

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

**Tuesday
May 5, 2015**

The Senate suspended the necessary rules to consider and finally pass:

SJR 20 (CS) Watson

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision other than a school district to adopt an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion, expressed as a dollar amount, of the market value of an individual's residence homestead.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 279 (CS) Watson

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

1 Floor Amendment

SB 313 (CS) (LC) Seliger

Relating to the essential knowledge and skills of the required public school curriculum and the administration and reports relating to assessment instruments administered to public school students.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 459 (CS) Lucio/ et al.

Relating to the creation of the Advisory Council on Cultural Affairs in the office of the governor.

SB 585 Watson/ et al.

Relating to the content of detailed reports filed by registered lobbyists.

SB 586 (CS) Watson/ et al.

Relating to the content of detailed reports filed by lobbyists.

SB 881 (CS) (LC) Nelson

Relating to the dedication of certain wine-related revenue.

SB 1367 (CS) West

Relating to certain obligations of and limitations on landlords.

SB 1485 (LC) Garcia

Relating to the availability of death records of unidentified persons.

SB 1593 (LC) Lucio/ et al.

Relating to regulation of fireworks by certain municipalities.

**SB 1735 (CS) Birdwell/ Bettencourt/ Hall/
Seliger/ et al.**

Relating to tuition and fee exemptions at public institutions of higher education for certain military personnel and their dependents.

5 Floor Amendments

SB 1743 (CS) (LC) Hinojosa

Relating to expanding the powers and duties of the office of capital writs and renaming the office of capital writs the office of capital and forensic writs.

SB 1902 (CS) Perry/ et al.

Relating to the eligibility of criminal defendants for an order of nondisclosure of criminal history record information; authorizing a fee.

3 Floor Amendments

SB 1934 Campbell

Relating to requirements for the issuance of a driver's license or personal identification certificate.

The Senate suspended the regular order, read third time and finally passed:

SB 1575 (CS) Rodríguez

Relating to county regulation of lots in platted subdivisions that have remained undeveloped for 25 years or more.

The Senate suspended the regular order, read second time and passed to engrossment:

SB 575 (CS) Taylor, Larry/ et al.

Relating to health plan and health benefit plan coverage for abortions.

SB 723 (CS) Perry/ et al.

Relating to mandatory participation in certain TANF employment and other programs by certain persons.

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 688 Rodríguez

Recognizing May 2015 as National Mental Health Awareness Month.

SR 712 Hinojosa

Recognizing September 2015 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

SR 713 Hinojosa

Honoring Kaitlyn Jankovsky for her bravery in fighting cancer.

The Senate confirmed all nominees as reported by the Committee on Nominations.

The following bills were passed on the Local and Uncontested Bills Calendar:

SB 471 (CS) (LC) Rodríguez/ et al.

Relating to reviews and investigations conducted by the Texas Education Agency.

SB 496 (LC) Watson

Relating to Foundation School Program funding for students enrolled in an optional flexible school day program.

SB 754 (CS) (LC) Watson

Relating to the use of money in the motorcycle education fund account for certain motorcycle safety programs.

SB 1338 (CS) (LC) Perry

Relating to an exemption from length limitations for certain vehicles or combinations of vehicles used to transport harvest machines.

SB 1387 (CS) (LC) Creighton

Relating to the creation and operations of health care provider participation programs in certain municipalities.

SB 1468 (CS) (LC) Watson

Relating to certain communications regarding the appointment or conduct of certain appraisal review board members; amending provisions subject to a criminal penalty.

SB 1517 (CS) (LC) Seliger/ West

Relating to the appointment of counsel to represent indigent defendants in criminal cases.

SB 1737 (CS) (LC) Hinojosa

Relating to the designation of a segment of State Highway 83 in Hidalgo County as the World War II Veterans 349th Regt. 88th Inf. Div. Memorial Highway.

SB 1928 (CS) (LC) Seliger

Relating to the rulemaking authority of the Health and Human Services Commission to provide for the placement of refugees in this state.

SB 1987 (CS) (LC)

Menéndez/ et al.

Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and to deaf or hard of hearing driver training for peace officers; authorizing a fee.

SB 2041 (CS) (LC)

Seliger

Relating to the designation of the portion of State Highway 191 in Midland County as the Sergeant Michael Naylor Memorial Highway.

Committee referral on the following:

HB 13

**Pickett/ Phillips/ Martinez,
"Mando"/ Simmons/ Burkett/
et al.**

Relating to categories of and funding allocation for transportation projects by the Texas Department of Transportation and local transportation entities.

Transportation

HB 20

**Simmons/ Pickett/ Burkett/
Phillips/ Goldman/ et al.**

Relating to the operations of and transportation planning and expenditures by the Texas Department of Transportation and planning organizations.

