

BILLS REFERRED TODAY

**Wednesday
March 25, 2015**

Committee referral on the following:

SJR 57 Bettencourt

Proposing a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, and extending the number of days that certain tangible personal property that is exempt from ad valorem taxation due to its temporary location in this state may remain located in this state before forfeiting the right to the exemption.

Finance

SJR 59 Campbell

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to nullify an order, rule, policy, or similar measure adopted by the executive branch of the federal government that exceeds the authority granted by the United States Constitution.

State Affairs

SJR 60 Campbell

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision to adopt a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion, expressed as a dollar amount, of the market value of real property of a business that employs honorably discharged veterans.

Finance

SJR 61 West

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county of a portion of the value of the residence homestead of a physician who provides health care services for which the physician agrees not to seek payment from any source, including the Medicaid program or otherwise from this state or the federal government, to indigent residents of the county.

Finance

SJR 62 Nichols

Proposing a constitutional amendment dedicating certain revenue sources to be used for the acquisition of rights-of-way for and the construction and maintenance of public roadways.

Transportation

SJR 63 Perry

Applying to the Congress of the United States to call a convention under Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing one or more amendments to the constitution to impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, to limit the power and jurisdiction of the federal government, and to limit the terms of office of federal officials and members of Congress.

State Affairs

SJR 64 Lucio

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the creation of emergency response districts; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

Intergovernmental Relations

SJR 65 Hinojosa

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the use of bonds and notes in the military value revolving loan account.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SJR 66 Huffman

Proposing a constitutional amendment to provide for the governor's and lieutenant governor's terms of office to begin at 10 a.m. on the day preceding the day the regular legislative session convenes.

State Affairs

SB 1801 Taylor, Larry

Relating to the recognition of certain employment authorizations granted by federal executive action.

State Affairs

SB 1802 Ellis

Relating to the method of returning a ballot to be voted by mail.

State Affairs

SB 1803 Lucio

Relating to route designation for the issuance of a permit for the movement of oversize and overweight vehicles in certain counties.

Transportation

SB 1804 Hinojosa

Relating to low income housing tax credits awarded for at-risk developments.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1805 Lucio

Relating to the rate of the hotel occupancy taxes in certain counties and the use of revenue from the hotel occupancy tax by certain counties; authorizing an increase in the rate of a tax.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1806 Estes

Relating to limits on the regulatory authority of a municipality.

State Affairs

SB 1807 Bettencourt

Relating to the system for appraising property for ad valorem tax purposes; authorizing a fee.

Finance

SB 1808 Bettencourt

Relating to the confidentiality and use of information related to a taxpayer subject to audit by the comptroller.

Finance

SB 1809 Bettencourt

Relating to ad valorem tax protests and appeals.

Finance

SB 1810 West

Relating to authorization by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for certain public junior colleges to offer early childhood education baccalaureate degree programs.

Higher Education

SB 1811 Kolkhorst

Relating to certain publications of intimate visual material by a business; providing civil penalties.

Criminal Justice

SB 1812 Kolkhorst

Relating to transparency in the reporting of eminent domain authority and the creation of an eminent domain database.

Business & Commerce

SB 1813 Kolkhorst

Relating to procedures for complaints filed with the Texas Medical Board against physicians.

Health & Human Services

SB 1814 Kolkhorst

Relating to establishment of a child-care facility database on the Department of Family and Protective Services' Internet website.

