H.B. 2048 (Lyne) – Hotel Occupancy Taxes:** Would: (1) allow a city to directly perform an audit, or to contract with another person to perform an audit, to determine any delinquency in hotel occupancy tax payments to the city; (2) require the city to notify the comptroller if the results of an audit reveal a failure of a hotel to collect or pay hotel taxes; (3) require the comptroller to review the information submitted by a city to determine whether to proceed with collection and enforcement efforts, and distribute 20 percent of any additional amount collected as a result of the audit to the city to defray the cost of the audit; and (4) provide that a city may not receive a percentage of the amount collected if the information submitted to the comptroller was obtained as a result of an audit performed on a contingent fee basis.

**City Action:** *No steps to implement; provides opportunity to recover additional revenue from the State based on findings during the audit as well as Attorney fees and an additional 15% penalty.*

**Fiscal Impact**  
Potential Revenue  
**Effective Date:**  
9/1/2011

**PURCHASING**

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**H.B. 679 (Button) – Purchasing:** Would provide that: (1) if a change order involves a decrease or an increase of \$50,000 or less and is for work within the original bid, the governing body may authorize an administrative official of the municipality to approve the change order; (2) a governing body may authorize an official or employee responsible for purchasing or administering a contract to approve a change order that involves a change of \$50,000 or less; and (3) similar changes shall apply to civic center authorities and certain other local governmental entities.

**City Action:** *Policy and Code of Ordinances will be updated to reflect the changes.*

**Fiscal Impact**

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**Effective Date:**

6/17/2011

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**S.B. 1048 (Jackson) – Public/Private Partnerships:** Would create a program with detailed criteria to encourage public and private facilities and infrastructure.

**City Action:** *Fiscal impact depends on the total cost each project and terms of agreement. Purchasing should be advised on requirements of the bill and new bidding guidelines should be drafted by department.*

**Fiscal Impact**

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**Effective Date:**

9/1/2011

**ELECTIONS**

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**H.B. 111 (V. Taylor) –Elections:** Would implement the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act by requiring the early voting clerk to make registration and absentee ballots available to overseas military voters in an election held in conjunction with an election involving a federal or statewide office.

**City Action:** *City can: 1) hold a charter election to change City Council Terms, 2) move the election date to November 3) conduct Spring elections on their own.*

**Fiscal Impact**

Up to \$150,000 per election

**Effective Date:**

11/8/2011

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**H.B. 360 (Jackson) – Elections:** would require that a ballot proposition allowing voters to approve a tax or the issuance of bonds must: (1) state the total dollar amount of bonds that will be issued or the amount of the tax or tax increase; and (2) describe any projects to be supported by the bonds.

**City Action:** *Since outside counsel prepares ordinances that call for bond elections, City Secretary staff will work with these entities to provide thorough information.*

**Fiscal Impact**

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**Effective Date:**

9/1/2011

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**H.B. 1545 (Lewis) – Elections:** Would provide that the governing body of a political subdivision, other than a county, that holds its general election for officers on a date other than the November uniform election date may, not later than December 31, 2012, change the date on which it holds its general election for officers to the November uniform election date.

**City Action:** *Fiscal impact dependent on whether a change is made and the cost differential to hold the election in November as opposed to May. An ordinance would require approval by City Council before December 31, 2012 if the change is desired.*

**Fiscal Impact**

Unknown

**Effective Date:**

6/17/2011

<p><b>H.B. 1593 (Isaac) – Elections:</b> Would require the inclusion of a space for a candidate’s e-mail address on an official application for a place on the ballot.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Update official applications to include a space for candidate’s e-mail address.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>S.B. 100 (Van de Putte) – Elections:</b> Would implement the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act by requiring the early voting clerk to make registration and absentee ballots available to overseas military voters in an election held in conjunction with an election involving a federal or statewide office.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Four (4) options and their impacts were presented to Council at their 7/25/11 meeting. Options will be discussed at additional meetings.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> Undetermined</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>OPEN GOVERNMENT</b></p>	
<p><b>H.B. 1844 (Guillen) – Records Retention:</b> Would authorize the executive and administrative officer of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to: (1) store, for a fee, local government records on the request of the local government; and (2) allow the state records center to provide for the storage, access, protection, and disposition of inactive and vital local government records.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>No action necessary unless City chooses optional storage of records.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 6/17/2011</p>
<p><b>S.B. 422 (Duncan) – Assessments:</b> Would allow a city council to contract with the governing body of another taxing unit or the board of directors of an appraisal district to perform the duties of the city relating to the collection of special assessments levied in a public improvement district.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Departments who may wish to utilize this mechanism should be made aware of its availability.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 6/17/2011</p>
<p><b>S.B. 602 (Rodriguez) – Public Information:</b> Would: (1) authorize a governmental body to redact certain motor vehicle record information without the necessity of requesting a decision from the attorney general; (2) authorize a governmental body to redact a credit card, debit card, charge card, or access device number without the necessity of requesting a decision from the attorney general; (3) make a public information request that is modified in response to the requirement of a deposit or bond a separate request that is considered received on the date the governmental body receives the modified request; and (4) provide that if a governmental body receives a written request by mail and cannot establish the actual date of receipt, the written request is considered to be received on the third business day after the date of the postmark.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Procedures will be updated to reflect changes.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>S.B. 760 (West) – Interlocal Agreements:</b> Would allow an interlocal contract between a city and another city or county to be for a specified term of years.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Notify departments that they can structure interlocal contracts to last over multiple years.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 11/8/2011</p>

**S. B. 1269 (Wentworth) – Honoraria:** Would: (1) remove an honorarium from the definition of a “political contribution,” and (2) would create an exemption for honoraria under the offenses relating to offering gifts to public servants and accepting gifts by public servants.

**Fiscal Impact**

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**Effective Date:**

9/1/2011

**City Action:** Clarify this information during ethics training for officials.

**ALL OTHERS**

**H.B. 1 (Pitts) – Funding:** This is the state budget. The following chart shows the differences over the coming biennium in city-related items from the last budget:

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\* Funding from State never included in budget.

\*\* City of Plano never had a qualifying event.

**City Action:** These reductions will definitely have an adverse affect on the amount COP receives from the State.

**H.B. 345 (Kleinschmidt) – Litigation:** Would expand the liability of a city in a contract dispute by allowing parties prevailing against a city to be awarded interest on disputed payments.

**Fiscal Impact**

Undetermined

**Effective Date:**

9/1/2011

**City Action:** None; fiscal impact dependent on amount of claims asserted again the City annually.

**H.B.1959 (Thompson) – Alcoholic Beverage Permit:** Would require that an individual who is denied an alcoholic beverage permit or license based on the certification of a city or county be given a hearing before the Alcohol Beverage Commission.

**Fiscal Impact**

Undetermined

**Effective Date:**

9/1/2011

**City Action:** *Should a case be pushed to county courts, additional staff effort and assistance from the Legal Dept may be required.*

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<b>H.B. 2226 (Truitt) – Public Funds Investment:</b> Among other things, would: (1) require a city’s investment policy to include procedures to monitor rating changes in investments acquired with public funds and the liquidation of such investments; (2) require a city’s investment officer to attend a training session not less than once each state fiscal biennium; (3) provide that an obligation that is fully guaranteed or insured by the FDIC or by the explicit full faith and credit of the United States is an authorized investment; (4) provide that certain investment in certificates of deposit using a broker are authorized investments; (5) authorize an investment pool to invest its funds in money market mutual funds to the extent permitted by and consistent with state law and the investment policies and objectives adopted by the pool.	<b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅
<b>City Action:</b> <i>Adjust the Investment Policy to reflect changes; review all individuals required to have PFA training to ensure training dates comply with updated language.</i>	<b>Effective Date:</b> 6/17/2011

**MUNICIPAL COURT**

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<b>H.B. 27 (Guillen) – Municipal Court:</b> Requires a municipal court judge to allow a defendant who the judge determines is unable to immediately pay the fine and costs assessed by the court to pay the find and costs in specified portions at designated intervals.	<b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅
<b>City Action:</b> <i>Update court forms and procedures.</i>	<b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011

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<b>H. B. 1573 (Gallego) – Trial Procedures:</b> Among other things, requires that the clerk of a municipal court that does not provide online Internet access to the court’s criminal case records post in the designated public place in the courthouse notice of a prospective criminal court docket setting as soon as the court notifies the clerk of the settings.	<b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅
<b>City Action:</b> <i>Municipal court judges should be made aware of changes and its requirements.</i>	<b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011

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<b>H.B. 3475 (Gallego) – Municipal Judges:</b> Would: (1) create a process for a motion for recusal or disqualification of a municipal judge in a specific case; (2) require that, before further proceedings in a case where such a motion has been filed, the judge recues or disqualify himself or herself or forward the motion to be heard by either the presiding municipal judge in the city or the county judge; (3) if the judge recues or disqualifies himself or herself, require the judge to enter an order of recusal or disqualification and request that the case be heard by either the presiding judge of the city or another city’s municipal judge as assigned by the county judge; (4) authorize a judge hearing a motion to recuse who finds that the motion was made solely for the purpose of delay to find the movant in contempt; and (5) require the city secretary of a city with a municipal court to notify the Texas Judicial Council of the name of each person who is elected or appointed as mayor, municipal court judge, or clerk of a municipal court, within thirty days of the person’s election, appointment, or vacancy from	<b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅
	<b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011

office.

**City Action:** Update procedures.

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<b>S.B. 519 (Hegar) – Municipal Court:</b> Would extend the period after the rendition of judgment and sentence in municipal court during which a motion for new trial must be made to five days. <b>City Action:</b> Adjust policies and forms to facilitate this change.	<b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅ <b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011
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<b>S.B. 1521 (Uresti) – Municipal Court Building Security Fund:</b> Would authorize the use of funds from a city’s municipal court building security fund for warrant officers and related equipment. <b>City Action:</b> Offers more flexibility in using the fund should the position of warrant officer be created.	<b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅ <b>Effective Date:</b> 6/17/2011
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### **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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<b>H.B. 1147 (W. Smith) – Geospatial Data:</b> Would require a city to provide certain notice on each geospatial data product (including any basic map) that: (1) is created or hosted by the city; (2) appears to represent property boundaries; and (3) was not produced using information from an on-the-ground survey conducted under the supervision of a registered professional land surveyor. <b>City Action:</b> The exemptions in the law are sufficiently broad that the legislation will seldom, if ever, apply to maps and plans prepared by the City. Planning, Engineering and Public Works will need to monitor for compliance.	<b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅ <b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011
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<b>H.B. 2139 (Guillen) – Libraries:</b> Would require the Library and Archives Commission to establish an “Adopt a Library” program to encourage private investment in and donations to public libraries throughout the state. <b>City Action:</b> Will give libraries more publicity and hopefully more donations.	<b>Fiscal Impact</b> Unknown <b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011
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<b>H.B. 3547 (Alvarado) – Day Care:</b> Would provide that: (1) a city or a county may enforce state law and rules adopted under state law concerning fire safety standards at a licensed group day-care home or a registered family home; and (2) a city or county shall report to the Department of Family and Protective Services any violation of fire safety standards observed by the city or county at a licensed group day-care home or registered family home. (Companion bill is <b>S.B. 1745</b> by <b>Gallegos</b> .) <b>City Action:</b> An unfunded mandate which adds to the list of things already being inspected. Will have to determine the number of the facilities and calculate how long it takes to do the enhanced inspection; then determine if it can be done with present manpower.	<b>Fiscal Impact</b> Unknown <b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011
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<b>S.B. 18 (Estes) – Eminent Domain:</b> This bill contains numerous proposed changes that continue to inhibit a municipality's use of eminent domain and add more procedural requirements when this power is used. The bills should be opposed. Some of the changes are a non-issue because they are regarding obtaining easements for pipelines or oil and gas which does not pertain to Plano. However, some of the changes are simply for eminent domain authority in acquiring property for public use which does pertain to	<b>Fiscal Impact</b> Unknown <b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011
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the city. The proposed changes impose additional burdens on cities using eminent domain authority including filing reports with the Comptroller's office, disclosure production to the property owner, etc. It also creates additional rights for property owners regarding repurchase if actual progress is not made toward developing the property for public use and additional considerations for calculating damages.

**City Action:** *The direct impact will be increased staff and consultant time required to comply with the additional procedural steps. The cost of property acquisition will increase, but the amount of increased cost cannot be determined until experience is gained with the procedural changes.*

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**S.B. 173 (West) – Substandard Buildings:** Would provide that: (1) a city may bring a civil action *in rem* (against the property) for, among other things, the enforcement of a building standards ordinance (Note: the effect of an *in rem* action is a judgment against the structure as well as a judgment against the defendant, which can aid in enforcement against subsequent purchasers); (2) a home rule city may bring an action in district court against an owner of property that is not in substantial compliance with municipal ordinances regarding: (a) the materials or methods used to construct a building or other structure or improvement; (b) the preservation of public health or the fire safety of a building or other structure or improvement; (c) dangerously damaged or deteriorated structures or improvements; (d) conditions caused by accumulations of refuse, vegetation, or other matter that creates breeding and living places for insects and rodents; or (e) point source effluent; and (3) with some exceptions, a court may appoint as a receiver for substandard property a nonprofit organization or an individual with a demonstrated record of rehabilitating properties if the court makes certain findings.

**City Action:** *Due to the inclusion of the additional judgment sanction, this will potentially increase the capability to collect civil penalties and reimbursement of costs/expenditures incurred for repairing or demolishing structures.*

**Fiscal Impact**  
Undetermined  
**Effective Date:**  
9/1/2011

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**S.B. 1030 (Carona) – Sexually Oriented Businesses:** Would require a sexually oriented business to post an outdoor sign if the business applies for a license or permit for a location that is not currently licensed or permitted.

**City Action:** *Update policy/procedures. Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

**Fiscal Impact**  
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**Effective Date:**  
6/17/2011

## **HUMAN RESOURCES**

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**H.B. 2089 (Smithee) – Workers’ Comp:** Relating to the resolution of overpayment or underpayment of income benefits under the workers' compensation program.

**City Action:** *Risk Mgmt should follow up to make sure ASC is aware of new procedures established by the Commission.*

**Fiscal Impact**  
∅  
**Effective Date:**  
9/1/2011

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**S.B. 350 (Williams) – Texas Municipal Retirement System:** Would: (1) combine the municipality accumulation fund, employees saving fund, and

**Fiscal Impact**  
\$540,546 savings FY11-12

current service annuity reserve fund into one fund to be called the benefit accumulation fund; and (2) require all benefits to be paid into and out of the benefit accumulation fund.

**Effective Date:**  
6/17/2011

**City Action:** *TMRS total contributions are lowered resulting in less overall cost to the City. Human Resources to provide new lower contribution percentage to budget and in the payroll system.*

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**S.B. 396 (Deuell) – Firefighter Death Investigation:** Would broaden the state fire marshal’s authority to investigate firefighter deaths including any factors that may have contributed to a death in connection with an on-duty incident.

**Fiscal Impact**  
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**Effective Date:**  
5/12/2011

**City Action:** *Develop guidelines for the notification and procedures to follow. Update Standard Operating Procedures to coordinate our response to line-of-duty firefighter deaths.*

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**S.B. 543 (Hegar) – Probate:** Would prohibit the charging of certain probate fees for the filing of the will of an officer killed in the line of duty.

**Fiscal Impact**  
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**Effective Date:**  
9/1/2011

**City Action:** *Update Human Resources policy/procedure. Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**S. B. 1285 (Watson) – Retirement System:** Relating to contributions to the retirement systems for certain police officers in certain municipalities.

**Fiscal Impact**  
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**Effective Date:**  
9/1/2011

**City Action:** *Vehicle; population specific.*

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**S. B. 1286 (Watson) – Retirement System:** Relating to the administration and funding of retirement systems for firefighters in certain municipalities.

**Fiscal Impact**  
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**Effective Date:**  
9/1/2011

**City Action:** *Vehicle; population specific.*

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

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**H.B. 215 (Gallego) – Law Enforcement:** Would: (1) require local law enforcement agencies that use live and photograph lineups to adopt a detailed written policy regarding lineup identification procedures; and (2) direct the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas to develop a model policy and associated training materials to assist law enforcement agencies with compliance.

**Fiscal Impact**  
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**Effective Date:**  
9/1/2011

**City Action:** *This was anticipated last session, so our policy was been changed to match these requirements. A slight policy adjustment will be made to incorporate minor changes and officers will be trained as to these changes.*

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**H.B. 289 (Jackson, J) – Common Nuisance:** Relating to activity that constitutes maintaining a common nuisance.