Transportation

HB 26

**Button/ Rodriguez, Eddie/ Ashby/
Springer/ Parker/ et al.**

Relating to state economic development measures, including administration of the Texas Enterprise Fund, creation of the Economic Incentive Oversight Board and the governor's university research initiative, abolishment of the Texas emerging technology fund and certain programs administered by the Texas Economic Development Bank, and renaming the Major Events trust fund to the Major Events Reimbursement Program.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

HB 189

**Thompson, Senfronia/ Moody/
Guillen/ Rose**

Relating to the elimination of the statute of limitations for the offenses of sexual assault and aggravated sexual assault.

Criminal Justice

HB 199

Huberty

Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates for certain county officials.

Transportation

HB 210

Rose/ Keough

Relating to victim-offender mediation services offered by the victim services division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Criminal Justice

HB 298

**Wu/ Morrison/ Alvarado/ King,
Ken/ McClendon/ et al.**

Relating to measures to facilitate the transfer, academic progress, and timely graduation of students in public higher education.

Higher Education

HB 331

Wu/ Israel/ Guerra/ Rose

Relating to the sealing of certain court documents filed electronically in a child protection suit.

State Affairs

HB 473

Giddings/ Guillen

Relating to a prohibition on the sale or transfer of certain law enforcement vehicles before removal of certain equipment and insignia.

Criminal Justice

HB 484

**Capriglione/ Raney/ Murr/
Howard/ Goldman/ et al.**

Relating to the eligibility of a person to be a candidate for or holder of certain public elective offices.
State Affairs

HB 509 **Raney**
Relating to the process for establishing speed limits on roads near certain schools.
Transportation

HB 512 **Moody/ Fletcher/ Oliveira/ Bohac/ Hughes**
Relating to waiver of immunity in certain employment discrimination actions in connection with a workers' compensation claim.
Business & Commerce

HB 545 **Dutton**
Relating to the enforcement of an order to pay child support by contempt.
State Affairs

HB 655 **Larson/ Lucio III/ Workman/ Fallon/ Villalba**
Relating to the storage and recovery of water in aquifers; authorizing fees and surcharges; adding provisions subject to a criminal penalty.
Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

HB 663 **King, Ken**
Relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 207 in Armstrong County as the Hamblen Memorial Highway.
Transportation

HB 671 **Clardy**
Relating to an intercollegiate athletics fee at Stephen F. Austin State University; authorizing imposition of a fee.
Higher Education

HB 706 **Farrar**
Relating to the procedure for claiming an exemption from ad valorem taxation of property on which a solar or wind-powered energy device is installed or constructed.
Finance

HB 786 **Walle/ King, Susan/ Hernandez/ Martinez Fischer**
Relating to the right of a public employee to express breast milk in the workplace.
Business & Commerce

HB 821 **Sheets/ Larson/ Fallon/ Anchia**
Relating to the requirements of certain minors applying for a hunting or fishing license.
Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

HB 870 **Smith/ Anderson, Rodney**
Relating to the investment training requirement for certain school district financial officers.
Education

HB 875 **Farias/ Guillen**
Relating to the verification of the veteran status of inmates and prisoners.
Criminal Justice

HB 885 **Paddie/ et al.**
Relating to county bail bond boards.
Criminal Justice

HB 942 **Kacal/ Morrison/ Flynn/ Keffer/ King, Tracy O./ et al.**

Relating to the storage of certain hazardous chemicals; transferring enforcement of certain reporting requirements, including the imposition of criminal, civil, and administrative penalties, from the Department of State Health Services to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; amending provisions subject to a criminal penalty; reenacting a criminal offense.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

HB 950 Lucio III

Relating to the review of groundwater conservation districts by the state auditor.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

HB 1052 Parker

Relating to designating September as Hydrocephalus Awareness Month.

Administration

HB 1111 Farney

Relating to the powers and duties of the Williamson County Municipal Utility District No. 23; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose fees and taxes.

Intergovernmental Relations

**HB 1212 Price/ Coleman/ Naishtat/ Zerwas/
Bonnen, Greg/ et al.**

Relating to the designation and regulation of abusable synthetic substances, the emergency scheduling of certain controlled substances, the prosecution and punishment of certain offenses involving a controlled substance or controlled substance analogue, and the offense of falsification of drug test results.

Health & Human Services

HB 1273 Farias/ Guillen

Relating to certain military specialty license plates.

Transportation

HB 1289 Giddings

Relating to the acquisition and sale of unimproved real property by an urban land bank.