Health & Human Services

SB 1830	Creighton
Relating to the use of a credit or charge card by certain state agencies to make certain purchases.	
Business & Commerce	
SB 1831	Menéndez
Relating to the designation of a portion of State Highway 151 as the Specialist Dane Balcon Memorial Bridge.	
Transportation	
SB 1832	Menéndez
Relating to the contents of a notice of appraised value sent to a property owner by the chief appraiser of an appraisal district.	
Finance	
SB 1833	Menéndez
Relating to a supplemental payment for retirees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and the unfunded actuarial liabilities allowed under that system.	
State Affairs	
SB 1834	Menéndez
Relating to participation in the state group benefits program by a member of the Texas National Guard called to protect the border.	
State Affairs	
SB 1835	Menéndez
Relating to an exemption from the motor vehicle use tax for motor vehicles brought into this state by certain current or former military personnel.	
Finance	
SB 1836	Menéndez
Relating to a chronic respiratory disease state strategic plan developed by the Department of State Health Services.	
Health & Human Services	
SB 1837	Menéndez
Relating to requiring certain metropolitan rapid transit authorities to hold a referendum before spending any money for a fixed rail transit system.	
Transportation	
SB 1838	Menéndez
Relating to the definition of peace officer for purposes of intercepting or collecting information in relation to certain communications in an investigation conducted by an arson investigating unit.	
Criminal Justice	
SB 1839	Menéndez
Relating to authorizing the possession, use, cultivation, distribution, transportation, and delivery of cannabis for medical purposes; authorizing fees.	
Health & Human Services	
SB 1840	Kolkhorst
Relating to standards for the Public Utility Commission of Texas to grant or deny certain certificates of convenience and necessity.	
Natural Resources & Economic Development	
SB 1841	Hall
Relating to the verification of employment authorization by governmental entities, state contractors, and state grant recipients, including the use of the federal E-verify program.	
Business & Commerce	
SB 1842	Hall
Relating to removing the requirement for bilingual education and special language programs for certain students of limited English proficiency.	
Education	
SB 1843	West

Finance

Relating to the establishment and functions of the Interagency Data Coordination and Transparency Commission.

Business & Commerce

Relating to employment of a statewide data coordinator in the Department of Information Resources.

Business & Commerce

Relating to the criminal penalty for violating the Flood Control and Insurance Act.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

Relating to the option of providing electronic recordings of proceedings in the municipal court of record for the City of Houston.

Criminal Justice

Relating to civil liability of shareholders and members of certain legal entities that engage in the trafficking of persons.

State Affairs

Relating to the deposit of certain amounts to the credit of the Texas emissions reduction plan fund.

Finance

Relating to a sales tax exemption for the rental of equipment used in the construction or improvement of a road or highway for a governmental entity.

Finance

Relating to the premises covered by mixed beverage permits for certain county-owned facilities.

Business & Commerce

Relating to the adoption of an amendment procedure for restrictive covenants affecting real property in certain residential subdivisions.

Business & Commerce

Relating to authorizing the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas to establish a statewide program for the prevention and detection of certain criminal offenses.

Criminal Justice

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by the National Hispanic Institute.

Finance

Relating to appeals regarding dangerous dogs.

Intergovernmental Relations

Relating to confidentiality of student records.

Higher Education

Relating to the payment of gratuities to certain employees.

- SB 1871** **Lucio**
Relating to the establishment of the Texas Board of Behavior Analyst Examiners and the requirement to obtain a license to practice as a behavior analyst or assistant behavior analyst; imposing fees; providing an administrative penalty; creating a criminal offense.
Health & Human Services
- SB 1872** **Campbell**
Relating to coverage provided by certain qualified health plans for abortions.
State Affairs
- SB 1873** **Campbell**
Relating to requiring personnel of abortion facilities and certain other facilities performing abortions to complete training on human trafficking.
Health & Human Services
- SB 1874** **Whitmire**
Relating to accessing criminal history record information and other records of involvement in the criminal justice system; authorizing fees; authorizing a civil penalty; creating criminal offenses.
Criminal Justice
- SB 1875** **Uresti**
Relating to funding and donations for transportation projects, including projects of county energy transportation reinvestment zones.
Transportation
- SB 1876** **Zaffirini**
Relating to the appointment of attorneys ad litem, guardians ad litem, and mediators.
State Affairs
- SB 1877** **Zaffirini**
Relating to the development and maintenance by each state agency of a data use agreement for the state agency's employees.
Business & Commerce
- SB 1878** **Zaffirini**
Relating to a study on the feasibility of implementing more secure access requirements for electronically stored information held by the state.
Business & Commerce
- SB 1879** **Zaffirini**
Relating to the allocation of certain grants from the fund for veterans' assistance.
Veteran Affairs & Military Installations
- SB 1880** **Zaffirini**
Relating to the authority of the Department of Family and Protective Services to investigate abuse, neglect, or exploitation of individuals receiving services from certain providers.
Health & Human Services
- SB 1881** **Zaffirini**
Relating to authorizing supported decision-making agreements for certain adults with disabilities.
Health & Human Services
- SB 1882** **Zaffirini**
Relating to a bill of rights for wards under guardianship.
Health & Human Services
- SB 1883** **Zaffirini**
Relating to the administration of housing funds set aside for persons with disabilities through the homebuyer assistance program.
Intergovernmental Relations
- SB 1884** **Zaffirini**
Relating to the provision of cognitive rehabilitation therapy under the Medicaid program.
Health & Human Services