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**Effective Date:**  
9/1/2011

**City Action:** *Coordinate with city attorney’s office to determine expanded definition of nuisance. Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

<p><b>H.B. 343 (Fletcher) – Law Enforcement:</b> Would: (1) provide that the record of a license holder who is a peace officer, fire fighter, or emergency medical services employee of a city may not include information relating to a traffic accident that occurs while the employee is driving an official vehicle in the course and scope of the employee’s official duties if the traffic accident results in damages to property of less than \$1,000 or an investigation by a peace officer not involved in the accident determines that the employee was not at fault (Current law provides that the record may not include information relating to a traffic accident that occurs during an emergency while the person is driving an official vehicle in the course and scope of official duties.); and (2) require that an accident form prepared by the Texas Department of Transportation: (a) include a way to designate and identify a peace officer, firefighter or emergency medical services employee who is involved in an accident while driving a vehicle in the performance of the employee’s duties; and (b) require a statement by the employee as to the nature of the accident.</p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅ <b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.</i></p>	
<p><b>H.B. 345 (Kleinschmidt) – Litigation:</b> Would expand the liability of a city in a contract dispute by allowing parties prevailing against a city to be awarded interest on disputed payments.</p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> Undetermined <b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>City Action:</b> <i>None; fiscal impact dependent on amount of claims asserted again the City annually.</i></p>	
<p><b>H.B. 351 (Veasey) – Expunction:</b> Would expand the circumstances under which a person may request expunction of all records of an arrest.</p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅ <b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor. Will wait and see how the law is implemented by the courts.</i></p>	
<p><b>H.B. 442 (Guillen) – Emergency Communications:</b> Would change the purpose of the court cost for fugitive apprehension to that of emergency radio infrastructure, with the proceeds to be used for an interoperable statewide emergency radio infrastructure and other public safety purposes.</p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅ <b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>City Action:</b> <i>The amount of Court Funds paid to the state does not change; only the % of disbursement between funds change.</i></p>	
<p><b>H.B. 564 (Craddick) – Portable Fire Extinguishers:</b> Would require a city that adopts an ordinance, order, or policy requiring motor vehicles owned by the city to be equipped with portable fire extinguishers to have the extinguishers inspected annually.</p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> Unknown <b>Effective Date:</b> 5/27/2011</p>
<p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Equipment Services will need to determine which vehicles will now require fire extinguishers; departments will have to factor this additional cost into future specs and then an inspection program of some type will have to be implemented to verify that an extinguisher is installed and in working order. The simplest program would be to add such an inspection into the regular PMs on all vehicles.</i></p>	

<p><b>H. B. 885 (Rodriguez) – Traffic-Control Signals:</b> Relating to the operation and movement of a vehicle when certain traffic-control signals do not display an indication.</p> <p><b>City Actions:</b> <i>Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 6/17/2011</p>
<p><b>H.B. 890 (Howard) – Custom Vehicles:</b> Defines “custom vehicle” and “street rods” and provides that they are not subject to inspection.</p> <p><b>City Actions:</b> <i>Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>H.B. 963 (Hartnett) – Cruelty to Animals:</b> Would provide that when an animal’s owner has cruelly treated the animal and been divested of ownership: (1) a court could order the animal to be given to a city or county animal shelter; (2) a court must order the owner to pay any costs incurred by a city or county animal shelter in housing and caring for the animal; (3) a court must set the amount of bond for an appeal to include the estimated costs to house and care for the impounded animal as provided by the city, county, or a nonprofit; (4) an officer that is unable to sell the animal at auction may give the animal to a city or county animal shelter; and (5) the owner may appeal the divestment order and the court shall provide either a transcript, clerk’s record, or audio recording of the proceedings, depending upon whether the court is or is not a court of record.</p> <p><b>City Actions:</b> <i>No cost, revenues would only be realized in instances of animal cruelty cases where the judgment is appealed. No action needed.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> Unknown</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>H.B. 976 (Carter) – Magistrates:</b> Would permit a magistrate to hear a complaint under oath through an electronic broadcast system, with certain restrictions and requirements.</p> <p><b>City Actions:</b> <i>We will look into this with our magistrate and see if it is something we are interested in. It’s not simply a matter of getting a video hook.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 6/17/2011</p>
<p><b>H.B. 1075 (Anderson, Rodney) – Alert System:</b> Relating to the consolidation of certain alert systems into a single statewide alert system and to the addition of other factors that will prompt an alert under the consolidated system.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>H.B. 1083 (Elkins) - Police Identification:</b> Would require a city police department to issue an identification card to an honorably retired police officer who holds a proficiency certificate.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Educate those that issue ID cards.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 6/17/2011</p>
<p><b>H.B. 1116 (Harper-Brown) – Radar Interference Devices:</b> Would make it a Class C misdemeanor offense for a person, other than a law enforcement officer in the discharge of his official duties, to use a radar interference</p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b></p>

device in a motor vehicle.

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**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**H.B. 1168 (D. Miller) – Smoke Alarms and Fire Extinguishers:** Would make several changes to the law regarding smoke alarms and fire extinguishers in residential rental units, including that: (1) a local ordinance could not require that a smoke alarm powered by alternating current, rather than battery, be installed in a dwelling unit built before September 1, 1987, unless: (a) the interior of the unit is repaired, remodeled, or rebuilt at a projected cost of more than \$5,000 and requires a building permit; or (b) an addition occurs to the unit at a projected cost of more than \$5,000; and (2) if a dwelling unit was occupied as a residence before September 1, 2011, or a certificate of occupancy was issued before that date, a smoke alarm may be powered by battery, alternating current, or other power source and is not required to be interconnected with other smoke alarms but that the alarm must comply with any local ordinance in effect at the time the unit was first occupied or a certificate of occupancy was issued requiring the alarm be powered by alternating current or other power source.

**City Action:** *Review local fire codes to insure it meets NFPA standard.*

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**H.B. 1376 (Bohac) – Junked Vehicles:** Would rephrase the definition of “junked vehicle” in state law to include vehicles that: (1) display an expired license plate or invalid inspection sticker; or (2) do not display any license plate or inspection sticker.

**City Action:** *Amend COP ordinance to comply and revise vehicle tags/notices.*

*Change policy; officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**H.B. 1476 (Riddle) – Emergency Medical Services:** Would revoke the license of any emergency medical services personnel who has been convicted or had a deferred disposition for certain serious offenses.

**City Action:** *No additional steps needed to implement this new requirement; no additional cost to the City other than the obvious cost in hiring and training a replacement.*

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**H. B. 1711 (Davis, John) – Disaster Remediation:** Relating to disaster remediation contracts.

**City Action:** *This is a positive bill that should be reviewed by Purchasing Dept. for language to be included in future pre- and post-disaster contracts. The bill prevents disaster contractors charging for work in advance of work being completed.*

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**H. B. 1721 (Lucio III) – Protective Orders:** Relating to protective orders for certain victims of stalking or sexual assault.

**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**H.B. 1891 (S. Davis) – Search Warrants:** Would clarify that a search and seizure warrant for data on an electronic communication or data storage device is considered to have been executed within the time allowed if the

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device was seized within that time frame.

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**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**H.B.1906 (D. Howard) – Vehicle Idling:** Would make it a class C misdemeanor offense to violate a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality rule concerning locally enforced motor vehicle idling limitations.  
**City Action:** *Complaint forms and fines will be set by the prosecutor and Judges.*

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Unknown  
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**H.B. 1992 (Hardcastle) – Animal Control Fees:** Would allow the Texas Animal Health Commission (T.A.H.C.) to impose animal fees, including fees for: (1) inspection of animals or facilities; (2) disease testing; (3) obtaining samples from animals for disease testing; (4) disease prevention, control, or eradication; (5) treatment efforts; (6) control and eradication of ticks and other pests; and (7) any other service for which the commission incurs a cost.

**City Action:** *No change unless the city needs TAHC's assistance. No action needed.*

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**H.B. 2006 (Bonnen) – Photograph Release:** Defines that a waiver must be in place to release a photo or access of records of a police officer that are maintained by Internal Investigative divisions.

**City Action:** *Waivers must be obtained at the time PD puts together yearbooks, annual reports, press releases, etc.*

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**H.B. 2015 (Thompson) Definition of Conduct:** Defines conduct that requires a need for supervision and sealing of records related to that conduct.

**City Action:** *This bill defines anything that relates to Juveniles are a conduct that requires supervision and sealing of records, i.e. juvenile prostitution. Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**H. B. 2118 (Coleman) – Controlled Substance:** Relating to adding certain synthetic compounds to Penalty Group 2 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**H. B. 2482 (Pena) – Theft:** Relating to the offense of organized retail theft.

**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**H. B. 2624 (Sheffield) – Family Violence:** This bill relates to procedures applicable in circumstances involving family violence and other criminal conduct and military personnel. Of particular interest to cities, the bill requires: (1) a peace officer who investigates a family violence incident or

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responds to a disturbance call that may involve family violence to make a written report that includes whether the suspect is a member of the state military forces or is serving in the U.S. armed forces in an active-duty status; and (2) a peace officer to provide written notice of the incident described in (1), above, to the staff judge advocate at Joint Force Headquarters or the provost marshal of the military installation to which the suspect is assigned with the intent that the commanding officer will be notified, as applicable.

**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**H. B. 3000 (Thompson) – Human Trafficking:** Relating to creating the offense of continuous trafficking of persons; becomes a first degree felony punishable by 25 years to life in prison.

**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**H.B. 3324 (McClendon) – Criminal Information:** Would require a law enforcement agency that collects, maintains, or discloses intelligence data to: (1) follow extensive procedures when collecting, maintaining, or disseminating information about individuals and criminal activity; (2) send an annual report about this information and its use to the criminal justice committees of the house and the senate; and (3) be subject to attorney general oversight.

**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**H.B. 3474 (Gallego) – Alcohol Offenses:** Would: (1) expand the offense of “public intoxication” to include the consumption, possession or purchase of an alcoholic beverage in a public place by any person younger than twenty-one; (2) expand the definition of “public place” to include any premises that is accessible by two or more unrelated persons under twenty-one years old and on which any one of those persons possesses alcohol; (3) create an exception to prosecution in certain cases for the offense of public intoxication if the person is under twenty-one and requested emergency medical assistance in response to the possible overdose of the minor or another person; and (4) require a judge to, in certain situations, require the defendant to perform community service and attend alcohol awareness classes.

**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**H.B. 3547 (Alvarado) – Day Care:** Would provide that: (1) a city or a county may enforce state law and rules adopted under state law concerning fire safety standards at a licensed group day-care home or a registered family home; and (2) a city or county shall report to the Department of Family and Protective Services any violation of fire safety standards observed by the city or county at a licensed group day-care home or registered family home. (Companion bill is **S.B. 1745** by **Gallegos**.)

**City Action:** *An unfunded mandate which adds to the list of things already being inspected. Will have to determine the number of the facilities and calculate*

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Unknown

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how long it takes to do the enhanced inspection; then determine if it can be done with present manpower.

<p><b>S.B. 198 (West) – Sex Offenders:</b> Increases the maximum and minimum age of persons who may petition for exemption from registering as sex offender and further defines punishment.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>S.B. 244 (Patrick) – Peace Officer Training:</b> Would allow the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Institute of Texas (LEMIT) to establish and offer a continuing education program for second-in-command staff that would exempt the second in command staff from the continuing education standards in the Occupations Code.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Unfunded mandate requiring twenty hours per year for assistant chief.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> Undetermined</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>S. B. 250 (Zaffirini) – Stalking:</b> Relating to protective orders for stalking victims.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>S.B. 316 (Whitmire) – Felony Forfeiture:</b> Would: (1) prohibit prosecutors from executing a plea bargain agreement that would waive a person’s interest in property seized under the felony forfeiture laws; (2) provide that post-judgment interest on money seized under the felony forfeiture laws shall be used for the same purposes that the principal is used; (3) prohibit the use of felony forfeiture funds for: (a) political campaigns; (b) donations to certain organizations that do not assist in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime or provide rehabilitation services; (c) judicial training; (d) certain travel expenses; (e) alcoholic beverages; (f) any expenditure not approved by the city council if the law enforcement agency head holds elective office and is not running for reelection or did not prevail in a reelection bid; or (g) a salary, expense, or allowance for an employee of the law enforcement agency that was not approved by the city council; (3) require more detailed local audits of the expenditure of felony forfeiture funds; (4) permit the state auditor to investigate at any time the expenditure of felony forfeiture funds; (5) permit the attorney general to sue a law enforcement agency or prosecutor who misuses felony forfeiture funds; and (6) permit up to a \$100,000 civil fine for misuse of felony forfeiture funds.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅</p> <p><b>Effective Date:</b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>S.B. 321 (Hegar) – Firearms:</b> Would: (1) preclude an employer from prohibiting an employee who has a concealed handgun license from</p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b> ∅</p>

transporting or storing a firearm or ammunition in a locked, privately owned vehicle in a parking lot, garage, or parking area provided for employees; but (2) provide that the bill's restriction on an employer do not apply to a vehicle owned or leased by the employer and used by the employee, unless the employee is required to transport or store a firearm in the official discharge of the employee's duties.

**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**S.B. 331 (Shapiro) – Synthetic Derivative of Marihuana:** Makes any quantity of a synthetic chemical compound that is a cannabinoid receptor agonist and that mimics the pharmacological effect of naturally occurring cannabinoids subject to Penalty Group 2 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor*

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**S.B. 364 (Ogden) – Law Enforcement:** Would require any police department that enforces intoxication laws to report information regarding arrests for intoxication offenses to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

**City Action:** *Negligible expense in compiling and sending off report; will notify those responsible for filing report.*

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**S.B. 462 (West) – Expunction:** Would expand the situations in which an individual would be entitled to have all records and files relating to an arrest expunged.

**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**S.B. 485 – (Huffman) – Fraud:** Mortgage fraud may be prosecuted in any county (and investigated in any city) where a material document was sent or delivered, where the property is located, where any part of the transaction occurred, or where any of the documents were generated. This greatly broadens Plano's ability to investigate mortgage fraud cases.

**City Action:** *These kinds of cases usually are very manpower intensive, which will also create an unknown additional cost. Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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Unknown

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**S.B. 542 (Hegar) – Regulation:** Provides that a police chief shall complete the initial training and continuing education relating to law enforcement management issues required under the Texas Education Code.

**City Action:** *Notify affected persons of change.*

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**S.B. 545 (Seliger) – Police Education:** Would: (1) require a police chief to indicate that an officer was terminated when filing a report to the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer and Education; (2) allow an officer

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to dispute a report stating that the officer was terminated in an appeal to the State Office of Administrative Hearings; and (3) allow the Commission to assess an administrative penalty against a police chief who fails to make a correction to an employment termination report after being ordered to do so by the State Office of Administrative Hearings.

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**City Actions:** *Notify and train affected employees; may reduce workload on open records division, but negligibly.*

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**S.B. 844 (Patrick) – Escape from Custody:** Would provide that a person commits the offense of escape from custody if the person escapes from custody when the person is lawfully detained for an offense.

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**City Actions:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**S. B. 934 (Williams) Tax:** Relating to the enforcement of tax laws.  
**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor. May lead to more prosecutable offenses which are manpower intensive.*

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Undetermined

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**S.B. 1065 (Williams) – Emergency Management:** Relates to critical incident stress management and crisis response services. It creates a new section in the Health and Safety Code protecting the process in which emergency service providers receive assistance with coping after a critical incident.  
**City Action:** *Add confidentiality provisions to policy. Train Human Resources and other appropriate personnel on the new requirements.*

**Fiscal Impact**

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**S. B. 1103 (Carona) – Theft:** Relating to the venue for prosecution of certain theft offenses.  
**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor. May lead to more prosecutable cases.*

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Unknown

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**S. B. 1416 (Hinojosa) – Device:** Relating to the creation of the offense of possession, manufacture, transportation, repair, or sale of a tire deflation device.  
**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.*

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**S.B. 1489 (Whitmire) – Truancy:** Would: (1) require a police officer serving as an attendance officer to file a complaint against a student in municipal or justice court if the student has a certain number of absences and the student is seventeen years of age or older; (2) create additional situations where a complaint against the parent of a truant child under the age of seventeen must be filed in justice or municipal court; and (3) remove most failure to attend school cases for students under the age of seventeen to juvenile courts.  
**City Action:** *Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service*

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academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.

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**S.B. 1551 (Rodriguez) – Child Victims:** Broadens venue for assaultive offenses with child victims and interference with child custody. Also broadens the definition of missing child to include cases where a child is taken or retained without the permission of the custodian. Provides for the commission of interference with child custody by taking a child out of the U. S. with intent to deprive a person with right of access.

**City Actions:** Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.

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**H.B. 1622 (Menendez) – Graffiti:** Would change the definition of “gang activity” under nuisance abatement laws by expanding the type of graffiti that is considered gang activity.

**City Action:** Educate officers and coordinate with city attorney to bring nuisance suits where appropriate. Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.

**Fiscal Impact**

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**S.B. 1636 (Davis) – Evidence:** Would: (1) require a law enforcement agency that receives sexual assault evidence to submit that evidence to an accredited crime laboratory for analysis not later than the tenth day after it is received; and (2) would require a laboratory to complete its analysis of sexual assault evidence not later than the ninetieth day after it is received.

**City Action:** Additional evidence handling procedures could require additional manpower. Examine policies to determine if a change is needed.

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**S.B. 1787 (Patrick) – Blood and Breath Specimens:** Would require an officer, before requesting a person to submit to the taking of a specimen, to inform the person orally and in writing that if the person refuses, the officer may apply for a warrant authorizing a specimen to be taken from the person.