Intergovernmental Relations

**HB 1293 Alvarado/ Herrero/ Davis, Sarah/
Dale/ Moody/ et al.**

Relating to the confidentiality of identifying information of victims of stalking; creating a criminal offense.

Criminal Justice

HB 1307 Springer

Relating to the authority of the board of directors of certain hospital districts to take certain actions.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 1421 Bonnen, Dennis

Relating to fees charged by the Coastal Plains Groundwater Conservation District.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

**HB 1535 Frullo/ Huberty/ Phelan/
Deshotel/ Otto/ et al.**

Relating to rates of and certificates of convenience and necessity for certain non-ERCOT electric utilities; authorizing a surcharge.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

HB 1605 Martinez, "Mando"

Relating to the issuance of the Texas Airport Directory; eliminating a fee.

Transportation

**HB 1640 Farias/ Kuempel/ Frank/
Gutierrez/ et al.**

Relating to the compatibility of certain defense community regulations and structures with military operations.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

HB 1643 Riddle

Relating to abatement of public nuisances on certain undeveloped land; amending provisions subject to a criminal penalty.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 1706 **VanDeaver/ Crownover/ Deshotel/ Guillen/ et al.**

Relating to reducing paperwork and duplicate reports required of a school district.
Education

HB 1738 **Isaac**

Relating to the release of certain restrictions on the use of certain highway rights-of-way transferred to a municipality from the Texas Department of Transportation.
Transportation

HB 1819 **Miller, Doug**

Relating to the date for the election of directors of the Hill Country Underground Water Conservation District.
Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

HB 1832 **Pickett**

Relating to the requirements for and confidentiality of state agency continuity of operations plans.
Business & Commerce

HB 1860 **Hunter**

Relating to the creation of a grant program to provide money for security at certain major events; authorizing fees.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

HB 1879 **Smith**

Relating to exemptions from continuing education requirements for certain county commissioners.
Intergovernmental Relations

HB 1925 **Geren**

Relating to the transfer of the Texas Farm and Ranch Lands Conservation Program to the Parks and Wildlife Department.
Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

HB 1953 **Bonnen, Dennis**

Relating to the deadline for counties and municipalities to provide notice of a proposed property tax rate.
Finance

HB 2035 **Raymond**

Relating to regulation by certain alcohol-related businesses based on the amount of alcohol sold.
Business & Commerce

HB 2038 **Geren**

Relating to legal representation for certain emergency services districts.
Intergovernmental Relations

HB 2049 **Darby/ Longoria/ Paul/ Leach**

Relating to indemnification and duties of engineers and architects under certain governmental contracts.
Business & Commerce

HB 2065 **Coleman**

Relating to automatic employee participation in and administration of a deferred compensation plan provided by the Harris County Hospital District.
State Affairs

HB 2119 **Lozano/ Murr/ Guillen**

Relating to charitable organizations, including charitable organizations that may conduct prescribed burning.
Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

HB 2181 **Faircloth/ Smith**

Relating to designating the Interstate Highway 45 causeway to Galveston the George and Cynthia Mitchell Memorial Causeway.

Transportation

HB 2189

Parker

Relating to a developmentally disabled offender program established by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Criminal Justice

HB 2193

Smithee

Relating to the office of a public defender appointed by the Commissioners Court of Randall County.

State Affairs

HB 2207

**Keffer/ Anchia/ King, Phil/
Clardy/ Longoria**

Relating to the foreclosure sale of property subject to an oil or gas lease.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

HB 2232

Kuempel/ Farias

Relating to the creation of regional military sustainability commissions for certain military installations.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

HB 2255

Larson/ Gonzales, Larry

Relating to the regulation of plumbing.

Business & Commerce

HB 2316

Márquez/ White, James/ Nevárez

Relating to the authority of the asset management division of the General Land Office to sell real property to a federally recognized Indian tribe.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

HB 2354

Farney/ Keffer/ et al.

Relating to changing the date of the May uniform election.

State Affairs

HB 2464

Smith

Relating to the transfer of a plumber's license on the retirement or death of the plumber.

Business & Commerce

HB 2468

Raymond

Relating to the transfer of certain state real property from the Texas Department of Transportation to the City of Laredo.

Transportation

HB 2501

Parker

Relating to the powers and duties of the Shale Creek Water Control and Improvement District; providing authority to issue bonds, impose a tax, and levy assessments for roadway purposes.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 2519

Coleman

Relating to expenditures made by emergency services districts and the sale of district property.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 2547

Miller, Rick

Relating to the transfer of certain state property from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to Fort Bend County.

Criminal Justice

HB 2557

Zerwas

Relating to certain hospital districts and to certain corporations or organizations formed by those districts.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 2583

Bell

Relating to access to criminal history record information by a county sheriff.