- SB 1885** **Zaffirini/ Watson**
Relating to the reimbursement of providers for the provision of certain home telemonitoring services under the Medicaid program.
Health & Human Services
- SB 1886** **Zaffirini**
Relating to developing a program to provide telemedicine medical services to certain children.
Health & Human Services
- SB 1887** **Zaffirini**
Relating to the period for which a defendant with an intellectual disability who is found incompetent to stand trial may be civilly committed before the court holds a hearing to determine whether the defendant's release is appropriate.
Criminal Justice
- SB 1888** **Zaffirini**
Relating to a requirement that a county report the number of certain persons with mental illness detained in that county's jail.
Criminal Justice
- SB 1889** **Zaffirini**
Relating to the disclosure and use of certain information in the Department of Family and Protective Services central registry of child abuse or neglect cases and the report of certain information regarding those cases to the legislature.
Health & Human Services
- SB 1890** **Zaffirini**
Relating to the electronic monitoring of residents at state supported living centers.
Health & Human Services
- SB 1891** **Zaffirini**
Relating to the delivery of mental health services and supports under a system of care framework to minors who have or are at risk of developing a serious emotional disturbance or who are at risk of being removed from the minor's home.
Health & Human Services
- SB 1892** **Garcia**
Relating to a study on homeless youth.
Health & Human Services
- SB 1893** **Garcia**
Relating to the assessment of public school students in writing and English language arts.
Education
- SB 1894** **Garcia/ Hinojosa**
Relating to the powers and duties of navigation districts, port authorities, and boards of trustees of municipal port facilities.
Natural Resources & Economic Development
- SB 1895** **West**
Relating to certain programs established by a municipality to provide affordable housing.
Intergovernmental Relations
- SB 1896** **Taylor, Larry**
Relating to providing public school students tutorials through the state virtual school network for end-of-course assessment instruments required for graduation.
Education
- SB 1897** **Taylor, Larry**
Relating to the powers and duties of the commissioner of education regarding open-enrollment charter schools.
Education
- SB 1898** **Taylor, Larry**

Education

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Health & Human Services

Criminal Justice

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

Health & Human Services

Natural Resources & Economic Development

State Affairs

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

Intergovernmental Relations

Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

Transportation

Intergovernmental Relations

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Relating to authorizing supported decision-making agreements for certain adults with disabilities.
Health & Human Services

SB 1913 **Perry**
Relating to a court administrator in certain counties.
State Affairs

SB 1914 **Watson**
Relating to creation of the Texas Health Improvement Network.
Health & Human Services

SB 1915

Watson

Relating to the provision of certain information by a seller of residential real property to a buyer of residential real estate.

Business & Commerce

SB 1916 **Watson**
Relating to the escheat of Unites States savings bonds.
Business & Commerce

SB 1917 **Watson**
Relating to contributions to the Employees Retirement System of Texas.
State Affairs

SB 1918 **Watson**
Relating to the use of certain lighting equipment on motorcycles.
Transportation

SB 1919 **Watson**

Relating to the authority of the Texas Transportation Commission to establish variable speed limits.

Transportation

SB 1920	Watson
Relating to an exemption from the veterinary licensing law for certain persons who provide services to an animal shelter.	
Intergovernmental Relations	

SB 1921	Watson
Relating to the prosecution of certain offenses involving controlled substances and other prohibited drugs, substances, or paraphernalia.	
Criminal Justice	

SB 1922 **Watson**

Relating to the funding of the designated trauma facility and emergency medical services account through the imposition of court costs on persons convicted of certain driving-related offenses.

Criminal Justice

SB 1923	Watson
Relating to the funding of the designated trauma facility and emergency medical services account through the imposition of court costs on persons convicted of certain driving-related offenses.	
Criminal Justice	

SB 1924	Eltime
Relating to landscape control along interstate and state highway rights-of-way; imposing a criminal penalty.	
Transportation	

SB 1925 **West**
 Relating to the dedication of revenue received from certain court costs to the truancy prevention and diversion fund.
State Affairs

SB 1926 **Zaffirini**
Relating to permits to be issued for the storage and disposal of certain oil and gas waste.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1927 **Seliger**
Relating to the investment of a portion of the economic stabilization fund balance.
Finance

SB 1928 **Seliger**
Relating to the rulemaking authority of the Health and Human Services Commission to provide for the placement of refugees in this state.
Veteran Affairs & Military Installations-S/C Border Security

SB 1929 **Garcia**
Relating to the transfer of jurisdiction and the appointment of an attorney ad litem or guardian ad litem in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.
State Affairs

SB 1930 **Garcia**
Relating to the appointment of counsel in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.
State Affairs

SB 1931 **Garcia**
Relating to the appointment of an attorney ad litem for a parent in certain suits affecting the parent-child relationship.
State Affairs

SB 1932 **Garcia**
Relating to the payment of permanency care assistance.
Health & Human Services

SB 1933 **Garcia**
Relating to an exemption from the sales and use tax for items sold through a vending machine operated by certain nonprofit organizations.
Finance

SB 1934 **Campbell**
Relating to requirements for the issuance of a driver's license or personal identification certificate.
State Affairs

SB 1935 **Campbell**
Relating to protection of the rights of conscience for child welfare services providers.
Health & Human Services

SB 1936 **Kolkhorst**
Relating to the recovery of damages resulting from an emergency transfer of water authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 1937 **Kolkhorst**
Relating to civil penalties levied and disciplinary proceedings conducted against certain covered entities.
Health & Human Services

SB 1938 **Huffman**
Relating to the creation of an additional family district court for Fort Bend County.
State Affairs

SB 1939 **Huffman**
Relating to contributions to, benefits from, and the administration of systems and programs administered by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
State Affairs

SB 1940 **Huffman**
Relating to contributions to, benefits from, and the administration of systems and programs administered by Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
State Affairs

SB 1941 **Huffman**

Relating to service credit and benefits under and funding requirements for the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

State Affairs

SB 1942

Huffman

Relating to the doctrine of forum non conveniens.

State Affairs

SB 1943

Huffman/ Bettencourt

Relating to the duty to report child abuse or neglect.

Health & Human Services

SB 1944

Huffman

Relating to the disposition of certain firearms seized by a law enforcement agency.

Criminal Justice

SB 1945

Fraser

Relating to establishing competitive retail electricity options for customers served by certain municipally owned utilities.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1946

Fraser

Relating to the application of the open meetings and public information laws to the Texas Mutual Insurance Company.

Business & Commerce

SB 1947

Zaffirini

Relating to alternative road construction methods.

Transportation

SB 1948

Nichols

Relating to certain holders of motor home manufacturer's and dealer's licenses.

Transportation

SB 1949

Hinojosa

Relating to the allocation of Texas Emissions Reduction Plan funds.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1950

Hinojosa

Relating to the fee collected for the provision of providing street lights in a subdivision in the unincorporated area of certain counties and the authority of said county to obtain a lien against property of a landowner to secure payment of a fee for the installation, operation, and maintenance of street lights.

Business & Commerce

SB 1951

Hinojosa

Relating to the promotion of tourism related to the musical heritage of this state.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1952

Hinojosa

Relating to a requirement that a hospital allow a patient to designate a caregiver to receive aftercare instruction regarding the patient.

Health & Human Services

SB 1953

**Hinojosa/ Rodríguez/ Uresti/
Zaffirini**

Relating to the establishment of the Texas-Mexico Commission.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1954

Hinojosa

Relating to the authority and obligations of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and the Public Utility Commission of Texas to comply with and implement a Clean Power Plan.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1955

Hinojosa

Relating to the control of access to state highways by the Texas Department of Transportation.
Transportation

SB 1956 **Hinojosa**
Relating to property tax lenders and property tax loans.
Business & Commerce

SB 1957 **Hinojosa**
Relating to the payment of property taxes through the use of property tax loans or other means.
Business & Commerce

SB 1958 **Hinojosa**
Relating to the election of certain county bail bond board members.
Criminal Justice

SB 1959 **Hinojosa**
Relating to peace officers commissioned by the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners.
Criminal Justice

SB 1960 **Hinojosa**
Relating to the release of bulk criminal history record information by certain individuals and agencies.
Criminal Justice

SB 1961 **Hinojosa**
Relating to the appointment and duties of criminal magistrates for certain courts in Hidalgo County.
State Affairs

SB 1962 **Hinojosa**
Relating to the awarding of certain contracts of the Veterans' Land Board to veteran-owned businesses.
Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 1963 **Hinojosa**
Relating to The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley's authority to contract with federal agencies to provide healthcare to veterans.
Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 1964 **Hinojosa**
Relating to certain fees assessed in Hidalgo County district courts including fees assessed by the Hidalgo county clerk.
State Affairs

SB 1965 **Hinojosa**
Relating to low income housing tax credits awarded for at-risk developments.
Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1966 **Hinojosa**
Relating to identification and implementation of hospital funding solutions.
Health & Human Services

SB 1967 **Hinojosa**
Relating to space utilization and online enrollment requirements for the issuance of revenue bonds by certain public institutions of higher education.
Higher Education

SB 1968 **Huffman**
Relating to the organization of public employees.
State Affairs

SB 1969 **Huffman**
Relating to ethics of public servants, including the functions and duties of the Texas Ethics Commission; the regulation of political contributions, political advertising, lobbying, and conduct of public servants; and the reporting of political contributions and expenditures and personal financial information; providing civil and criminal penalties.
State Affairs

SB 1970 **Huffman**
Relating to increasing the electronic filing fee for certain courts of law.
State Affairs

SB 1971 **Huffman**
Relating to the transfer of the regulation of licensed dyslexia practitioners and licensed dyslexia therapists to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.
Health & Human Services

SB 1972 **Huffman**
Relating to the creation of a grant program to provide money for security at certain major events; authorizing fees.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1973 **Taylor, Van**
Relating to the names of certain businesses.
Business & Commerce

SB 1974 **Zaffirini**
Relating to the adoption of uniform rules for hours of work for certain county employees.
Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1975 **Zaffirini**
Relating to a study of the economic cost of significant oil and gas activity in rural areas of the state.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1976 **Lucio**
Relating to the establishment and administration of a program designed to increase the availability of affordable housing.
Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1977 **Lucio**
Relating to the use of hunting license fees to help feed hungry Texans.
Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 1978 **Lucio**
Relating to a voluntary contribution to help feed hungry Texans when a person applies for a hunting license.
Agriculture, Water & Rural Affairs

SB 1979 **Hall**
Relating to the study of the fiscal impact on local governments in Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall Counties of restructuring the NorthSTAR behavioral health system and the effective implementation the Sunset Commission Health and Human Services Commission Issue 9 recommendation.
Health & Human Services

SB 1980 **Garcia**
Relating to the participation of an advanced practice nurse as a primary care provider for certain governmental and other health benefit plans.
Health & Human Services

SB 1981 **Bettencourt**
Relating to the eligibility of persons to participate in an ad valorem tax sale of real property.
Finance

SB 1982 **Kolkhorst**
Relating to the exemption from auctioneer regulation of certain motor vehicle auctions.
Transportation

SB 1983 **Seliger**
Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of pollution control property.
Finance

SB 1984 **Huffman**

Relating to the canvass of election returns for the offices of governor and lieutenant governor.
State Affairs

SB 1985 **Uresti**
Relating to the appraisal for ad valorem tax purposes of a real property interest in oil or gas in place.
Finance

SB 1986 **Taylor, Larry**
Relating to authorizing a recreation and wellness facility fee at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.
Higher Education

SB 1987 **Menéndez**
Relating to specialty license plates for people with a hearing impairment.
Transportation

SB 1988 **Menéndez**
Relating to a leasehold or other possessory interest in real property granted by a public facility corporation for a public facility.
Business & Commerce

SB 1989 **Menéndez**
Relating to underwriting standards for developments receiving an allocation of low income housing tax credits administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.
Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1990 **Menéndez**
Relating to the disclosure of information about water used in hydraulic fracturing.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1991 **Menéndez**
Relating to a cost-of-living adjustment applicable to certain benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
State Affairs

SB 1992 **Taylor, Van**
Relating to a restriction on the use of certain political contributions from a single source in the month before an election.
State Affairs

SB 1993 **Nelson**
Relating to making supplemental appropriations and giving direction and adjustment authority regarding appropriations.
Finance

SB 1994 **Bettencourt**
Relating to municipal control of certain public retirement systems established for the benefit of municipal employees.
State Affairs

SB 1995 **Menéndez**
Relating to the establishment of a health care pilot program for low-income individuals.
Business & Commerce

SB 1996 **Menéndez**
Relating to installment payments of ad valorem taxes imposed on certain residence homesteads.
Finance

SB 1997 **Menéndez**
Relating to the authority of a property owner to enter into a property tax loan if the property is already subject to a lien securing such a loan.
Business & Commerce

SB 1998 **Menéndez**

Intergovernmental Relations

Health & Human Services

Criminal Justice

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