**City Action:** Change our written DWI warnings. Officers will be trained by police legal advisor at in-service academy at year end. Officers will also receive a book and brief summary prepared by legal advisor.

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## **TRANSPORTATION**

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**H.B. 563 (Pickett) – Transportation Reinvestment Zones:** Would amend the law relating to transportation reinvestment zones (TRZs) to provide that: (1) a TRZ may be used to facilitate the improvement, development, or redevelopment of property or to enhance a local entity's ability to sponsor a transportation project funded by pass-through tolls; (2) an ordinance designating an area as a TRZ must, among other things, designate the base year for purposes of establishing the tax increment base of the municipality and contain findings that promotion of the transportation project will

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cultivate the improvement, development, or redevelopment of the zone; (3) from taxes collected on property in a TRZ, the city shall pay into the tax increment account the tax increment produced by the city, less any amount allocated under previous agreements; (4) all, or the portion specified by the city, of the money deposited to a tax increment account must be used to fund the transportation project for which the TRZ was designated, and any remaining money deposited to the tax increment account may be used for other transportation projects or for improvements in the TRZ; (5) the governing body of a city may contract with a public or private entity to develop, redevelop, or improve a transportation project in a TRZ and may pledge and assign all or a specified amount of money in the tax increment account to that entity; (6) to accommodate changes in the scope of the project for which a TRZ was designated, the boundaries of a zone may be amended, with certain exceptions; (7) any surplus remaining in a tax increment account on termination of a zone may be used for other purposes as determined by the municipality; (8) county TRZ authority is expanded; and (9) The Texas Department of Transportation may not reduce funding to a county or city that designates and uses a TRZ, nor may the department reduce funding to one if its districts because the district contains a TRZ.

**City Action:** *No action necessary, but could be a tool for funding future road improvements.*

## UTILITIES AND ENVIRONMENT

<p><b><u>H.B. 257 (Hilderbran) – Utility Deposits:</u></b> Would reduce the amount of time that must pass before an unclaimed utility deposit or other unclaimed personal property is presumed abandoned.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Staff to access whether a decrease in dormancy on utility deposits affect timeline of actions taken by department.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  <math>\emptyset</math>  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>            9/1/2011</p>
<p><b><u>S.B. 20 (Williams) – Clean Air:</u></b> Would create grant programs to: (1) replace on-road heavy-duty motor vehicles with equivalent natural gas vehicles; and (2) make natural gas fueling stations available on the routes between Houston, San Antonio, and Dallas/Fort Worth.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>This grants program could be utilized by pursuing funding if it fits within our strategy.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>            Undetermined  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>            9/1/2011</p>
<p><b><u>S.B. 527 (Fraser) – Air Quality:</u></b> Would allocate a certain amount of money from the Texas emissions reduction plan to fund the implementation and oversight of a regional air monitoring program in the Barnett Shale area, to be implemented through a regional nonprofit entity with representation from several interests, including cities.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Increased monitoring will provide data supportive of clean air initiatives in which Plano participates with NCTCOG.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  <math>\emptyset</math>  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>            9/1/2011</p>
<p><b><u>S.B. 694 (West) – Metal Recycling:</u></b> Would, among many other things: (1) add various items, including fire hydrants, an item with the logo of a governmental entity or utility, and wire that has been burned to remove the insulation, to the list of regulated metals under state law; (2) provide</p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  <math>\emptyset</math>  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>            9/1/2011</p>

that a county, city, or other political subdivision may require the record of purchase of regulated metals to contain a clear and legible thumbprint of a seller; (3) provide that a county, city, or other political subdivision that issues a license or permit to a metal recycling entity shall issue a notice to an owner or operator that is operating without the license or permit informing the owner or operator that the owner or operator may be subject to criminal and civil penalties if the owner or operator does not submit an application for the appropriate license or permit; (4) provide that a person commits a misdemeanor if the person owns or operates a metal recycling entity and does not submit an application for the appropriate license or permit; (5) authorize the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to enter into contracts relating to the operation of the statewide electronic reporting system and database; and (6) from fines collected and distributed to the DPS for violations of metal recycling laws, mandate that DPS by rule establish and implement a grant program to provide funding to assist local law enforcement agencies in preventing the theft of regulated metals.

**City Action:** *Verify to ensure that our metal recycling ordinance is consistent with this mandate and adjust if necessary.*

**VEHICLE**

<p><b><u>H.B. 4 (Pitts) – Park Funding:</u></b> This supplemental appropriations bill would cut parks grants from proceeds of the sporting good sales during the current 2010-2011 biennium by \$300,000. <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b> ∅ <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b> 6/16/2011</p>
<p><b><u>H.B. 14 (Murphy) – Unemployment Benefit:</u></b> Relating to the qualification for unemployment benefits of a person receiving severance pay. <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b> ∅ <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b><u>H.B. 159 (Raymond) – Texas Municipal Retirement System (TMRS):</u></b> Would: (1) allow an individual who has retired from TMRS, and who has returned to work at the same city at least five years since the date of retirement, to receive an additional benefit equal to the amount of deposits and interest that were credited during the time of re-employment; and (2) preclude anyone who is already employed by an affected city at the time the bill goes into effect from receiving the additional benefit. <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b> ∅ <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b><u>H.B. 577 (McClendon) – Emergency Services:</u></b> Would: (1) provide that emergency medical services personnel who are providing emergency pre-hospital care do not have to review or honor a person’s written directive; (2) provide that emergency medical services personnel who are providing emergency pre-hospital care are subject to current statutory provisions governing advanced directives; and (3) authorize a physician present while a person is receiving emergency pre-hospital care to order the termination of cardiopulmonary resuscitation. <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b> ∅ <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b> 6/17/2011</p>
<p><b><u>H.B. 628 (Callegari) – Construction Procurement:</u></b> Would, among other things: (1) prohibit a reverse auction procedure for a public works contract for which a performance or payment bond is required; (2) provide that the board of trustees of a school district may enter into an agreement for the design, construction, or renovation of improvements to real property not owned or leased by the district if the improvements benefit real property owned or leased by the district, such as the design, construction, or renovation of highways, roads, streets, sidewalks, crosswalks, utilities, and drainage improvements; (3) prohibit the use of an interlocal contract to purchase construction services unless the services are in connection with the construction of a specific facility to be jointly owned, used, or financed by the parties to the contractor: (a) the services are in connection with a job order contract; (b) the governing body of the governmental entity for whom the work will ultimately be performed approves the purchase in open session; (c) public notice is provided in a manner consistent with a direct contract for job order contracting services; and (d) work orders under the contract comply with state law; (4) consolidate the provisions of current law relating to alternative delivery systems for construction projects (e.g., competitive sealed proposals, construction manager-agent, construction manager at-risk, design-build, job order contracting for buildings) by most</p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b> ∅ <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b> 9/1/2011</p>

governmental entities, including cities; (5) provide procedures and criteria for a governmental entity to use when selected a construction contractor using a method other than competitive bidding; (6) authorize the use of any alternative delivery method, except for design-build (which is authorized for most projects but with various limitations), for any improvement to real property; and (5) limit the use of design-build in various ways, and in some instances provide that an unsuccessful design-build bearer owns the information submitted unless the governmental entity pays a stipend to the bearer; (7) provide that, if a change order for a public works contract in a city with a population of 500,000 or more involves a decrease or an increase of \$100,000 or less, or a lesser amount as provided by ordinance, the governing body may grant general authority to an administrative official of to approve the change order; (8) provide that a contract with an original contract price of \$1 million or more may not be increased by more than 25 percent; (9) provide that, if a change order for a contract with an original contract price of less than \$1 million increases the contract amount to \$1 million or more, subsequent change orders may not increase the revised contract amount by more than 25 percent.

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**H. B. 970 (Gonzales, L) – Hotel Occupancy Tax:** Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue to enhance and upgrade coliseums and multiuse facilities in certain municipalities.

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**H.B. 984 (Truitt) – Municipal Court:** Would authorize a city with a non-record municipal court to enter into an agreement with a contiguous city to provide concurrent and original jurisdiction of the municipal courts in both cities for most types of cases heard by municipal courts.

**City Action:** *Vehicle; optional*

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**H.B. 993 (Rodriguez) – Road Closures:** Would authorize a firefighter working for a volunteer fire department or a fire department operated by an emergency services district or general-law city to close one or more lanes of a road or highway to protect the safety of persons or property when performing the firefighter’s official duties.

**City Action:** *Vehicle*

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**H.B. 1451 (Thompson) – Dog and Cat Breeders:** Would: (1) provide for the licensing and regulation of commercial dog and cat breeders by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation; (2) authorize the department to contract with third-party inspectors, including local law enforcement agencies and local animal control agencies, to enforce or assist in the inspection of, investigation of, and enforcement against commercial dog and cat breeders; (3) authorize the department to establish training requirements, registration procedures, and policies governing third-party inspectors; (4) require that a person inspecting or investigating a dog or cat breeder notify a local law enforcement or local animal control agency not later than 24 hours after discovering evidence of animal cruelty or neglect during an inspection or investigation; and (5) not affect the applicability of an ordinance or other legal requirement of a city or prevent a city from

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prohibiting or further regulating the possession, breeding, or selling of dogs or cats.

**City Action:** *Vehicle*

<p><b><u>H.B. 1559 (S. Davis) – Records Retention:</u></b> Would: (1) prohibit a court from destroying a court document filed with, presented to, or produced by the court before 1951; and (2) authorize the Supreme Court of Texas to create rules for the retention of such documents.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b> ∅</p> <p><b><u>Effective Date:</u></b> 5/30/2011</p>
<p><b><u>H.B. 1841 (Hartnett) – Sales Tax:</u></b> Would provide that a person whose only activity in this state is Internet hosting is not engaged in business in this state for sales tax purposes.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b> ∅</p> <p><b><u>Effective Date:</u></b> 6/17/2011</p>
<p><b><u>H. B. 1856 (Wooley, Patrick) – Witness Tampering:</u></b> Relating to the prosecution of and punishment for the offense of tampering with a witness.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b> ∅</p> <p><b><u>Effective Date:</u></b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b><u>H. B. 1861 (Anchia) – Emergency Communications:</u></b> Relating to the continuation and functions of the Commission on State Emergency Communications.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b> ∅</p> <p><b><u>Effective Date:</u></b> 6/17/2011</p>
<p><b><u>H.B. 1869 (Giddings) – Procurement:</u></b> Would remove the population brackets in current law to allow any city to use the current local preference bidding statutes.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b> ∅</p> <p><b><u>Effective Date:</u></b> 6/17/2011</p>
<p><b><u>H.B. 1899 (Pickett) – Cell Phone Ban:</u></b> Would: (1) exempt a city from the requirement to post a sign at a school crossing zone regarding the prohibited use of a wireless communication device if the city prohibits the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle throughout its jurisdiction; and (2) authorize political subdivisions, including a city, to regulate the use of a wireless communication device by the operator of a motor vehicle.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b> ∅</p> <p><b><u>Effective Date:</u></b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b><u>H. B. 2133 (Solomons) – PUC:</u></b> Relating to the Public Utility Commission of Texas' authority to disgorge revenue obtained as a result of certain violations.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b> ∅</p> <p><b><u>Effective Date:</u></b> 9/1/2011</p>
<p><b><u>H.B. 2289 (Crownover) – Gas Pipelines/Rights-of-Way:</u></b> Would provide that a gas corporation has the right to lay and maintain lines over, along, under, and across a public road, a canal or stream, or a municipal street or alley and over, under, and across a railroad, a railroad right-of-way, an interurban railroad, or a street railroad only if certain conditions are met.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b> ∅</p> <p><b><u>Effective Date:</u></b> 6/17/2011</p>

<p><b>H.B. 2376 (Hamilton) – Plumbing:</b> Would, among other things, provide that a political subdivision that requires a responsible master plumber or an agent of a responsible master plumber to obtain a permit before performing plumbing in the political subdivision shall verify through the board’s Internet Web site, or by contacting the board by telephone, that the responsible master plumber has on file with the board a certificate of insurance.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  <math>\emptyset</math>  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>H.B. 2425 (Thompson) – Litigation:</b> Would: (1) require a party to litigation who files a petition, motion, or other pleading challenging the constitutionality of a Texas statute to notify the attorney general; and (2) prohibit a court from entering a final judgment on the constitutionality of a state statute before the 60th day after the date the notice is served on the attorney general.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  <math>\emptyset</math>  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  6/17/2011</p>
<p><b>H.B. 2460 (Truitt) – Public Retirement Systems:</b> Would: (1) make a public retirement system, including a municipal retirement system, subject to the Public Information Act; and (2) preempt any statute making information held by a public retirement system confidential.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  <math>\emptyset</math>  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  6/17/2011</p>
<p><b>H.B. 2471 (Phillips) – Animal Control:</b> Would limit the civil liability of animal control agencies and their employees who, within the scope of employment and in good faith, take custody of certain animals that are abandoned, running at large, or stray and are obtained from a person that certifies that they took reasonable steps to locate the owner.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  <math>\emptyset</math>  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>H. B. 2516 (Alvarado) – Appeal:</b> This bill applies only to cities with more than 1.5M population.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  <math>\emptyset</math>  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  6/17/2011</p>
<p><b>H.B. 2579 (Davis, John) – Unemployment:</b> This bill amends a section in the Labor Code concerning the handling of unemployment compensation claims. It allows employers to rely to court and commission decisions to make its decision concerning payments of penalties, interest and sanctions.</p> <p><b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  <math>\emptyset</math>  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>H.B. 2605 (L. Taylor) – Workers’ Compensation:</b> Would: (1) provide for a contested case hearing if a party has a medical dispute regarding workers compensation that is not resolved by an independent review; (2) allow judicial review of the case after the contested case hearing if there is still a dispute; (3) change the authority on who can allow an employee to seek an alternate doctor from the workers’ compensation division to the workers’ compensation insurance carrier; (4) change the authority on who can accelerate workers compensation benefits from the workers’ compensation division to the workers’ compensation insurance carrier; (5) subject to administrative review: (a) denial of an alternate doctor subject to administrative review; (b) denial of accelerated benefits; (c) a dispute as to</p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  <math>\emptyset</math>  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  9/1/2011</p>

the amount of benefits; (d) denial of supplemental benefits; (e) medical fee dispute; and (6) change the way administrative violations by workers' compensation insurance carriers are treated.

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**H.B. 2729 (Callegari) – Procurement:** Would provide that: (1) a city may contract with a private entity to act as the city's agent in the design, development, financing, maintenance, operation, or construction, including oversight and inspection, of a facility (any improvement to real property) or civil works project; and (2) a city entering into such a contract shall select a private entity on the basis of the entity's qualifications and experience and enter into a project development agreement with the entity.

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**H.B. 2853 (J. Davis) – Tax Increment Financing:** Among other things, would: (1) repeal the requirement that a city adopting a reinvestment zone financing plan mail a copy of the plan to the governing body of each taxing unit that levies taxes in the proposed zone; (2) allow a city to designate a reinvestment zone so long as: (a) less than 30 percent of the property in the proposed zone is used for residential purposes; or (b) the total appraised value of taxable real property in the proposed zone and in existing zones is less than 25 percent of the total appraised value for a city with a population of 100,000 or more, or 50 percent of the total appraised value for a city with a population of less than 100,000; (3) allow a city council that designated a reinvestment zone by ordinance or resolution to adopt an ordinance or resolution extending the term of all or a portion of the zone after notice and a hearing; (4) authorize a city council to appoint a reinvestment board of directors consisting of nine members if fewer than seven taxing units other than the city are eligible to appoint members of the board of directors; (5) provide that if at least seven taxing units other than the city are eligible to appoint members of the reinvestment zone's board of directors, then the city creating the zone may appoint only one member; (6) allow an agreement to specify the projects to which a participating taxing unit's tax increment will be dedicated and that the taxing unit's participation may be computed with respect to a base year later than the original base year of the zone; and (7) provide that an act or proceeding of a city, a reinvestment zone board, or other entity acting pursuant to a reinvestment zone financing plan is conclusively presumed valid after two years have passed and a lawsuit to annul or invalidate the act or proceeding has not been filed.

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**H.B. 2866 (Harper-Brown) – Public Information:** Would: (1) allow open records letter ruling requests to be filed electronically with the attorney general's office; and (2) allow notices, decisions, and other public information documents to be transmitted electronically by the attorney general's office.