Criminal Justice

HB 2584

Naishtat

Relating to the authority of the executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission to adopt rules defining certain medical conditions.

Health & Human Services

HB 2629

Kacal/ Anderson, Charles "Doc"/

Geren/ Davis, Sarah/ Meyer

Relating to unauthorized persons at public or private institutions of higher education in this state and to trespass, damage, or defacement occurring on the grounds of those institutions; amending provisions subject to a criminal penalty and creating offenses.

Higher Education

HB 2680

Bonnen, Greg/ Thompson, Ed

Relating to allocation of money from the law enforcement officer standards and education fund.

Criminal Justice

HB 2697

Galindo/ Sheets/ et al.

Relating to services provided by continuing care facilities.

Health & Human Services

HB 2736

Capriglione

Relating to prohibiting the temporary closure of segments of the state highway system on days that certain scheduled events are being held.

Transportation

HB 2788

Springer/ Frank

Relating to the authority of a retail public water utility to require an operator of a correctional facility to comply with water conservation measures.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

HB 2849

Sheffield

Relating to the qualifications for a coronal polishing certificate.

Health & Human Services

HB 2900

Goldman

Relating to compliance with federal voting system standards.

State Affairs

HB 2917

Alvarado

Relating to the authority of certain municipalities to impose term limits on certain elected officials.

State Affairs

HB 2935

Sheffield/ Klick

Relating to a study of the use of a patient-reported outcomes registry in conjunction with health coverage for certain governmental employees.

State Affairs

HB 2975

Martinez, "Mando"

Relating to speed limits; amending provisions subject to a general criminal penalty.

Transportation

HB 3060

Anchia

Relating to functions of a municipal building and standards commission panel.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 3078

Darby

Relating to the creation of an advisory committee to recommend a uniform pre-nursing curriculum for undergraduate professional nursing programs offered by public institutions of higher education.

Higher Education

HB 3187

Keffer/ Workman

Relating to assessments for water and energy improvements in municipalities and counties; changing a fee.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 3211 King, Phil

Relating to training requirements for peace officers appointed to supervisory positions.

Criminal Justice

HB 3244 Burkett

Relating to authorizing broker agreements for the sale of real property held in trust by home-rule municipalities.

Intergovernmental Relations

HB 3332 Clardy/ et al.

Relating to the authority of certain public hospitals to construct certain facilities and to provide certain services.

Health & Human Services

HB 3485 Turner, Chris

Relating to the addition of certain municipalities to the territory of a regional transportation authority.

Transportation

HB 3562 Thompson, Senfronia

Relating to the adoption of a policy allowing a grace period after the exhaustion of the balance of a meal card or account used by students to purchase meals in public schools.

Education

HB 3629 Raney

Relating to use and allocation of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenues for certain municipalities.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

HB 3680 Geren

Relating to the confidentiality of certain information stored as part of the preparation of reports required to be filed with the Texas Ethics Commission.

State Affairs

HB 3729 Farias/ Guillen

Relating to inclusion of family members of veterans court program participants in the treatment and services provided to the participants under the program.

Criminal Justice

HB 3738 Cyrier

Relating to the requirement that a person or laboratory that performs an official equine infectious anemia test be approved by the Texas Animal Health Commission.

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

HB 3842 Smithee

Relating to an agreement to finance and build a conference center and other appropriate facilities in or near a state park.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

HB 3868 Moody

Relating to the designation of Westside Drive in El Paso County as the Don Juan de Onate Trail.

Transportation

HB 3872 Paul

Relating to continuing education requirements for an insurance agent, insurance adjuster, or public adjuster; amending provisions subject to a criminal penalty.

Business & Commerce

HB 4030 Dale

Relating to applications for and certain information regarding an applicant for registration or endorsement under the Private Security Act.

Criminal Justice

HCR 62 **Springer**
Designating Nocona as the official Classic Car Capital of Texas for a 10-year period beginning in 2015.
Administration

HCR 76 **Guillen**
Designating Poteet as the official Strawberry Capital of Texas for a 10-year period beginning in 2015.
Administration

HCR 80 **Peña/ et al.**
Petitioning Congress to provide funding for repairs to the Battleship Texas.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

HCR 93 **King, Susan**
Designating Abilene as the official Storybook Capital of Texas.
Administration

HCR 94 **Springer**
Urging the U.S. Congress to designate the Chisholm Trail and the Great Western Trail as National Historic Trails.
Administration

Recommitted to committee on the following:

SB 1697 **Huffman**
Relating to the confidentiality of certain information regarding procedures and substances used in the execution of a convict.
Criminal Justice

(CS) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
(LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR