

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

**Wednesday
April 23, 2025**

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

SJR 85 Bettencourt/ et al.

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the market value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled.

SB 23 Bettencourt/ et al.

Relating to an increase in the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district of the appraised value of the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled and the protection of school districts against certain losses in local revenue.

SB 826 (LC) Parker/ et al.

Relating to the operation of a motor vehicle in a school crossing zone while intoxicated; increasing a criminal penalty.

SB 844 (CS) Hughes/ et al.

Relating to procedures for changes to a zoning regulation or district boundary.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 957 (LC) Parker/ et al.

Relating to the creation of the criminal offense of continuous aggravated promotion of prostitution.

SB 1413 (CS) (LC) Nichols/ et al.

Relating to the procedure for amending or revoking certificates of public convenience and necessity issued to certain water utilities.

SB 1539 (LC) Bettencourt

Relating to requirements and procedures in the contest of an election on a proposed constitutional amendment.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 1583 (LC) Blanco

Relating to management plans adopted by groundwater conservation districts.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 1642 (CS) Schwertner/ et al.

Relating to the administration of the Texas Department of Insurance, including the appointment of the state commission of insurance.

SB 1643 (CS) Schwertner/ et al.

Relating to prior approval of certain property and casualty insurance rate increases or decreases.

SB 1789 (CS) Schwertner

Relating to electric service quality and reliability.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 1883 (CS) Bettencourt/ et al.

Relating to the approval of land use assumptions, capital improvement plans, and impact fees.

SB 1963 Creighton

Relating to a financing mechanism allowing electric utilities to obtain recovery of costs associated with a weather-related event or other natural disaster; granting authority to issue bonds.

SB 2024 (CS) (LC) **Perry/ et al.**
Relating to a prohibition on marketing, advertising, or selling certain e-cigarette products; creating a criminal offense.
1 Floor Amendment

SB 2626 **Campbell/ Paxton/ et al.**
Relating to ectopic pregnancies and continuing education for certain physicians and nurses regarding treatment of certain pregnancy-related conditions.

SB 2774 **Hinojosa, Adam**
Relating to the classification of certain entities as primarily engaged in retail trade for purposes of the franchise tax.

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

SB 825 (CS) **Middleton/ et al.**
Relating to an annual study on the economic, environmental, and financial impact of illegal immigration in this state.

SB 1870 (CS) (LC) **Perry**
Relating to municipal and county enforcement of drug and consumable hemp product laws; providing civil penalties.

SB 2010 (CS) **Bettencourt/ et al.**
Relating to the authority of a political subdivision to establish and operate a guaranteed income program.

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

SB 240 (CS) **Middleton/ et al.**
Relating to the designation and use of certain spaces and facilities according to biological sex; authorizing a civil penalty and a private civil right of action.

SB 618 (CS) (LC) **Sparks/ et al.**
Relating to the unlawful altering of election procedures; providing a civil penalty.
1 Floor Amendment

SB 870 **Birdwell/ et al.**
Relating to the open carrying of a handgun by a uniformed school marshal.

SB 1257 (CS) **Hughes/ et al.**
Relating to required health benefit plan coverage for gender transition adverse effects and reversals.

SB 1727 (CS) (LC) **Perry/ Creighton/ Flores/
Hinojosa, Juan "Chuy"/
Huffman/ et al.**
Relating to procedures related to juvenile justice proceedings, the adjudication and disposition of cases involving delinquent conduct, and certain offenses or conduct committed by a child or by a person placed in or committed to certain juvenile facilities; changing the eligibility for community supervision.
1 Floor Amendment

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 424 **Johnson**
Recognizing April 23, 2025, as Balch Springs Day at the State Capitol.

SR 428 **Middleton**
In memory of South Belt community leader and activist Marie Flickinger.

SCR 29 **Blanco**
Designating El Paso as the official Boot Capital of Texas for a 10-year period ending in 2035.

SCR 42 **Hughes/ et al.**
Urging the state to adopt the policy to recognize two sexes, male and female.

SCR 49 **Eckhardt/ Hughes/ Parker/ West**
Recognizing Austin Oaks Church on the occasion of its 100th anniversary.

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Committee referral on the following:

Relating to the creation of the Alluvium Ranch Municipal Management District No. 1; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

Local Government

Relating to the creation of the River Ranch Municipal Utility District No. 1; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Local Government

Relating to public education and public school finance.

Education K-16

Relating to establishing the Applied Sciences Pathway program.

Education K-16

Relating to career and technology education programs in public schools, the Financial Aid for Swift Transfer (FAST) program, the Rural Pathway Excellence Partnership (R-PEP) program, and a high school advising program, including funding for those programs under the Foundation School Program, and to the new instructional facility allotment and the permissible uses of funding under the Foundation School Program.

Education K-16

Relating to the administration, authority, and duties of the Health and Human Services Commission's office of inspector general.

Health & Human Services

Relating to contracting with a school district or open-enrollment charter school by a vendor with whom a member of the board of trustees or governing body of the district or school or a related individual has certain business interests; creating a criminal offense.

Education K-16

Relating to the payment of support rights and other benefits for a child in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

Health & Human Services

Relating to a screening for the risk of commercial sexual exploitation of certain children.

Health & Human Services

Relating to the course levels offered at Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College.

Education K-16

Hull/ et al.

Health & Human Services

Metcalfe/ Capriglione

Education K-16

Fairly/ Shaheen/ Frank/ Howard/

Health & Human Services

Ashby/ Holt/ Bumgarner/

Criminal Justice

Villalobos/ et al.

Local Government

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