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<p><b><u>H. B. 3352 (Smith, Wayne) – Sale of Land:</u></b> Relating to the sale of park land owned by certain municipalities.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  ∅  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  6/17/2011</p>
<p><b><u>S.B. 181 (Shapiro) – Water Conservation:</u></b> Would require the Texas Water Development Board and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to establish methodology for calculating per capita water usage for residential, commercial and industrial customer classes.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  ∅  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  6/17/2011</p>
<p><b><u>S.B. 201 (Uresti) – Property Tax:</u></b> Would establish a specific formula to calculate the tax due on a residence homestead of a totally disabled veteran when an individual terminates the exemption for one property and qualifies a different property for the exemption in the same year.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  ∅  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  1/1/2012</p>
<p><b><u>S. B. 309 (Harris, Patrick) – Events Trust Fund:</u></b> This bill: (1) updates the list of events eligible to receive funding from the Major Events Trust Fund to include the Academy of Country Music Awards, the National Cutting Horse Triple Crown, and a national political convention of the Republican National Committee or the Democratic National Committee; and (2) requires the comptroller to complete a study in the market area of an event eligible for disbursements from the fund not later than 18 months after the last day of an event in order to evaluate the measurable economic impact attributable to the event.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  ∅  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  4/29/2011</p>
<p><b><u>S.B. 315 (Carona) – Criminal Street Gangs:</u></b> Would: (1) require a juvenile justice agency to compile criminal information into an intelligence database for the purpose of investigating or prosecuting criminal street gangs; and (2) include local law enforcement representatives on the Texas Violent Gang Task Force.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  ∅  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  6/17/2011</p>
<p><b><u>S.B. 516 (Patrick) – Property Tax:</u></b> Would provide a complete residence homestead property tax exemption for the surviving spouse of a totally disabled veteran that has not remarried since the death of the disabled veteran.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  Minimal  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  1/1/2012</p>
<p><b><u>S.B. 577 (Duncan) – Facsimile Signatures:</u></b> Would (1) allow an authorized officer of a city of 200,000 or more to execute a public security, an instrument of payment, a certificate of assessment, and certain contracts with the officer’s facsimile signature rather than a manual signature; and (2) authorize a facsimile signature on a health and safety lien statement.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  ∅  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  6/17/2011</p>

<p><b>S. B. 609 (Rodriguez Gonzalez) – Exemption:</b> Relating to the exemption of certain property from municipal drainage service charges and from related ordinances, resolutions, and rules.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b>  ∅  <b>Effective Date:</b>  6/17/2011</p>
<p><b>S.B. 627 (Davis) – Property Tax:</b> Would: (1) require a taxing unit to make a payment to the tax increment fund not later than the 90th day after the later of: (a) the delinquency date for the unit’s property taxes; or (b) the date the city or county that created the zone submits to the taxing unit an invoice specifying the amount the taxing unit is required to pay into the tax increment zone; and (2) allow a county commissioners court that enters into an agreement with a city council to also enter into an agreement with the city council for payment into the tax increment fund on behalf of a taxing unit other than the county if the property tax rate of the other taxing entity must be approved by the commissioners court, or if the commissioners court is expressly required by statute to levy the ad valorem taxes of the other entity.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b>  ∅  <b>Effective Date:</b>  6/17/2011</p>
<p><b>S. B. 758 (Deuell) – Sales and Use Tax:</b> Requires the state comptroller, upon request, to provide to a city information relating to the amount of sales tax paid to the city during the preceding calendar year by each entity doing business in the city who remits annual sales tax payments of more than \$5,000 to the comptroller.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b>  ∅  <b>Effective Date:</b>  9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>S. B. 888 (Carona) – Regional Transportation:</b> Relating to the authority of a regional transportation authority to create a local government corporation.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b>  ∅  <b>Effective Date:</b>  6/17/2011</p>
<p><b>S.B. 937 (Lucio) – Electricity:</b> Would provide, among other things, that the Public Utility Commission by rule shall require an electric utility, municipally owned utility, electric cooperative, qualifying facility, power generation company, exempt wholesale generator, or power marketer to give to the following the same priority that it gives to a hospital in its emergency operations plan for restoring power after an extended power outage: (1) a nursing facility; (2) an assisted living facility; and (3) a facility that provides hospice services  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b>  ∅  <b>Effective Date:</b>  9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>S. B. 969 (Nelson) – Health Services:</b> Relating to the establishment of the Public Health Funding and Policy Advisory Committee within the Department of State Health Services.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b>  ∅  <b>Effective Date:</b>  9/1/2011</p>
<p><b>S.B. 980 (Carona) – Telecommunications:</b> Would provide, among other things, that: (1) a city may not by rule, order, or other means directly or indirectly regulate rates charged for, service or contract terms for, conditions for, or requirements for entry into the market for Voice over Internet Protocol services or other Internet Protocol enabled services; and (2) the limitation in (1) does not: (a) affect payment of municipal right-of-</p>	<p><b>Fiscal Impact</b>  ∅  <b>Effective Date:</b>  9/1/2011</p>

way fees applicable to Voice over Internet Protocol services; (b) affect any person's obligation to provide video service as defined by S.B. 5 (2005)(the state video franchise bill) under any applicable state or federal law; or (c) require or prohibit assessment of enhanced 9-1-1, relay access service, or universal service fund fees on Voice over Internet Protocol service.

**City Action:** *Vehicle*

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**S.B. 1087 (Carona) – Cable and Video Service:** Would provide that: (1) beginning September 1, 2011, a cable service provider or video service provider that was not allowed to or did not terminate a municipal franchise under the current state franchise law (S.B. 5 (2005)) may elect to terminate that franchise and seek a state-issued certificate of franchise authority for the area served under the municipal franchise by providing written notice to the Public Utility Commission and the affected city before January 1, 2012;(2) a cable service provider that elects to terminate an existing municipal franchise is responsible for remitting to the affected city before the 91st day after the date the municipal franchise is terminated any accrued but unpaid franchise fees due under the terminated franchise;(3) a city may review the business records of a cable service provider or video service provider to the extent necessary to ensure compensation in accordance with a state-issued franchise, provided that the city may only review records that relate to the 48-month period preceding the date of the last franchise fee payment; (4) if a city uses the one-percent public, education, and governmental (PEG) channel fee for a purpose that is not authorized by federal law, the fees are chargeable as a credit against the state-issued franchise fee payments;(5) a city that receives PEG fees: (a) shall maintain revenue from the fees in a separate account established for that purpose; (b) may not commingle revenue from the fees with any other money; (c) shall maintain a record of each deposit to and disbursement from the separate account, including a record of the payee and purpose of each disbursement; and (d) not later than January 31 of each year, shall provide to each certificate holder that pays a fee to the city a detailed accounting of the deposits to and disbursements from the separate account made in the preceding calendar year; (6) once a local franchise is terminated under the bill, cable services to community public buildings, such as municipal buildings and public schools, no longer have to be provided; (7) on the expiration or termination of a local franchise agreement, a provider that provides such services may deduct from the franchise fee to be paid to the city an amount equal to the actual incremental cost of the services if the city requires the services after that date; and (8) where technically feasible, the holder of a state-issued certificate of franchise authority that is not an incumbent cable service provider and an incumbent cable service provider, including an incumbent cable service provider that holds a state-issued certificate of franchise authority issued after terminating pursuant to the bill, shall use reasonable efforts to interconnect their cable or video systems for the purpose of providing PEG programming.

**City Action:** *Vehicle*

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<p><b><u>S. B. 1133 (Hegar) – Electric Generation:</u></b> Would provide that the Public Utility Commission, in consultation with the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, shall prepare a report on the weatherization and preparedness of generators within the Electric Reliability Council of Texas to be available prior to the summer and winter of each year.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  ∅  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  6/17/2011</p>
<p><b><u>S. B. 1134 (Hegar) – Oil and Gas Regulation:</u></b> Would: (1) require the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to perform certain environmental and air quality analyses before adopting a new permit or amending an existing permit relating certain oil and gas facilities; and (2) authorize the TCEQ to authorize planned maintenance, startup, or shutdown activities from certain oil and gas facilities.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  ∅  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  6/17/2011</p>
<p><b><u>S. B. 1208 (Whitmire) – Juvenile Probation:</u></b> Relating to the age until which juveniles placed on determinate sentence probation may be on probation.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  ∅  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  9/1/2011</p>
<p><b><u>S. B. 1209 (Whitmire) – Juvenile Offenders:</u></b> Relating to the detention of certain juvenile offenders.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  ∅  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  9/1/2011</p>
<p><b><u>S. B. 1241 (West) – Juveniles:</u></b> Would authorize a municipal court exercising jurisdiction over a juvenile in a truancy case to access confidential information from the Department of Public Safety’s juvenile justice information system.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  ∅  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  9/1/2011</p>
<p><b><u>S. B. 1242 (West) – Municipal Court:</u></b> Relating to the judicial immunity and powers of certain magistrates.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  ∅  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  9/1/2011</p>
<p><b><u>S.B. 1693 (Carona) – Streamlined Electric Ratemaking:</u></b> Would provide for periodic rate adjustments.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  ∅  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  5/28/2011</p>
<p><b><u>S.J.R. 26 (West) – Interlocal Agreements:</u></b> would allow a city to enter into a multiyear interlocal contract with another city or county without having to meet interest and sinking fund requirements, even if such contract creates a debt.  <b>City Action:</b> <i>Vehicle</i></p>	<p><b><u>Fiscal Impact</u></b>  ∅  <b><u>Effective Date:</u></b>  11/8/2011</p>

## **BILLS THAT WERE DEFEATED IN ALPHA-NUMERIC ORDER**

**H.B. 12 (Solomons) – Immigration:** Relating to the enforcement of state and federal laws governing immigration by certain governmental entities.

**H.B. 16 (Riddle) – Elections:** Relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification.

**H.B. 17 (Riddle) – Criminal Trespass:** Relating to the creation of the offense of criminal trespass by an illegal alien and to certain procedures for arresting illegal aliens for committing that criminal offense.

**H.B. 18 (Riddle) – Immigration:** Relating to the enforcement by certain governmental entities of laws governing immigration.

**H.B. 21 (Riddle) – Immigration:** Relating to reporting by state agencies on the financial effect of providing services to illegal immigrants.

**H.B. 26 (Guillen) – Property Tax:** Relating to a freeze on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by a taxing unit on the residence homestead of an eligible person who is a member of a reserve component of the United States armed forces.

**H.B. 30 (Guillen) – Electricity Billing:** Relating to the disconnection of retail electric service on certain days of the week.

**H.B. 37 (Menendez) – Cell Phone Ban:** Relating to the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle; providing for penalties.

**H.B. 40 (Menendez) – Collective Bargaining:** Relating to collective bargaining by law enforcement officers and firefighters.

**H.B. 43 (Menendez) – Fire/Police Civil Service:** Relating to the investigation of firefighters and police officers.

**H.B. 47 (Pena) – Criminal Penalties:** Relating to the creation of the offense of possession, manufacture, transportation, repair, or sale of a tire deflation device; providing criminal penalties.

**H.B. 49 (Pena) – Synthetic Derivative of Marijuana:** Relating to the addition of certain synthetic derivatives of marijuana to Penalty Group 2 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

**H.B. 59 (Martinez) – Financial Assistance:** Relating to recipients of financial assistance administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

**H.B. 66 (Martinez) – Public Information:** Relating to the disclosure by a member of the legislature or the lieutenant governor of certain information concerning a resident of this state to a governmental body.

**H.B. 68 (Martinez) – Personnel:** Relating to notice concerning the use of criminal history information in an employer's hiring process.

**H.B. 75 (Flynn) – Product Regulation:** Relating to the regulation of raw milk and raw milk products.

**H.B. 82 (Flynn) – Gambling:** Relating to the criminal offenses applicable to gambling and gambling devices.

**H.B. 87 (Cook) - Metal Recycling:** Relating to the regulation of metal recycling entities; providing penalties.

**H.B. 88 (Cook)- Administrative Penalties:** Relating to the sale, recovery, and recycling of certain television equipment; providing administrative penalties.

**H.B. 93 (Cook) – Cell Phone Ban:** Relating to the creation of an offense for certain uses of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle; providing penalties.

**H.B. 95 (Fletcher) – Property Tax:** Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

**H.B. 101 (Martinez)- Driving Hotline:** Relating to the creation of a hotline to report suspected incidents of impaired driving or dangerous driving.

**H.B. 107 (Brown)- Annexation Approval:** Relating to requiring certain home-rule municipalities to obtain annexation approval from voters in the area to be annexed.

**H.B. 108 (Brown) – Synthetic Derivative of Marihuana:** Relating to the addition of a synthetic derivative of marihuana to Penalty Group 2 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

**H.B. 111 (V. Taylor) –Elections:** Relating to the adoption of voting procedures necessary to implement the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act.

**H.B. 113 (Harless) – Immigration:** Relating to the enforcement of state and federal laws governing immigration by certain governmental entities; providing a civil penalty.

**H.B. 138 (Callegari) – Eminent Domain:** Relating to the acquisition of and compensation for real property, including blighted property, for public purposes through condemnation or certain other means.

**H.B. 140 (Laubenberg- Electronic Verification:** Relating to requiring state contractors and grant recipients to participate in the federal electronic verification of work authorization program, or E-verify; adding a civil penalty.

**H.B. 160 (Raymond) – Retaliatory Lawsuits:** Relating to civil actions against persons who file complaints with governmental agencies or quasi-governmental entities.

**H.B. 177 (Jackson, J) – Immigration:** Relating to the requirement of citizenship or lawful presence in the United States for issuance or renewal of certain occupational licenses, driver's licenses, and identification certificates.

**H.B. 178 (Jackson) – Immigration:** Relating to requiring governmental entities to participate in the federal electronic verification of work authorization program or E-verify.

**H.B. 179 (Alonzo) – Elections:** Relating to the registration of voters at a polling place and related procedures.

**H.B. 181 (S. Miller) – Sales Tax:** Relating to an exemption from the sales tax on handguns, rifles, shotguns, and ammunition.

**H.B. 183 (Solomons) – Immigration:** Relating to the duty of a law enforcement agency to verify the immigration status of an arrested person.

**H.B. 186 (Perry) – Elections:** Relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification; creating a penalty.

**H.B. 188 (Sheffield) – Eminent Domain:** Relating to limitations on the use of eminent domain authority.

**H.B. 204 (Pickett) – Transportation Reinvestment Zones:** Relating to the purposes and designation of a transportation reinvestment zone.

**H.B. 206 (Walle) – Water Rate Increase:** Relating to notice to ratepayers regarding a water rate increase.

**H.B. 209 (Alonzo) – Library Computers:** Relating to providing Internet access in certain local public libraries.

**H.B. 219 (Gallego) – Law Enforcement:** Relating to the electronic recording and admissibility of certain custodial interrogations.

**H.B. 241 (Parker) – Property Tax:** Relating to liability for interest if land appraised for ad valorem tax diverted to a different use.

**H.B. 247 (Solomons) – Immigration:** Relating to the enforcement of state and federal laws governing immigration by certain governmental entities.

**H.B. 248 (Chisum) – Elections:** Relating to requirements to vote, including presenting proof of identification; providing penalties.

**H.B. 249 (Fletcher) Recycling Entities:** Relating to the regulation of metal recycling entities; providing penalties.

**H.B. 251 (Hilderbran) – Wild Animals:** Relating to the regulation of dangerous wild animals.

**H.B. 256 (Hilderbran) – Cable and Video Service:** Relating to state-issued certificates of franchise authority to provide cable service and video service.

**H.B. 258 (N. Gonzalez) – State Traffic Fine:** Relating to the amount of the state traffic fine.

**H.B. 259 (Eiland) – Assessment on Video Providers:** Relating to an assessment on subscription video service providers.

**H.B. 278 (Alonzo) – Municipal Court:** Relating to pretrial hearings in criminal cases.

**H.B. 279 (Geren) – Eminent Domain:** Relating to the use of eminent domain authority.

**H.B. 283 (Lucio) – Parks:** Relating to the wheelchair accessibility of new or renovated park playgrounds to children with disabilities.

**H.B. 296 (Berman) – Immigration:** Relating to the enforcement of immigration laws, to the investigation, prosecution, and punishment of certain criminal offenses concerning illegal immigration, and to certain employment and labor practices.

**H.B. 301 (Berman) – Official Language:** Relating to the establishment of English as the official language of Texas and the requirement that official acts of government be performed in English.

**H.B. 302 (Berman) – Immigration:** Relating to the enforcement of state and federal laws governing immigration by certain governmental entities; providing a civil penalty.

**H.B. 307 (Menendez) – Housing:** Relating to the administration of the homeless housing and services program by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

**H.B. 311 (Geren) – Immigration:** Relating to the duty of a peace officer to inquire into the immigration status of persons arrested on other grounds.

**H.B. 312 (Callegari) – Property Tax:** Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

**H.B. 313 (Pickett) – Property Tax:** Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

**H.B. 320 (Alonzo) – Law Enforcement:** Relating to equipping certain K-9 law enforcement vehicles with heat alarm systems.

**H.B. 331 (Guillen) – Municipal Court Fees:** Relating to the authority of the governing body of a municipality to create a municipal court equal justice and education fund and to require certain defendants to pay court costs for deposit in the fund.

**H.B. 340 (Gallego) – Net Electric Metering:** Relating to net metering for retail electric service customers and compensation for excess electricity generated by a retail electric customer's on-site generator.

**H.B. 342 (Fletcher) – Police/Fire Civil Service:** Relating to the reinstatement of a firefighter or police officer following a decision rendered by the Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission or an independent third party hearing examiner.

**H.B. 348 (Walle) – Police Training:** Relating to education and training for school district peace officers, school resource officers, and school security personnel employed by a school district.

**H.B. 363 (S. Turner) – Urban Renewal:** Relating to urban renewal authority of municipalities.

**H.B. 369 (Hochberg) – Elections:** Relating to procedures concerning verification of certain information submitted in a voter registration application.

**H.B. 379 (Guillen) – Sales Tax:** Relating to exemptions from the sales tax for clothing, footwear, and certain other items for a limited period.

**H.B. 382 (Menendez) – Poker:** Relating to the authorization and regulation of poker gaming and the duties of the Texas Lottery Commission gaming.

**H.B. 395 (V. Gonzales) – Municipal Court Security Fee:** Relating to court costs imposed on conviction and deposited to the appropriate courthouse security fund or court building security fund.

**H.B. 401 (T. Smith) – Voter Identification:** Relating to requiring a voter to present proof of identification.

**H.B. 406 (Quintanilla) – Alcohol:** Relating to local regulation of the possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on certain formerly licensed or permitted premises. H.B. 416 (Anchia) – Elections: Relating to providing for voter registration at a polling place during early voting by personal appearance and related procedures.

**H.B. 416 (Anchia) – Voter Registration:** Relating to manufacturers' inclusion of denatonium benzoate in certain products containing ethylene glycol.

**H.B. 430 (Johnson) – Consumer Reporting Agencies:** Relating to the provision of payment history information to consumer reporting agencies.

**H.B. 437 (Rodriguez) – MTBEs:** Relating to manufacturers' inclusion of denatonium benzoate in certain products containing ethylene glycol.

**H.B. 439 (T. Smith) – Sobriety Checkpoints:** Relating to the authority of the Department of Public Safety of Texas and certain local law enforcement agencies to establish a checkpoint on a highway or street to determine whether persons are driving while intoxicated.

**H.B. 440 (S. Turner) – Law Enforcement:** Relating to the authority of peace officers to take a blood specimen from a vehicle operator to test for alcohol concentration or other intoxicating substances.

**H.B. 443 (Fletcher) – Municipal Court:** Relating to the amount of the fee paid by a defendant for a peace officer's services in executing or processing an arrest warrant, capias, or capias pro fine. **H.B. 453 (Lucio) – Sales Tax:** would exempt the sale, use, or installation of a renewable energy device from sales taxes.

**H.B. 453 (Lucio III) – Sales Tax Exemption:** Relating to an exemption from the sales tax for certain renewable energy devices.

**H.B. 455 (Lucio) – Sales Tax:** Relating to exempting books purchased by university and college students from the sales tax for a limited time.

**H.B. 466 (Burnam) – Texas Enterprise Fund:** Relating to the authority to enter into certain agreements relating to the Texas Enterprise Fund, the Texas emerging technology fund, or certain trust funds for sporting and non-sporting events and the money in those funds.

**H.B. 470 (Anderson) – Salvia Divinorum:** Relating to the addition of Salvia divinorum and its derivatives and extracts to Penalty Group 3 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

**H.B. 471 (C. Anderson) – Unions:** Relating to election through secret ballot of a labor union as the exclusive bargaining representative.

**H.B. 473 (T. Smith) – Intoxication Offenses:** Relating to the consequences of an arrest for or conviction of certain intoxication offenses.

**H.B. 478 (Orr) – Traffic Fines:** Relating to certain court costs associated with the offense of failing to secure a child passenger in a motor vehicle.

**H.B. 480 (Fletcher) – Peace Officer Training:** Relating to the continuing education requirements for certain peace officers.

**H.B. 501 (Solomons) – Public Information:** Relating to the establishment of civil liability and injunctive relief for the dissemination of certain criminal history record information.

**H.B. 507 (Button) – Procurement Notice:** Relating to notice for certain transactions involving local government entities.

**H.B. 512 (Dutton) – Peace Officer Searches:** Relating to the authority of peace officers to conduct certain searches.

**H.B. 520 (Driver) – Police Personnel Records:** Relating to employment records for law enforcement officers, including procedures to correct employment termination reports.

**H.B. 524 (F. Brown) – Disannexation:** Relating to a court order to disannex an area from a municipality.

**H.B. 567 (Guillen) – Mandatory School Attendance:** Relating to authorizing justice, municipal, and juvenile courts to obtain evidence that certain minors are in compliance with mandatory school attendance requirements and suspend driver's licenses or permits for failure to comply.

**H.B. 582 (Button) – E-verify:** Relating to eligibility requirements for businesses for the receipt of certain public subsidies.

**H.B. 597 (Madden) – Synthetic Derivative of Marijuana:** Relating to adding certain synthetic cannabinoids to Penalty Group 2 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

**H.B. 601 (Jackson) – E-verify:** Relating to requiring employers to participate in the federal electronic verification of work authorization program or E-verify.

**H.B. 603 (Farrar) – Immigration:** Relating to a prohibition on law enforcement inquiries regarding the nationality or immigration status of a victim of or witness to a criminal offense.

**H.B. 609 (Zerwas) – Property Tax:** Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

**H.B. 611 (Murphy) – Professional Services:** Relating to the provision of certain professional services by certain governmental entities.

**H.B. 617 (Dutton) – Tort Claims Act:** Relating to discovery procedures for a claim against a governmental entity under the Texas Tort Claims Act.

**H.B. 621 (Fletcher) – Police Education:** Relating to the regulation of law enforcement officers by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

**H.B. 623 (Bonnen) – Immigration:** Relating to the detection and reporting of unauthorized immigration, the collection of information concerning unauthorized immigration, the legal treatment of aliens for certain purposes, the enforcement of laws governing immigration.

**H.B. 629 (Pickett) – Transportation Reinvestment Zones:** Relating to the use of municipal or county sales tax increment financing for a transportation reinvestment zone.

**H.B. 633 (Chisum) – Police Application Fees:** Relating to certain nonrefundable application fees established by the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

**H.B. 644 (Orr) – Employment Preference:** Relating to the period in which a public entity, public work, or state agency must respond to a complaint filed by a person entitled to an employment preference.

**H.B. 659 (Villarreal) – Property Assessments:** Relating to voluntary assessment of property owners by a municipality to finance water or energy efficiency improvements.

**H.B. 667(Hochberg) – Payment of Wages:** Relating to the payment of wages by an employer through an

electronic transfer of funds to a payroll card account.

**H.B. 668 (F. Brown) – Vehicle Storage:** Relating to procedures regarding the removal and storage of vehicles.

**H.B. 670 (Crowover) – Statewide Smoking Ban:** Relating to the elimination of smoking in certain workplaces and public places.

**H.B. 676 (Lucio) – Cell Phone Ban:** Relating to the creation of an offense for certain uses of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

**H.B. 681 (Kleinschmidt) – Firearms:** Relating to an employee's transportation and storage of certain firearms or ammunition while on certain property owned or controlled by the employee's employer.

**H.B. 687 (Dutton) – Governmental Immunity:** Relating to liability of a governmental unit for personal injury and death caused by the governmental unit's negligence.

**H.B. 688 (Dutton) – Criminal History Records:** Relating to restrictions on the disclosure of certain criminal history records and to the duty of law enforcement agencies regarding records associated with certain defendants.

**H.B. 690 (Martinez Fischer) – Graffiti:** Relating to the punishment for the offense of graffiti.

**H.B. 691 (Hartnett) – Legislate Committee:** Relating to testimony or the production of documents before a legislative committee.

**H.B. 695 (Allen) – Mercury Thermostat Recycling:** Relating to the establishment of a program for the collection, transportation, recycling, and disposal of mercury-added thermostats.

**H.B. 744 (Raymond) – Sales Tax:** Relating to exemptions from the sales tax for certain business entities during a limited period.

**H.B. 745 (Johnson) – Eminent Domain:** Relating to requirements for providing documents and written information to certain owners of property subject to the exercise of eminent domain authority.

**H.B. 746 (Johnson) – Eminent Domain:** Relating to the assessment of damages to a property owner from condemnation.

**H.B. 747 (Johnson) – Eminent Domain:** Relating to the disclosure of certain information by a governmental entity with eminent domain authority in connection with an offer to purchase real property.

**H.B. 750 (Driver) – Concealed Handguns:** Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on certain premises of or locations associated with schools or institutions of higher education.

**H.B. 766 (Lozano) – Sales Tax:** Relating to exempting textbooks for university and college courses from the sales tax.

**H.B. 772(Riddle) – Sex Offenders:** Relating to the applicability of certain laws to certain sex offenders.

**H.B. 773 (Anchia) – Energy Efficiency:** Relating to creating an energy efficiency council to coordinate administration of energy efficiency programs.

**H.B. 777 (Gonzalez) – Courthouse Security Fund:** Relating to court costs imposed on conviction and deposited to the appropriate courthouse security fund or court building security fund.

**H.B. 781 (P. King) – Property Tax:** Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

**H.B. 783 (Y. Davis) – Law Enforcement:** Relating to certain offenses that involve impersonating a peace officer or other public servant and misrepresenting the nature of certain property.

**H.B. 802 (Bonnen) – Alarm Sales Solicitation:** Relating to the authority of a municipality to regulate door-to-door solicitation and sales by an alarm systems company.

**H.B. 812 (P. King) – Fire Peace Officers:** Relating to the definition of peace officer for purposes of intercepting or collecting information in relation to certain communications in an investigation of criminal conduct.

**H.B. 837 (V. Taylor) – Motor Vehicle Stops:** Relating to the authority of peace officers to request thumbprints during motor vehicle stops.

**H.B. 838 (Elkins) – Immigration:** Relating to the enforcement of state and federal laws governing immigration by certain governmental entities.

**H.B. 854 (Dutton) – Public Information Act:** Relating to access to certain law enforcement, corrections, and prosecutorial records under the public information law.

**H.B. 856 (Dutton) – Water and Sewer Utilities:** Relating to the powers and duties of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and other entities regarding water and sewer utilities.

**H.B. 868 (Huberty) – Rollback Tax Rate:** Relating to the calculation of the rollback tax rate of a taxing unit other than a school district.

**H.B. 874 (Howard) – Ad Valorem Tax Rate:** Relating to the provision of information by tax officials related to ad valorem tax rates.

**H.B. 878 (C. Howard) – E-verify:** Relating to the participation of governmental entities and other employers in a federal work authorization verification program.

**H.B. 887 (Geren) – Red Light Cameras:** Relating to registration of a motor vehicle alleged to have been involved in a violation detected by a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.

**H.B. 954 (Lozano) – Firearms:** Relating to an employee's transportation and storage of certain firearms or ammunition while on certain property owned or controlled by the employee's employer.

**H.B. 956 (Marquez) – Firefighter Death Investigation:** Relating to the state fire marshal's investigation of the death of a firefighter who dies in the line of duty or in connection with an on-duty incident.

**H.B. 979 (Smithee) – Fire Extinguisher Inspection:** Relating to the inspection of portable fire extinguishers.

**H.B. 983 (Menendez) - Survivor Benefits:** Relating to health insurance coverage for eligible survivors of certain public servants killed in the line of duty.

**H.B. 997 (Truitt) – TMRS:** Relating to the restructuring of fund obligations and accounts of the Texas

Municipal Retirement System and related actuarial and accounting procedures.

**H.B. 1011 (Bonnen) – Synthetic Derivatives of Marihuana and Salvia divinorum:** Relating to the addition of certain synthetic derivatives of marihuana and Salvia divinorum and its derivatives and extracts to the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

**H.B. 1024 (Dutton) – Metal Recycling:** Relating to the regulation of metal recycling entities.

**H.B. 1044 (Solomons) – Public Information Act:** Relating to categories of information presumed to be public under the public information law.

**H.B. 1047 (Schwertner) – Impoundment of Motor Vehicle:** Relating to the impoundment of a motor vehicle if operated without financial responsibility and a driver's license.

**H.B. 1052 (Patrick) – Background Checks:** Relating to criminal background checks on users of online dating services and to disclosures of online dating safety measures; providing a civil penalty.

**H.B. 1056 (Villarreal) – Affordable Housing:** Relating to the ad valorem taxation of property used to provide low-income or moderate-income housing and clarifying legislative intent.

**H.B. 1058 (Frullo) -- Assessments:** Relating to the authority of a municipality or county to contract with another entity to collect certain assessments levied by the municipality or county.

**H.B. 1062 (Madden) – Eminent Domain:** Relating to the exercise of the power of eminent domain by certain local governmental entities.

**H.B. 1066 (Workman) – Red Light Cameras:** Relating to requiring the use of display timers with certain traffic-control signals.

**H.B. 1068 (F. Brown) – License Plates:** Relating to the number of license plates to be issued for and displayed on a motor vehicle.

**H.B. 1079 (P. King) – Property Tax:** Relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value for ad valorem tax purposes of commercial or industrial real property.

**H.B. 1089 (Martinez Fischer) – Graffiti:** Relating to the authority of a county or municipality to require the removal of graffiti by a property owner.

**H.B. 1096 (Farias) – Historically Underutilized Businesses:** Relating to considering ownership interests of certain disabled veterans in determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business for purposes of state contracting.

**H.B. 1104 (Paxton) – Property Tax:** Relating to the phasing out of ad valorem taxes on the residence homesteads of elderly persons by 2021.

**H.B. 1105 (Harper-Brown) – Transportation:** Relating to the adoption and implementation of a policy by the Texas Transportation Commission providing for the accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, children, senior citizens, users of public

**H.B. 1132 (Larson) – Public Nuisance:** Relating to the time permitted for the abatement of a public nuisance.

**H.B. 1139 (Rodriguez) – Food Production Operations:** Relating to the regulation of cottage food products

and cottage food production operations.

**H.B. 1142 (Turner) – Technician Regulation:** Relating to regulation of fire protection sprinkler technicians.

**H.B. 1143 (Gonzales) – Drainage Exemption:** Relating to the exemption of certain property from municipal drainage service charges and from related ordinances, resolutions, and rules.

**H.B. 1145 (Geren) – Air Quality:** Relating to air monitors in Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Regions 3 and 4 to be funded through the Texas emissions reduction plan.

**H.B. 1153 (Paxton) – Property Tax:** Relating to public access to financial and tax rate information of political subdivisions.

**H.B. 1154 (Walle) – Eight Liners:** Relating to public access to financial and tax rate information of political subdivisions.

**H.B. 1164 (Keffer) – Engineering:** Relating to enforcement actions by the Texas Board of Professional Engineers against political subdivisions and certain public officials.

**H.B. 1167 (Taylor) – Concealed Handguns:** Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on certain premises of or locations associated with schools or public junior colleges and public technical institutes.

**H.B. 1183 (Raymond) – Eight Liners:** Relating to local option elections to legalize or prohibit the operation of eight-liners and the imposition of a fee on eight-liner owners.

**H.B. 1184 (Legler) – Property Tax:** Relating to a limitation on the maximum appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes of 105 percent of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year.

**H.B. 1194 (Zerwas) – Child Abuse/Neglect Investigations:** Relating to investigations and other procedures with respect to allegations of child abuse and neglect.

**H.B. 1233 (Gonzalez) – State Traffic Fine:** Relating to the amount of the state traffic fine.

**H.B. 1239 (Zedler) – Day Labor Centers:** Relating to a prohibition against the construction or operation by a local governmental entity of a day labor center used to facilitate the employment of aliens not lawfully present in the United States.

**H.B. 1242 (Geren) – Metal Recycling:** Relating to the regulation of certain metal dealers.

**H.B. 1249 (Callegari) – Civil Service:** Relating to certain reports, communications, and publications involving the attorney general.

**H.B. 1250 (Frullo) – Facsimile Signatures:** Relating to the use of facsimile signatures for certain documents involving certain municipalities.

**H.B. 1272 (Miller) – E-Verify:** Relating to requiring employers to participate in the federal electronic verification of work authorization program or E-Verify; establishing an unlawful employment practice and providing criminal penalties.

**H.B. 1276 (Guillen) – Transportation Funding:** Relating to state actions necessary to maximize federal funding for certain transportation projects and activities in this state.

**H.B. 1283 (Craddick) – Procurement:** Relating to consideration of a bidder's principal place of business in awarding certain municipal contracts.

**H.B. 1284 (Menendez) – Affordable Housing:** Relating to the transfer of the powers, duties, and programs of the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

**H.B. 1289 (Gonzalez) – Municipal Drainage:** Relating to the exemption of certain property from municipal drainage service charges and from related ordinances, resolutions, and rules.

**H.B. 1290 (Kolkhorst) – Food Safety:** Relating to food safety.

**H.B. 1297 (Paxton) – Immigration:** Relating to the enforcement of certain laws governing immigration and to certain requirements concerning illegal criminal aliens in the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

**H.B. 1328 (Raymond) – TCLEOSE:** Relating to the training for and use of electromagnetic pulse devices by peace officers and reserve law enforcement officers.

**H.B. 1354 (S. Davis) – City Building Inspectors:** Relating to liability of certain certified municipal inspectors for services rendered during an emergency or disaster.

**H.B. 1365 (Callegari) – Red Light Cameras:** Relating to requiring flashing lights to be posted before an intersection at which a photographic system is used to enforce compliance with traffic-control signals.

**H.B. 1375 (Bohac) – Immigration:** Relating to the enforcement of state and federal laws governing immigration by certain governmental entities.

**H.B. 1377 (V. Taylor) – Motor Vehicle Stops:** Relating to the authority of peace officers to request fingerprints during motor vehicle stops.

**H.B. 1382 (Bohac) – Immigration Status:** Relating to the duty of a law enforcement agency to verify the immigration status of an arrested person.

**H.B. 1389 (Hopson) – Dangerous Dogs:** Relating to the criminal penalties for the owner of a dog that attacks another person.

**H.B. 1391 (Deshotel) – Access to Driver's License Information:** Relating to persons authorized to access or use electronically readable information derived from a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate.

**H.B. 1406 (Riddle) – Blood Specimens:** Relating to the persons authorized to take a blood specimen from a vehicle operator to test for alcohol concentration or other intoxicating substances.

**H.B. 1425 (Garza) – Graffiti:** Relating to the authority of a county or municipality to require the removal of graffiti by a property owner.

**H.B. 1433 (Strama) – Property Tax:** Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property used by a charitable organization that provides access to affordable financial products and services to certain individuals.

**H.B. 1454 (Murphy) – Hotel Occupancy Tax:** Relating to the hotel occupancy tax on the price paid for a hotel room.

**H.B. 1455 (Kolkhorst) – Law Enforcement:** Relating to the release or discharge by a law enforcement agency of certain illegal immigrants at the office of a United States senator or United States representative.

**H.B. 1457 (Fletcher) – Law Enforcement:** Relating to interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications for law enforcement purposes.

**H.B. 1470 (Miles) – Law Enforcement Complaints:** Relating to the creation of the Texas State Civilian Complaint Review Board to investigate certain allegations of peace officer misconduct.

**H.B. 1472 (Miles) – Public Information Act:** Relating to the retention of and the required disclosure under the public information law of certain complaints alleging official oppression.

**H.B. 1474 (Alonzo) – Immigration:** Relating to the retention of and the required disclosure under the public information law of certain complaints alleging official oppression.

**H.B. 1532(Eiland) – Texas Economic Development Act:** Relating to the expiration of certain parts of the Texas Economic Development Act.

**H.B. 1536(Eiland) – DNA Database:** Relating to the creation of DNA records for the DNA database system.

**H.B. 1537 (Eiland) – Law Enforcement:** Relating to the reporting of criminal offenses to prosecuting attorneys, to any failure by law enforcement agencies to properly consider those reports, and to allegations regarding an officer's corruption or abuse of power.

**H.B. 1543 (Schwertner) – Ad Valorem Taxes:** Relating to the eligibility of the surviving spouse of an elderly or disabled person to receive a limitation of school district, county, municipal, or junior college district ad valorem taxes on the person's residence homestead.

**H.B. 1554 (Thompson) – Insurance Fraud:** Relating to immunity for reporting insurance fraud.

**H.B. 1561 (Orr) – Red Light Cameras:** Relating to the authority of a municipality to implement a photographic traffic signal enforcement system and impose civil penalties.

**H.B. 1571 (S. Miller) – Motorcycles:** would allow the operation and movement of motorcycles between lanes of traffic moving in the same direction during periods of traffic congestion if certain conditions are met.

**H.B. 1595 (Isaac) – Firearm Discharge:** Relating to regulation and enforcement of laws affecting sport shooting ranges.

**H.B. 1596 (Isaac) – Elections:** Relating to documentation acceptable as proof of identification for voting.

**H.B. 1616 (Geren) – Campaign Reports:** Relating to the reporting of political contributions and expenditures.

**H.B. 1628 (Larson) – Sales Tax:** Relating to the crediting of appropriated funds from the collection of taxes imposed on the sale of sporting goods.

**H.B. 1634 (Bonnen) – Unfunded Mandates:** Relating to the applicability of certain unfunded mandates on political subdivisions.

**H.B. 1647 (Gallego) – Municipal Court:** Relating to discovery in a criminal case.

**H.B. 1650 (Hopson) – Purchasing:** Relating to a preference in governmental purchasing for building materials offered by resident bidders.

**H.B. 1652 (Alonza) – Collective Bargaining:** Relating to collective bargaining by firefighters and police officers.

**H.B. 1671 (Marquez) – Public Information:** Relating to allowing a governmental body to redact certain personal information under the public information law without the necessity of requesting a decision from the attorney general and the calculation of certain deadlines.

**H.B. 1676 (Hochberg) – Property Tax:** Relating to certain penalties on personal property tax delinquencies

**H.B. 1677 (Rodriguez) – Retirement Systems:** Relating to the administration and funding of retirement systems for firefighters in certain municipalities.

**H.B. 1685 (Fletcher) – Property Tax:** Relating to a credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed by certain taxing units on commercial or industrial real property based on the cost of constructing a building on the property.

**H.B. 1688 (Raymond) – Utility Relocation:** Relating to the right of a municipality to require that a certificated telecommunications utility bear the expense of relocating a utility facility.

**H.B. 1715 (Laubenberg) – Crime Victims:** Relating to the rights of victims of property crimes.

**H.B. 1717 (Garza) – Property Tax:** Relating to the selection of the board of directors of an appraisal district.

**H.B. 1722(Lucio III) – Punishment of offenses:** Relating to the prosecution and punishment of offenses related to the failure to stop or report certain crimes committed against a child.

**H.B. 1723(Lucio III) – Prescribed Penalties:** Relating to the penalties prescribed for a single violation or repeated violations of certain court orders or conditions of bond in a family violence case.

**H.B. 1724 (Hamilton) – Transportation Funding:** Relating to economically driven mobility projects.

**H.B. 1729 (Keffer) – Sale of Leased Land:** Relating to the sale of surplus leased land by a governmental entity to a private party.

**H.B. 1733 (Ritter) – Property Tax:** Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of open-space land devoted to water stewardship purposes on the basis of its productive capacity.

**H.B. 1735 (Bohac) – Speed Limit Signs:** Relating to the requirement of orange frames on certain speed limit signs erected by a municipality.

**H.B. 1742 (Harper-Brown) – Regional Transportation Authority:** Relating to the authority of a regional transportation authority to create a local government corporation.

**H.B. 1743 (Martinez Fischer) – Blood and Breath Specimens:** Relating to the information provided by a peace officer before requesting a specimen to determine intoxication.

**H.B. 1747 (Veasey) Personnel:** Relating to retaliation as an unlawful employment practice.

**H.B. 1748 (Kuempel) Bond Refund:** Relating to the refund of a cash bond to a defendant in a criminal case.

**H.B. 1761 (Harper-Brown) – Elections:** Relating to instructions included on balloting materials for a ballot to be voted by mail.

**H.B. 1764 (Harper-Brown) – Abandoned Property:** Relating to the periods for presumed abandonment of certain unclaimed personal property.

**H.B. 1765 (S. Miller) Emergency Communications:** Relating to an emergency public service messaging network.

**H.B. 1775 (Allen) – Solid Waste:** Relating to a study on waste reduction and a statewide waste reduction plan.

**H.B. 1780 (Price) – Jury Service:** Relating to exemptions from jury service.

**H.B. 1792 (Gutierrez) – Red Light Cameras:** Relating to the deposit of revenue from certain traffic penalties.

**H.B. 1794 (Gutierrez) – Taxation Exemption:** Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of motor vehicles leased for noncommercial use by persons 65 years of age or older.

**H.B. 1796 (Paxton) – Ad Valorem Tax:** Relating to the transfer of an ad valorem tax lien; providing for the imposition of an administrative penalty.

**H.B. 1800 (Bonnen) – Immigration:** Relating to the detection and reporting of unauthorized immigration, the collection and dissemination of information concerning unauthorized immigration, and the enforcement of certain laws governing immigration.

**H.B. 1803 (Hancock) – Texas Department of Insurance:** Relating to property and casualty certificates of insurance and approval of property and casualty certificate of insurance forms by the Texas Department of Insurance; providing penalties.

**H.B. 1820 (R. Anderson) – Texas Municipal Retirement System:** Relating to the number of hours certain employees must work to be eligible to participate in the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

**H.B. 1827 (McClendon) – Employee Leave:** Relating to the ability of a nonexempt employee to participate in certain academic, extracurricular, and developmental activities of the employee's child.

**H.B. 1851 (Reynolds) – Procurement:** Relating to historically underutilized businesses and the preference given for goods and services purchased by state agencies.

**H.B. 1853 (Hamilton) – Licensing:** Relating to the licensing and regulation of certain employees of fire protection sprinkler system contractors; providing a penalty.

**H.B. 1870 (Giddings) – Workers' Compensation:** Relating to judicial review in district court of certain workers' compensation disputes.

**H.B. 1871 (Giddings) – Workers’ Compensation:** Relating to the amount and payment of attorney's fees in certain workers' compensation cases.

**H.B. 1872 (Giddings) – Workers’ Compensation:** Relating to requirements regarding information to be provided to employees covered by workers' compensation health care networks.

**H.B. 1876 (Truitt) – Residential Fire Sprinklers:** Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to require fire protection sprinkler systems in certain residences.

**H.B. 1877 (Coleman) – Recycling:** Relating to the imposition of a fee for certain plastic bags provided to customers by retailers to fund a grant program to support local recycling efforts.

**H.B. 1880 (Madden) – Property Tax:** Relating to a limitation on the appraised value for ad valorem tax purposes of certain residence homesteads of certain veterans.

**H.B. 1888 (S. Miller) – E-Verify:** Relating to requiring employers to participate in the federal electronic verification of work authorization program, or E-Verify.

**H.B. 1900 (Burnam) – Unfunded Mandates:** Relating to the applicability of certain unfunded mandates on political subdivisions.

**H.B. 1913 (Hancock) – Plastic Bags:** Relating to requirements for businesses that offer plastic checkout bags to customers.

**H.B. 1920 (Pickett) – Transportation:** Relating to transportation planning and funding allocations.

**H.B. 1929 (Aliseda) – Sexually Oriented Businesses:** Relating to the regulation of owners, operators, employees, and independent contractors of sexually oriented businesses to reduce risks to public and occupational health and to prevent human trafficking.

**H.B. 1939 (Menendez) – Texas Municipal Retirement System:** Relating to the creation of an advisory committee to assist the board of trustees of the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

**H.B. 1961 (Deshotel) – Police Workers Compensation:** Relating to provision of workers' compensation medical benefits to a peace officer or firefighter injured in the line of duty.

**H.B. 1966 (Chisum) – Recycling:** Relating to the sale, recovery, and recycling of certain television equipment.

**H.B. 1968 (Chisum) – Gas Pipelines/Municipal Jurisdiction:** Relating to regulation of gas pipelines.

**H.B. 1973 (Lucio III) – Admissibility of Statements:** Relating to the admissibility of certain statements in the prosecution of murder or capital murder.

**H.B. 1974 (Sheets) – Texas Municipal Retirement System:** Relating to creating a defined contribution retirement plan for persons eligible to participate in a public statewide retirement system.

**H.B. 1985 (S. Turner) – Municipal Court:** Relating to the collection of criminal and civil court costs, fees, and fines by a municipality or county.

**H.B. 1986 (S. Turner) – Electric Generation:** Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to ensure the Electric Reliability Council of Texas has adequate reserve power to prevent blackout conditions.

**H.B. 1987 (Workman) – Workers' Compensation:** Relating to required workers' compensation insurance coverage for building and construction contractors.

**H.B. 1988 (Gallego) – Peace Officers:** Relating to the right of one immediate family member of certain deceased peace officers to make an oral statement regarding the terms of a plea bargain agreement.

**H.B. 1995 (Weber) – TCEQ Enforcement:** Relating to the prosecution of certain offenses involving environmental quality.

**H.B. 1997 (Shelton) – Utilities:** Relating to customer choice for certain state agencies served by a municipally owned electric utility.

**H.B. 1999 (Garza) – Elections:** Relating to the nonpartisan election of district judges.

**H.B. 2009 (Quintanilla) – Jury Service:** Relating to postponement of jury service in certain counties.

**H.B. 2010 (Smithee) – Construction Contracts:** Relating to indemnification provisions in construction contracts.

**H.B. 2013 (Hardcastle) – Solid Waste:** Relating to the disposal of demolition waste from abandoned or nuisance buildings in certain areas.

**H.B. 2020 (McClendon) – Alternative Education:** Relating to state aid for certain juvenile justice alternative education programs that enter into certain revenue sharing agreements.

**H.B. 2030 (Madden) – TCEQ:** Relating to the use of money made available to certain counties by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for local initiative air quality projects.

**H.B. 2040 (Hamilton) – Emergency Management:** Relating to critical incident stress management and crisis response services.

**H.B. 2044 (Burnam) – RCOT:** Relating to the use of money made available to certain counties by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for local initiative air quality projects.

**H.B. 2045 (Berman) – Sales Tax:** Relating to certain reimbursements provided for the collection of sales and use taxes.

**H.B. 2075 (Martinez) – Disease Presumption:** Relating to certain diseases or illnesses suffered by firefighters and emergency medical technicians.

**H.B. 2084 (Kolkhorst) – Food Regulation:** Relating to the regulation of small food production and sales operations.

**H.B. 2088(Smithee) – Workers' Compensation:** Relating to suspension of payment of certain income benefits under the workers' compensation system for failure to submit to a designated doctor examination.

**H.B. 2099 (Truitt) – Disability Alert:** Relating to an alert for a missing person with an intellectual disability.

**H.B. 2105 (Y. Davis) – Procurement:** Relating to employment restrictions on persons awarded certain government contracts or public subsidies.

**H.B. 2106 (Y. Davis) – Eminent Domain:** Relating to the acquisition of real property for public use.

**H.B. 2111 (Woolley) – Gambling:** Relating to the operation of video lottery games by licensed horse and greyhound racetrack operators, to a defense for the operation of video lottery by Indian tribes, and to the authority of the Texas Lottery and Racing Commission.

**H.B. 2114 (Coleman) – Recycling:** Relating to beverage container deposits and recycling.

**H.B. 2116 (Coleman) – Restraint of Dogs:** Relating to standards of care and confinement for dogs and cats.

**H.B. 2134 (Solomons) – Public Utility Commission:** Relating to the continuation and functions of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, the Office of Public Utility Counsel, and the Public Utility Commission of Texas.

**H.B. 2142 (Callegari) – Interior Design:** Relating to abolishing the regulation of the practice of interior design.

**H.B. 2143 (Turner) – Texas Department of Criminal Justice:** Relating to the conditions of community service of certain offenders and the reentry and reintegration of offenders released or discharged from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

**H.B. 2157 (Coleman) – Cell Phone Ban:** Relating to prohibitions on the use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

**H.B. 2158 (Coleman) – Prohibition:** Relating to a prohibition against the use of a stun gun or taser by school district peace officers, security personnel, and other employees against certain public school students.

**H.B. 2159 (Coleman) – Personal:** Relating to the insanity defense in a criminal case.

**H.B. 2173 (Torres) – Electronic Ballot:** Relating to the adoption of certain voting procedures and to certain elections, including procedures necessary to implement the federal Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act, deadlines for declaration of candidacy and dates for certain elections, and to terms of certain elected officials.

**H.B. 2174 (Hartnett) – Court Fees:** Relating to the establishment of the judicial access and improvement account to provide funding for basic civil legal services, indigent defense, and judicial technical support through certain county service fees.

**H.B. 2176 (King) – Driver Responsibility Program:** Relating to a surcharge under the driver responsibility program for a conviction of driving while license invalid, without financial responsibility, or without a valid license.

**H.B. 2185 (Harper-Brown)– Commercial License:** Relating to a surcharge under the driver responsibility program for a conviction of driving while license invalid, without financial responsibility, or without a valid license.

**H.B. 2215 (Paxton) – Property Tax:** Relating to the eligibility of commercial driver's license holders for dismissal of certain charges on completion of a driving safety course.

**H.B. 2225 (Y. Davis) – Eminent Domain:** Relating to the assessment of damages to a property owner from condemnation.

**H.B. 2257 (Phillips) – Emergency Notification:** Relating to communications during a disaster or an emergency by public service providers.

**H.B. 2261 (Zedler) – Public Retirement Systems:** Relating to the computation of retirement benefits by a public retirement system.

**H.B. 2262 (Dutton) – Building Permits:** Relating to periodic reauthorization of municipal building permit fees.

**H.B. 2274 (Eiland) – Elections:** Relating to requiring a municipality to pay for the expenses of an election contest for a person elected to the governing body of the municipality.

**H.B. 2291 (Callegari) – Regulation of Occupations:** Relating to government regulation of an individual's occupation.

**H.B. 2343 (Coleman) – Asher's Law:** Relating to the creation of Asher's Law, the public health threat presented by youth suicide and to the prevention of associated discrimination, harassment, bullying, and cyberbullying.

**H.B. 2361 (Truitt) – Automated Traffic Enforcement:** Relating to the authority of a municipality, a county, or the Department of Public Safety to enforce compliance with posted speed limits by an automated traffic control system.

**H.B. 2369 (Quintanilla) – Emergency Medical Personnel Training:** Relating to the accreditation of training programs and examinations for certain emergency medical services personnel.

**H.B. 2390 (S. Davis) – Confidential Information:** Relating to the types of information relating to emergency responses that are confidential.

**H.B. 2413 (Miles) – Municipal Court:** Relating to eligibility of commercial driver's license holders for dismissal of certain charges on completion of a driving safety course.

**H.B. 2424 (Thompson) – Gambling:** Relating to the operation of video gaming by authorized organizations and commercial operators that are licensed to conduct bingo or lease bingo premises.

**H.B. 2432 (J. Davis) – Public/Private Partnerships:** Relating to the creation of public and private facilities and infrastructure.

**H.B. 2434 (Y. Davis) – Tax:** Relating to the repeal of certain ad valorem and state tax exemptions.

**H.B. 2435 (Deshotel) – Gas Rates:** Relating to rate adjustments by gas utilities.

**H.B. 2447 (Hartnett) – Sales Tax:** Relating to an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain assessments and fees related to telecommunications services.

**H.B. 2456 (Zedler) – Property Tax:** Relating to the rollback tax rate of a taxing unit other than a school district.

**H.B. 2471 (Phillips, Deuell) – Civil Liability:** Relating to limiting the civil liability of certain persons who obtain or provide medical care and treatment for certain animals.

**H.B. 2479 (Perry) – Litigation:** Relating to alternative dispute resolution systems established by counties.

**H.B. 2524 (Cain) – Communications:** Relating to the criminal offenses for which and the circumstances under which certain communication devices may be detected and communications may be intercepted.

**H.B. 2527 (Harper-Brown) – Transportation Funding:** Relating to the allocation of certain motor vehicle sales tax revenue to the state highway fund and to the uses of that revenue.

**H.B. 2530 (Legler) – Foundation Repair Contractors:** Relating to the regulation of foundation repair contractors.

**H.B. 2532 (Veasey) – Life Insurance:** Relating to the interest of a governmental entity in a life insurance policy insuring the life of an employee or retired employee of the governmental entity.

**H.B. 2542 (Truitt) – Retirement System:** Relating to the powers and duties of the State Board of Trustees of the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System and of the fire fighters' pension commissioner.

**H.B. 2601 (Nash) – Political Signs:** Relating to the removal of political signs from private property.

**H.B. 2605 (Taylor, Huffman) – Worker's Compensation:** Relating to the continuation and functions of the division of workers' compensation of the Texas Department of Insurance.

**H.B. 2620 (Hancock) – Telecommunications:** Relating to communications services and markets.

**H.B. 2628 (Branch) – Cell Phone Ban:** Relating to the posting of signs in school crossing zones regarding the prohibited use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

**H.B. 2629 (Branch) – Gifts to Public Servants:** Relating to honorariums offered to and accepted by public servants.

**H.B. 2652 Pitts) – Texas Economic Development Act:** Relating to the Texas Economic Development Act.

**H.B. 2653 (V. Taylor) – Retirement Benefits:** Relating to the contractual revocation of pension benefits of certain public employees convicted of an offense.

**H.B. 2672 (Dutton) – Culverts and Drainage Systems:** Relating to safety measures for culverts or other similar flood or drainage systems maintained by governmental entities.

**H.B. 2679 (T. Smith) – Dangerous Dogs:** Relating to appeals regarding dangerous dogs.

**H.B. 2683 (Lucio) – Collective Bargaining:** Relating to the adoption or implementation of certain optional provisions by municipalities participating in the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

**H.B. 2731 (Truitt) – Public Retirement Systems:** Relating to contributions to, benefits from, and administration of certain public retirement systems.

**H.B. 2732 (Oliveira) – Permit Vesting:** Relating to the application requirements for a local project permit.

**H.B. 2733 (Madden) – Animal Control:** Relating to the euthanasia of animals.

**H.B. 2745 (Quintanilla) – Worker’s Compensation:** Relating to worker's compensation supplemental income benefits.

**H.B. 2765 (Gallego) – Telecommunication Services:** Relating to the update of discounted telecommunication services provided to educational institutions, libraries, hospitals, and health centers.

**H.B. 2782 (Callegari) – Disorderly Conduct:** Relating to the penalty for and certain other civil consequences of engaging in disorderly conduct for a lewd or unlawful purpose.

**H.B. 2822 (Coleman) – Sales Tax:** Relating to exemptions from the sales tax for certain firearms, hunting equipment, ammunition, and firearm or hunting accessories for a limited period.

**H.B. 2823 (Coleman) – Peace Officer Training:** Relating to educational and training requirements for certain peace officers on ethical decision making.

**H.B. 2833 (White) – Working Dogs:** Relating to the classification and care of working dogs.

**H.B. 2852 (Mallory Carraway) – Red Light Cameras:** Relating to requiring signs at intersections with photographic traffic monitoring systems and photographic traffic signal enforcement systems.

**H.B. 2856 (Gallego) – Felony Forfeiture:** Relating to criminal asset forfeiture, the disposition of proceeds and property from criminal asset forfeiture, and accountability for that disposition.

**H.B. 2891 (Sheets) – Elections:** Relating to the provision of a voter's fingerprints with a mailed ballot.

**H.B. 2892 (Sheets) – Speed Limits:** Relating to prima facie speed limits.

**H.B. 2895 (D. Miller) – Water Ratemaking:** Relating to rate proceedings before a regulatory authority regarding water utility rates.

**H.B. 2896 (T. King) – Peace Officer:** Relating to duties of law enforcement involving damaged fences and to compensation to property owners for property damage resulting from vehicular pursuit.

**H.B. 2934 (Castro) – TMRS:** Relating to optional annuity increases and annual supplemental payments for certain retirees and beneficiaries of the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

**H.B. 2952 (Cain) – Property Tax:** Relating to municipal, county, and school district and other special district budgets.

**H.B. 2957 (J. Davis) – Law Enforcement:** Relating to authorized investments for governmental entities.

**H.B. 2958 (Paxton) – Property Tax:** Relating to the effect of a change in the state sales and use tax base on certain ad valorem tax rates of certain taxing units and the dedication of revenue attributable to the expansion of the state sales and use tax.

**H.B. 2977 (Hunter) – Open Meetings:** Relating to electronic communications during a public meeting.

**H.B. 2989 (Deshotel) – Construction Employees:** Relating to establishing the Workplace Fraud Prevention Act.

**H.B. 3001 (Thompson) – Sex Offenders:** Relating to the electronic monitoring of certain high-risk sex offenders.

**H.B. 3015 (Oliveira) – Texas Economic Development Act:** Relating to the Texas Economic Development Act.

**H.B. 3029 (Smith) – Intoxication Offenses:** Relating to the conditions for release on bond of a defendant charged with certain intoxication offenses.

**H.B. 3034 (McClendon) – Warrants:** Relating to the authority of certain magistrates to issue certain search warrants.

**H.B. 3035 (Alvarado) – Grievance:** Relating to the grievance procedure for firefighters and police officers in certain municipalities.

**H.B. 3039 (Chisum) – Property Tax:** Relating to exempting from ad valorem taxation certain real property used to provide housing to certain persons with disabilities.

**H.B. 3056 (Pena) – Forfeiture of Contraband:** Relating to the forfeiture of contraband used in the commission of certain offenses.

**H.B. 3068 (Reynolds) – Unemployment Compensation:** Relating to eligibility of certain job trainees for extended unemployment compensation benefits.

**H.B. 3091 (Rodriguez) – Driver’s License:** Relating to operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

**H.B. 3095 (Farias) – Graffiti:** Relating to restitution for property damaged with graffiti by juveniles.  
**H.B. 3147 (McClendon) – Evidence of Sexual Assault:** Relating to the collection, analysis, and preservation of sexual assault or DNA evidence.

**H.B. 3140 (Paxton) – Economic Development:** Relating to the authorization of programs to provide loans or grants for economic development.

**H.B. 3147 (McClendon) – Evidence Preservation:** Relating to the collection, analysis, and preservation of sexual assault or DNA evidence.

**H.B. 3176 (King) – Prosecution:** Relating to the prosecution of and punishment for the offense of failure to stop or report aggravated sexual assault of a child.

**H.B. 3181 (Johnson) – Expunction:** Relating to the right to an expunction of records and files relating to a person's arrest.

**H.B. 3186 (Paxton) – Property Tax:** Relating to voter approval of a proposed tax rate of a taxing unit other than a school district that exceeds the rollback tax rate.

**H.B. 3187 (Dutton) – Matters Affecting Cities:** Relating to matters affecting municipalities.

**H.B. 3209 (Harless) – Computer Recycling:** Relating to the computer equipment recycling program.

**H.B. 3215 (Button) – Economic Development:** Relating to a limitation on use of corporate revenue by economic development corporations.

**H.B. 3229 (Hernandez Luna) – Employee Leave:** Relating to the right of an employee who is a victim of a crime to time off from work to attend court proceedings related to that crime.

**H.B. 3245 (Elkins) – Identification:** Relating to a photograph on a personal identification certificate, driver's license, or commercial driver's license.

**H.B. 3258 (Reynolds) – Telecommunications:** Relating to telecommunications service discounts for educational institutions, libraries, hospitals, and telemedicine centers.

**H.B. 3269 (Callegari) – Traffic-Control Signalization:** Relating to traffic-control signalization.

**H.B. 3275 (Coleman) – Special Districts:** Relating to the powers and duties of counties and political subdivisions of this state and entities created by those subdivisions.

**H.B. 3303 (Marquez) – Confinement of Juveniles:** Relating to prohibiting the pre-adjudication solitary confinement of certain juveniles.

**H.B. 3306 (Marquez) – Expunction:** Relating to a person's eligibility for expunction of certain criminal history records and files.

**H.B. 3338 (Smithee) – Texas Municipal Retirement System:** Relating to optional annuity increases for certain retirees and beneficiaries of the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

**H.B. 3407 (L. Taylor) – Gas Rates:** Relating to the recovery through gas utility rates of expenses related to a rate proceeding.

**H.B. 3434 (Raymond) – Municipal Court Education:** Relating to continuing judicial training.

**H.B. 3450 (Farrar) – Animal Shelters:** Relating to the restrictions on the operations of public and private animal shelters, providing a penalty.

**H.B. 3455 (Parker) – Internet Monitoring:** Relating to monitoring the Internet access of certain high-risk sex offenders who are released on parole or to mandatory supervision.

**H.B. 3486 (V. Taylor) – Search and Rescue Animals:** Relating to municipal regulation of dogs used for search and rescue or law enforcement purposes.

**H.B. 3495 (Coleman) -- Workers Compensation:** Relating to workers' compensation death benefit eligibility for certain spouses of peace officers killed in the line of duty.

**H.B. 3508 (Villarreal) – Convention Center Bonds:** Relating to the definition of a convention center facility and to the pledge for bonds.

**H.B. 3518 (Rodriguez) – Local Option Transportation Funding:** Relating to local funding for mobility improvement and transportation projects.

**H.B. 3522 (Bonnen) – EMS:** Relating to the punishment for aggravated assault of emergency services personnel.

**H.B. 3526 (Y. Davis) – Warrants:** Relating to requiring certain victim information to be attached to certain arrest warrants.

**H.B. 3534 (Kleinschmidt) – Permit Vesting:** Relating to liability of a political subdivision for a violation of certain laws relating to local permits.

**H.B. 3535 (Kleinschmidt) – Permit Vesting:** Relating to liability of a political subdivision for a violation of certain laws relating to local permits.

**H.B. 3606 (Kuempel) – Impact Fees:** Relating to the payment of development impact fees by certain political subdivisions or governmental entities.

**H.B. 3607 (Kuempel) – Construction Manager-At-Risk:** Relating to construction managers-at-risk used by local governments.

**H.B. 3610 (Thompson) – Streamlined Electric Ratemaking:** Relating to periodic rate adjustments by electric utilities.

**H.B. 3626 (Kolkhorst) – Economic Development:** Relating to the Texas Economic Development Act.

**H.B. 3676 (F. Brown) – Professional Services:** Relating to procuring contracts for certain professional services by a governmental entity.

**H.B. 3701 (Fletcher) – Public Information:** Relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information.

**H.B. 3784 (Callegari) – Financial Disclosure:** Relating to the ethics and financial disclosure requirements and audits of certain governmental bodies.

**H.B. 3790 (Pitts) – State Fiscal Matters:** Relating to state fiscal matters.

**H.B. 3792 (Burnam) – Gas Pipelines:** Relating to municipal authority to regulate gas pipelines located within the municipality.

**H.B. 3795 (Elkins) – Public Funds Investment:** Relating to authorized investments for governmental entities.

**H.C.R. 75 (Burnam) – Unfunded Mandates:** Expressing the intent of the legislature to avoid placing unfunded mandates on local governments.

**H.J.R. 16 (Riddle) – Property Tax:** Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a local option election in a county to set a limit on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes.

**H.J.R. 17 (Guillen) – Property Tax:** Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize a political subdivision to establish a freeze on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed by the political subdivision on the residence homestead of certain people.

**H.J.R. 23 (Fletcher) – Property Tax:** Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

**H.J.R. 36 (Raymond) – Sales Tax:** Proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the taxation of the sale or use of certain food, drinks, medicine, and child-care services.

**H.J.R. 38 (Berman) – Official Language:** Proposing a constitutional amendment to establish English as the official language of Texas and require that official acts of government be performed in English.

**H.J.R. 39 (Callegari) – Property Tax:** Would amend the Texas Constitution to authorize the legislature to reduce the property tax appraisal cap on homesteads from ten to five percent. (Note: please see **H.B. 312**, above.)

**H.J.R. 40 (Pickett) – Property Tax:** Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

**H.J.R. 41 (Raymond) – Eight Liners:** Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing local option elections to legalize or prohibit the operation of eight-liners.

**H.J.R. 43 (Quintanilla) – Gaming:** Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to legalize and regulate the conduct of gaming in this state in counties that by local option election approve the conduct of that gaming.

**H.J.R. 56 (Solomons) – Unfunded Mandates:** Proposing a constitutional amendment to restrict the power of the legislature to mandate requirements upon certain local governments.

**H.J.R. 72 (P. King) – Property Tax:** Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran.

**H.J.R. 74 (Creighton) – Property Tax:** Amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a homestead for ad valorem tax purposes to 105 percent or more of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year.

**H.J.R. 79 (C. Howard) – Property Tax:** Amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes to 105 percent or more of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year.

**H.J.R. 82 (P. King) – Property Tax:** Amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of commercial or industrial real property for ad valorem tax purposes to 110 percent or more of the appraised value of the property.

**H.J.R. 83 (Paxton) – Property Tax:** Proposing a constitutional amendment to phase out ad valorem taxes on the residence homesteads of elderly persons by 2021.

**H.J.R. 87 (Legler) – Property Tax:** Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of real property for ad valorem tax purposes to 105 percent or more of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year.

**H.J.R. 93 (Christian) – Property Tax:** Proposing a constitutional amendment exempting residential real property from ad valorem taxation.

**H.J.R. 99 (Ritter) – Property Tax:** Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation real property leased to certain schools organized and operated primarily for the purpose of engaging in educational functions.

**H.J.R. 103 (Fletcher) – Property Tax:** Amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for a credit against the ad valorem taxes imposed by certain taxing units on commercial or industrial real property based on the cost of constructing a building on the property.

**H.J.R. 110 (Y. Davis) – Eminent Domain:** Proposing a constitutional amendment to require compensation for relocation costs associated with the taking of certain property for a public use.

**H.J.R. 112 (Menendez) – Gambling:** Amendment creating the Texas Gaming Commission and authorizing and regulating casino games and slot machines by licensed operators and certain Indian tribes to provide money for the property tax relief fund.

**H.J.R. 120 (Munoz) – Vacancy on Governing Body:** Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a home-rule municipality to provide in its charter the procedure to fill a vacancy on its governing body for which the unexpired term is 24 months or less.

**H.J.R. 135 (Phillips) – Religion:** Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to a individual's or a religious organization's free exercise of religion.

**S.B. 9 (Wentworth) – Law Enforcement:** Relating to homeland security.

**S.B. 11 (Williams) – Immigration:** Relating to the enforcement of state and federal laws governing immigration by certain governmental entities.

**S.B. 52 (Zaffirini) – Sales Tax:** Relating to exempting books purchased by university and college students from the sales tax for a limited period.

**S.B. 59 (Zaffirini) – Ethics:** Relating to the provision of assistance by the Texas Ethics Commission in the reporting of political contributions and expenditures made in connection with offices of and measures proposed by local governmental entities.

**S.B. 84 (Nelson) – Immigration:** Relating to requiring governmental entities and contractors with governmental entities to participate in the federal electronic verification of work authorization program, or E-verify.

**S.B. 93 (Lucio) – Workers' Compensation:** Relating to the appointment of an attorney for a workers' compensation claimant in certain proceedings initiated by a workers' compensation insurance carrier.

**S.B. 106 (Davis) – Gas Wells/Eminent Domain:** Relating to condemnation of municipal property for, and municipal regulation of, pipeline operations.

**S.B. 107 (Davis) - Gas Distribution Leaks:** Relating to the detection and repair of natural gas pipeline leakages.

**S.B. 121 (Ellis) – Law Enforcement:** Relating to photograph and live lineup identification procedures in criminal cases.

**S.B. 123 (Ellis) – Law Enforcement:** Relating to the electronic recording and admissibility of certain custodial interrogations.

**S.B. 124 (Patrick) – Immigration:** Relating to the enforcement of state and federal laws governing immigration by certain governmental entities; providing a civil penalty.

**S.B. 126 (Patrick) – Immigration:** Relating to the duty of a peace officer to inquire into the lawful presence of certain persons.

**S.B. 129 (Patrick) – Property Tax:** Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

**S.B. 135 (Wentworth) – Transportation Funding:** Relating to the permissible uses of the state highway fund.

**S.B. 136 (Wentworth) – County Development Authority:** Relating to granting counties authority to regulate certain land use; providing penalties.

**S.B. 142 (West) – Property Owners’ Associations:** Relating to the operation of property owners' associations.

**S.B. 161 (Shapiro) – Transportation Funding:** Relating to highway funding formulas of and project selection by the Texas Department of Transportation.

**S.B. 163 (Shapiro) – Tollway Authority:** Relating to agreements between a regional tollway authority and a local governmental entity governing the ownership, construction, maintenance, and operation of toll projects.

**S.B. 172 (West) – Licensing/Dwellings:** Relating to the requirement by a municipality of a license or permit to occupy or lease a dwelling unit.

**S.B. 174 (Nichols) – Eminent Domain:** Relating to prohibiting the use of eminent domain to take private property for recreational purposes.

**S.B. 175 (Nichols) – Property Tax:** Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

**S.B. 178 (Fraser) – Elections:** Relating to requirements to vote, including presenting proof of identification; providing criminal penalties.

**S.B. 180 (Estes) – Eminent Domain:** Relating to the use of eminent domain authority.

**S.B. 204 (Zaffirini) – Mandatory Health Benefits:** Relating to insurance coverage for certain devices used in the treatment of diabetes.

**S.B. 205 (Whitmire, THompson) – School District Policies:** Relating to school district policies to prohibit bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, and intimidation.

**S.B. 211 (Ellis) – Elections:** Relating to the registration of voters at a polling place during early voting by personal appearance and related procedures.

**S.B. 213 (Ellis) – Elections:** Relating to the registration of voters at a polling place and related procedures.

**S.B. 259 (Harris) – Immigration:** Relating to the duty of a peace officer to inquire into the immigration status of persons arrested on other grounds.

**S.B. 289 (Lucio) – Tire Deflation Device:** Relating to the creation of the offense of possession, manufacture, transportation, repair, or sale of a tire deflation device.

**S.B. 296 (Wentworth) – Residential Development:** Relating to the mitigation of the impact of residential development in public school districts.

**S.B. 344 (Gallegos) – Civil Service:** Relating to municipal civil service for firefighters and police officers.

**S.B. 348 (Estes) – Salvia Divinorum:** Relating to the sale or delivery of salvia divinorum or Salvinorin A to a child.

**S.B. 355 (Ellis) – Statewide Smoking Ban:** Relating to the elimination of smoking in certain workplaces and public places.

**S.B. 358 (Wentworth) – Governmental Immunity:** Relating to the waiver of sovereign and governmental immunity in this state.

**S.B. 361 (Duncan) – Construction Contracts:** Relating to indemnification provisions in construction contracts.

**S.B. 374 (Wentworth) – Law Enforcement Fees:** Relating to the amount of the fee paid by a defendant for a peace officer's services in executing or processing an arrest warrant, capias, or capias pro fine.

**S.B. 375 (Wentworth) – Public Information Act:** Relating to categories of information presumed to be public under the public information law.

**S.B. 393 (Patrick) – Sales Tax:** Relating to amended sales tax reports and the reallocation of sales tax revenue.

**S.B. 404 (Hegar) – Health Care Benefit:** Relating to health plan and health benefit plan coverage for abortions.

**S.B. 442 (Wentworth) – Geospatial Data:** Relating to notice by a governmental entity regarding certain geospatial data products.

**S.B. 459 (Seliger) – Property Assessments:** Relating to voluntary assessment of property owners by a municipality to finance water or energy efficiency improvements.

**S.B. 484 (Huffman) – Internal Investigative Divisions:** Relating to the release of a photograph of a police officer and access to records maintained by internal investigative divisions in certain municipalities.

**S.B. 500 (Jackson) – Red Light Cameras:** Relating to the authority of the governing body of a local authority to impose a civil penalty for certain violations recorded by an automated traffic control system or a photographic traffic signal enforcement system.

**S.B. 513 (Ellis) – Transportation:** Relating to the adoption and implementation of a policy by the Texas Transportation Commission providing for the accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, children, and users of public transportation.

**S.B. 531 (Davis) – Sobriety Checkpoints:** Relating to the authority of the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas and certain local law enforcement agencies to establish a checkpoint on a highway or street to determine persons driving while intoxicated.

**S.B. 538 (Nichols) – Transportation:** Relating to transportation reinvestment zones.

**S.B. 541 (Carona) – Proceedings Costs:** Relating to the costs associated with proceedings regarding cruelly treated animals.

**S.B. 552 (Carona) – Energy Efficiency:** Relating to the creation of the Energy Efficiency Coordination Council and to statewide energy efficiency.

**S.B. 592 (Pitts) – State Auditor:** Relating to the powers and duties of the state auditor's office.

**S.B. 642 (Seliger) – TMRS:** Relating to optional annuity increases for certain retirees and beneficiaries of the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

**S.B. 648 (Whitmire) – Emergency Communications:** Relating to the continuation and functions of the Commission on State Emergency Communications.

**S.B. 655 (Hegar) – Texas Railroad Commission:** Relating to the abolition of the Railroad Commission of Texas, the creation of the Texas Oil and Gas Commission, and the transfer of the powers and duties of the railroad commission to the oil and gas commission.

**S.B. 669 (Wentworth) – Public Information:** Relating to requests to inspect or be provided with copies of information under the public information law.

**S.B. 677 (Gallegos) – Public Information:** Relating to the enforcement of the public information law.

**S.B. 705 (Watson) – Unfunded Mandates:** Relating to unfunded legislative mandates on local governments.

**S.B. 720 (Williams) – Property Tax:** Relating to the calculation of the ad valorem rollback tax rates of certain taxing units.

**S.B. 726 (Rodriguez) – Court Fees:** Relating to the establishment of the judicial access and improvement account to provide funding for basic civil legal services, indigent defense, and judicial technical support through certain county service fees and court costs.

**S.B. 771 (Davis) – Swimming Pool Alarms:** Relating to swimming pool safety alarms for certain single-family homes.

**S.B. 779 (Whitmire) – Animal Cruelty:** Relating to a central database containing information about certain persons who have been convicted of or received a grant of deferred adjudication for certain offenses involving animal cruelty.

**S.B. 806 (Hinojosa) – Historically Underutilized Businesses:** Relating to considering ownership interests of disabled veterans in determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business for purposes of state contracting.

**S.B. 829 (Patrick) – Professional Services:** Relating to the provision of certain professional services by certain governmental entities.

**S.B. 849 (Duncan) – Elections:** Relating to certain election practices and procedures.

**S.B. 862 (Rodriguez) – Noise:** Relating to the prosecution of the offense of disorderly conduct involving unreasonable noise.

**S.B. 911 (Lucio) – Fire/Police Civil Service:** Relating to the investigation of firefighters and police officers.

**S.B. 915 (Wentworth, Hilderbran) – Property Tax:** Relating to the ad valorem taxation of manufactured homes.

**S.B. 916 (Wentworth, Paxton) – Property Tax:** Relating to ad valorem tax lien transfers.

**S.B. 925 (Ellis) – Affordable Housing:** Relating to judicial review of a decision to terminate certain federal housing assistance.

**S.B. 938 (Lucio) – Worker’s Compensation:** Relating to required worker’s compensation insurance coverage for building and construction contractors.

**S.B. 939 (Lucio) – Civil Consequences:** Relating to creating an offense for engaging in certain conduct relating to cockfighting and to the criminal and civil consequences of committing that offense.

**S.B. 947 (Patrick) – Law Enforcement Authority:** Relating to granting limited state law enforcement authority to certain criminal investigators of the United States and to other federal law enforcement personnel.

**S.B. 950 (Davis) – Electric Provider Choice:** Relating to retail electric provider customer choice information.

**S.B. 952 (Davis) – Property Tax:** Relating to the use of electronic means for the delivery of ad valorem tax bills to certain property owners and agents.

**S.B. 958 (Wentworth) – Wild Animals:** Relating to the regulation of dangerous wild animals.

**S.B. 964 (Uresti) – Punishment for theft:** Relating to the punishment for theft and certain fraud offenses committed against a disabled individual.

**S.B. 968 (Nelson) – Municipal Court:** Relating to certain costs used to fund court-appointed volunteer advocate programs.

**S.B. 971 (Hinojosa) – Emergency Communications:** Relating to an emergency public service messaging network.

**S.B. 985 (Carona) – Telecommunications:** Relating to the regulation of Voice over Internet Protocol service.

**S.B. 986 (Carona) – Telecommunications:** Relating to deregulation of certain telecommunications markets and companies.

**S.B. 994 (Ogden) – Municipal Court Fees:** Relating to imposing costs on conviction in certain drug cases to support law enforcement.

**S.B. 996 (Nichols) – Health Plan Costs:** Relating to establishing a pill splitting program to reduce health plan costs for certain public employees.

**S.B. 999 (Eltife) – Unemployment:** Relating to maximizing federal funding of extended unemployment benefits.

**S.B. 1004 (Lucio) – Beverage Tax:** Relating to the imposition of a tax on certain beverages.

**S.B. 1006 (Lucio) – Unemployment:** Relating to unemployment compensation modernization.

**S.B. 1031 (Carona) – Energy Efficiency:** Relating to design, construction, renovation, and energy efficiency standards for buildings.

**S.B. 1037 (Carona) – Sexually Oriented Businesses:** Relating to the imposition of a tax on the gross receipts from admissions fees charged by sexually oriented businesses.

**S.B. 1039 (Ellis) – Elections:** Relating to the provision of bilingual election materials.

**S.B. 1040 (Ellis) – Sales Tax:** Relating to exemptions from the sales and use tax for certain energy-efficient products.

**S.B. 1048 (Jackson) – Infrastructure:** Relating to the creation of public and private facilities and infrastructure.

**S.B. 1075 (Jackson) – Plumbing:** Relating to the regulation of plumbing.

**S.B. 1077 (Ellis) – Time Credits:** Relating to the establishment of certain time credits through which a defendant's period of community supervision is reduced.

**S.B. 1083 (Hegar) – Development Agreements:** Relating to development agreements governing land in a municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

**S.B. 1095 (Rodriguez) – Cell Phone Ban:** Relating to the posting of signs in school crossing zones regarding the prohibited use of a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

**S.B. 1099 (Van de Putte) – Smoke Alarms and Fire Extinguishers:** Relating to smoke alarms and fire extinguishers in residential rental units.

**S.B. 1101 (Wentworth) – Professional Services:** Relating to the provision of certain professional services by certain governmental entities.

**S.B. 1119 (Ellis) – Recycling:** Relating to beverage container deposits and recycling.

**S.B. 1135 (Hegar) – Gas Pipelines/Municipal Jurisdiction:** Relating to regulation of gas pipelines.

**S.B. 1137 (Watson) – Transportation:** Relating to public participation in the development of transportation projects by the Texas Department of Transportation.

**S.B. 1162 (Wentworth) – Law Enforcement:** Relating to reporting regarding, the apprehension and transportation of, and records relating to certain persons who are or may be persons with mental illness.

**S.B. 1164 (Wentworth) – Texas Municipal Retirement System:** Relating to optional annuity increases and annual supplemental payments for certain retirees and beneficiaries of the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

**S.B. 1174 (Deuell) – Workers Compensation:** Relating to provision of workers' compensation medical benefits to a peace officer or firefighter injured in the line of duty.

**S.B. 1201 (Patrick) – Regulatory Takings:** Relating to regulatory takings.

**S.B. 1237 (Williams) – Driver's License Information:** Relating to persons authorized to access or use electronically readable information derived from a driver's license, commercial driver's license, or personal identification certificate.

**S.B. 1238 (Carona) – Emergency Notification:** Relating to communications by public service providers during a disaster or an emergency.

**S.B. 1240 (West) – Substandard Housing:** Relating to a tenant's remedies regarding a local government's revocation of a certificate of occupancy due to a landlord's failure to maintain the premises.

**S.B. 1252 (Williams) – Fiscal Notes and Unfunded Mandates:** Relating to evaluating and providing for efficient government resource allocation.

**S.B. 1254 (Carona) – Employment:** Relating to the creation of the offense of employing an individual not lawfully present in the United States.

**S.B. 1265 (Uresti) -- Emergency Medical Personnel Training:** Relating to the accreditation of training programs and examinations for certain emergency medical services personnel.

**S.B. 1270 (Wentworth) – Public Information:** Relating to the public information law.

**S.B. 1274 (Williams) – Roofing Contractors:** Relating to the registration of roofing contractors.

**S.B. 1309 (Hinojosa) – Gas Rates:** Relating to rate adjustments by gas utilities.

**S.B. 1314 (Van de Putte) – Offense of Prostitution:** Relating to the punishment for and certain civil consequences of committing the offense of prostitution.

**S.B. 1382 (Wentworth) – Litigation:** Relating to limitations on awards in an adjudication brought against a local governmental entity for breach of contract.

**S.B. 1399 (D. Patrick) – Foundation Repair Contractors:** Relating to the regulation of foundation repair contractors.

**S.B. 1411 (Hegar) – Sales Tax:** Relating to exemptions from the sales tax for certain firearms, hunting equipment, ammunition, and firearm or hunting accessories for a limited period.

**S.B. 1442 (Shapiro) – Permit Vesting:** Relating to the application requirements for a local project permit.

**S.B. 1473 (Hinojosa) – Expunction of Arrest Records:** Relating to the expunction of records and files relating to a person's arrest.

**S.B. 1474 (Gallegos) – Grievance Procedures:** Relating to the grievance procedure for firefighters and police officers in certain municipalities.

**S.B. 1517 (Van de Putte) – Animal Control:** Relating to the sterilization of dogs and cats.

**S.B. 1520 (Uresti) – Solid Waste Processing Applications:** Relating to the consideration of applications for permits for certain commercial solid waste processing or treatment facilities.

**S.B. 1526 (Hinojosa) – Municipal Court:** Relating to discovery in a criminal case.

**S.B. 1532 (Hinojosa) – Personal Identification:** Relating to a photograph on a personal identification certificate, driver's license, or commercial driver's license.

**S.B. 1542 (Watson) – Governmental Immunity:** Relating to a limited waiver of sovereign immunity for state and local governmental entities in certain employment lawsuits filed by nurses.

**S.B. 1558 (Carona) – Purchasing:** Relating to change order approval requirements for certain political subdivisions of the state.

**S.B. 1571 (Ogden) – Public Information:** Relating to information subject to the public information law.

**S.B. 1590 (Watson) – Economic Development Act:** Relating to the Texas Economic Development Act.

**S.B. 1675 (Duncan) – Elections:** Relating to the inclusion in the results of an election of ballots that were mistakenly not counted.

**S.B. 1745 (Gallegos) – Child-Care Facilities:** Relating to enforcement by a local government of fire safety standards at certain child-care facilities.

**S.B. 1764 (Rodriguez) – Workers' Compensation:** Relating to workers' compensation supplemental income benefits.

**S.B. 1774 (Williams) – Property Tax:** Relating to the procedure for the adoption of an ad valorem tax rate.

**S.B. 1811 (Duncan) – State Fiscal Matters:** Relating to state fiscal matters.

**S.B. 1826 (Gallegos) – Open Meetings:** Relating to the definition in the open meetings law of the term "deliberation."

**S.B. 1848 (Hegar) – EMS Service Fees:** Relating to the distribution of the emergency service fee for wireless telecommunications connections and the prepaid 9-1-1 emergency service fee.

**S.B. 1850 (Van de Putte) – Animal Control:** Relating to appeals regarding cruelly treated animals.

**S.B. 1866 (Davis) – Professional Services:** Relating to the selection of providers of professional services by governmental entities.

**S.B. 1906 (Wentworth) – Open Meetings Law:** Relating to certain notice requirements for municipalities and counties under the open meetings law.

**S.J.R. 7 (Patrick) – 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.

**S.J.R. 11 (Nichols) – Property Tax:** Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes to 105 percent or less of the appraised value of the property.

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**S.J.R. 21 (Patrick) – Property Tax:** Amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran in an amount equal to the homestead exemption.

**S.J.R. 24 (Watson) – Unfunded Mandates:** Amendment exempting political subdivisions from unfunded legislative mandates and authorizing the legislature to provide funding for legislative mandates on political subdivisions.

**S.J.R. 30 (Ogden) – Transportation Funding:** Proposing a constitutional amendment dedicating certain revenue derived from any increases in taxes on motor fuel to the repayment of certain transportation-related state debt.