



# *Legislative Report and Outlook*

SAFE-D  
2021 Fall Event  
September 17, 2021



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# SAFE-D Legislative Insider

- Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> – Last day of Session, Sine Die
  - \*Sine Die means without having a further date for activities
- Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> - Governor must sign or veto bills or they become effective
- Governor considering mid-July Special Session?
  - Article 10 veto backlash
  - Legislative Branch budget, public funds for lobbying, transgender, voter ID, other issues?



# Final Statistics

## Bill Statistics

Session: 87R

06-03-2021 - 16:00:40

(Passed means Sent to the Governor, Signed, FWOS, Vetoes, Filed with SOS, and Election Date)

		Democrat		Republican		Total		
Bill Type	Range	Filed	Passed	Filed	Passed	Filed	Passed	
House Bills	HB 1 - HB 4671	2567	183	2104	404	4671	587	13%
House Concurrent Resolutions	HCR 1 - HCR 119	48	9	71	41	119	50	42%
House Joint Resolutions	HJR 2 - HJR 165	64	1	99	3	163	4	2%
Senate Bills	SB 1 - SB 2259	1140	182	1116	303	2256	485	21%
Senate Concurrent Resolutions	SCR 1 - SCR 60	18	10	42	36	60	46	77%
Senate Joint Resolutions	SJR 11 - SJR 68	28	0	30	4	58	4	7%

\*source Telicon

\* Nearly 7600 bills and JRs filed in 2019



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# Chamber Actions

- House: SB29 (transgender sports bill), SB10 (taxpayer funded lobbying bill) and SB12 (social media censorship bill) all died in the House when they did not pass by midnight on May 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - SB10 was postponed until September 18 (Rep. Middleton's birthday)
  - Rep. Middleton had prefiled 4 amendments
- Senate: essentially killed most of the local and consent calendar on May 26<sup>th</sup> as retribution for the House failing to pass bills, this included HB 639



# Chamber Actions

- State Budget approved by Legislature: Conference Committee Report on SB 1 issued Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> and adopted May 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Requires legislative approval of Federal grant money related to ARPA
  - BUT Governor vetoed Article 10 funding for legislative branch
- SB 7 – election bill – failed because House Democrats broke a quorum and walked out Sunday night at 10:40pm
  - May 30<sup>th</sup> was deadline for action on Conference Committee Reports





Of the 500 bills we were monitoring...

# BILLS OF INTEREST



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# COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE



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**Bill Number:** TX87RHB 639

**Author:** White, James

**Sponsor:** Schwertner, Charles

By White, James. Relating to the authority of an emergency services district to provide public health services.

Bill History			
House	Description of Action	Date	Stat
H	Filed	11-24-20	19%
H	Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs	3- 1-21	19%
H	Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.014 <b>STORY</b> -- House County Affairs	4- 1-21	32%
H	Committee action pending House County Affairs	4- 1-21	29%
H	Voted favorably from committee as substituted House County Affairs	4-13-21	43%
H	Reported from committee as substituted House County Affairs <b>VOTE</b>	4-19-21	44%
H	Set on the House Calendar	5-12-21	50%
H	Set on the House Calendar	5-13-21	50%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 11:56pm 	5-13-21	65%
H	Committee substitute adopted	5-13-21	62%
H	Passed to third reading	5-13-21	58%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 1:37pm 	5-14-21	65%
H	Passed <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 117/N: 10)	5-14-21	59%
S	Received in the Senate	5-17-21	67%
S	Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Local Government	5-17-21	71%
S	Meeting set for 2:00 P.M., E1.028 <b>STORY</b> -- Senate Local Government	5-19-21	81%
S	Committee action pending Senate Local Government	5-19-21	75%
S	Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Local Government	5-21-21	78%
S	Reported from committee as substituted Senate Local Government <b>VOTE</b>	5-22-21	79%
S	Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar	5-22-21	97%
S	Set on the Local Calendar	5-26-21	98%
S	Withdrawn from the Local Calendar	5-26-21	67%
- End of History -			

**HB 639 DEAD, withdrawn from last Senate Local & Consent Calendar**

**SAFE-D will work with Governor to take up issue in Special Session due to importance for COVID19 disaster response and other rural health initiatives**



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# SB 2 RELATED BILLS



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**Bill Number:** TX87RHB 2429**Author:** Meyer, Morgan**Sponsor:** Bettencourt, Paul

By Meyer, Morgan. Relating to the alternate provisions for ad valorem tax rate notices when the de minimis rate of a taxing unit exceeds the voter-approval tax rate.

Bill History			
House	Description of Action	Date	Stat
H	Filed	2-26-21	19%
H	Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means	3-16-21	19%
H	Meeting set for 10:00 A.M., JHR 140 -- House Ways and Means	3-22-21	32%
H	Committee action pending House Ways and Means	3-22-21	29%
H	Voted favorably from committee on House Ways and Means	3-24-21	45%
H	Reported favorably from committee on House Ways and Means <b>VOTE</b>	3-30-21	46%
H	Set on the House Calendar	4- 8-21	50%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 1:45pm 	4- 8-21	65%
H	Passed to third reading	4- 8-21	58%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 10:54am 	4- 9-21	65%
H	Passed <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 145/N: 0)	4- 9-21	59%
S	Received in the Senate	4-12-21	67%
S	Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Local Government	4-13-21	71%
S	Reported favorably from committee on Senate Local Government <b>VOTE</b>	4-21-21	85%
S	Set on the Local Calendar	4-29-21	98%
S	Passed on local calendar <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 31/N: 0)	4-29-21	99%
G	Sent to the Governor	5- 4-21	100%
G	Signed by the Governor	5-15-21	100%
G	Earliest effective date	5-15-21	100%
- Companion Legislation -			
SB 1429	Bettencourt, Paul (Identical)		
S	Voted favorably from committee on Senate Local Government	4-19-21	
- End of History -			

**HB 2429 Clarifies notice process when proposed tax rate exceed 3.5% Voter Approval Rate, but does not exceed 8% Voter Approval Rate (affects MOST ESDs)**

**Signed by Governor and effective as of May 15, 2021**



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Bill TX87RSB  
Number: 1438

Author: Bettencourt,  
Paul

Sponsor: Meyer,  
Morgan

By Bettencourt, Paul. Relating to the effect of a disaster on the calculation of certain tax rates and the procedure for adoption of a tax rate by a taxing unit.

Bill History			
House	Description of Action	Date	Stat
S	Filed	3-10-21	19%
S	Introduced and referred to committee on <a href="#">Senate Finance</a>	3-18-21	19%
S	Meeting set for 10:00 A.M., E1.036 <a href="#">STORY</a> -- Senate Finance	4-12-21	32%
S	Voted favorably from committee on <a href="#">Senate Finance</a>	4-12-21	45%
S	Reported favorably from committee on <a href="#">Senate Finance</a> <a href="#">VOTE</a>	4-13-21	46%
S	First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for	4-14-21	46%
S	Placed on the Senate Calendar for	4-19-21	47%
S	Laid out for consideration in the Senate 2:48pm <a href="#">C</a>	4-19-21	61%
S	<a href="#">2 Floor amendment(s) adopted</a>	4-19-21	54%
S	Passed to third reading <a href="#">VOTE</a> (Y: 21/N: 10)	4-19-21	58%
S	Laid out for consideration in the Senate 3:10pm <a href="#">C</a>	4-19-21	61%
S	Passed <a href="#">VOTE</a> (Y: 21/N: 10)	4-19-21	59%
H	Received in the House	4-20-21	57%
H	Referred to House Committee on <a href="#">House Ways and Means</a>	4-21-21	58%
H	Voted favorably from committee on <a href="#">House Ways and Means</a>	4-23-21	84%
H	Reported favorably from committee on <a href="#">House Ways and Means</a> <a href="#">VOTE</a>	4-23-21	85%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 11:03am <a href="#">C</a>	4-28-21	93%
H	<a href="#">3 Floor amendment(s) adopted</a>	4-28-21	89%
H	Passed to third reading	4-28-21	95%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 10:47am <a href="#">C</a>	4-29-21	93%
H	Passed <a href="#">VOTE</a> (Y: 103/N: 43)	4-29-21	96%
S	Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar	5- 5-21	92%
S	Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar	5- 6-21	92%
S	Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar	5-10-21	92%
S	Laid out for consideration in the Senate 5:04pm <a href="#">C</a>	5-10-21	61%
S	Senate refused to concur in House amendments Bettencourt, Perry, Hinojosa, Schwertner and Creighton	5-10-21	75%
H	Set on the House Items Eligible Calendar	5-14-21	81%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 2:23pm <a href="#">C</a>	5-14-21	93%
H	House appointed conference committee Conferees: Meyer-chair, Burrows, Guillen, Metcalf and Noble	5-14-21	77%
H	Conference committee report filed	5-28-21	91%
S	Senate adopted conference report <a href="#">VOTE</a> (Y: 22/N: 9)	5-29-21	97%
H	Set on the House Items Eligible Calendar	5-30-21	81%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 2:59pm <a href="#">C</a>	5-30-21	93%
H	House adopted conference report <a href="#">VOTE</a> (Y: 127/N: 15)	5-30-21	100%
G	Sent to the Governor	6- 1-21	100%

**SB 1438 Clarifies “disasters” under Chapter 26 of Tax Code – by requiring that at least one person receive relief from taxes as a result of property damage**

**Effective immediately if not vetoed**






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**Bill** TX87RHB  
**Number:** 1869

**Author:** Burrows,  
Dustin

**Sponsor:** Bettencourt,  
Paul

By Burrows, Dustin. Relating to the definition of debt for the purposes of calculating certain ad valorem tax rates of a taxing unit.

Bill History			
House	Description of Action	Date	Stat
H	Filed	2-11-21	19%
H	Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means	3-11-21	19%
H	Meeting set for 10:00 A.M., JHR 140 -- House Ways and Means	3-22-21	32%
H	Committee action pending House Ways and Means	3-22-21	29%
H	Voted favorably from committee as amended House Ways and Means	4-12-21	60%
H	Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Ways and Means	4-21-21	43%
H	Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means <b>VOTE</b>	4-26-21	44%
H	Set on the House Calendar	5- 3-21	50%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 2:31pm 	5- 3-21	65%
H	Postponed on second reading until 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 4, 2021	5- 3-21	13%
H	Set on the House Calendar	5- 4-21	50%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 1:18pm 	5- 4-21	65%
H	Postponed on second reading until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 4, 2021	5- 4-21	13%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 2:10pm 	5- 4-21	65%
H	Committee substitute adopted	5- 4-21	62%
H	3 Floor amendment(s) adopted	5- 4-21	54%
H	Passed to third reading	5- 4-21	58%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 11:30am 	5- 5-21	65%
H	Postponed on third reading until 12:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 5, 2021	5- 5-21	60%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 7:00pm 	5- 5-21	65%
H	7 Floor amendment(s) adopted	5- 5-21	54%
H	Passed <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 111/N: 29)	5- 5-21	59%
S	Received in the Senate	5- 6-21	67%
S	Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Local Government	5-10-21	71%
S	Meeting set for 11:30 A.M., EXT AUDITORIUM <b>STORY</b> -- Senate Local Government	5-17-21	81%
S	Committee action pending Senate Local Government	5-17-21	75%
S	Voted favorably from committee on Senate Local Government	5-21-21	84%
S	Reported from committee as substituted Senate Local Government <b>VOTE</b>	5-22-21	79%
S	First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for	5-25-21	79%
S	Laid out for consideration in the Senate 12:27pm 	5-25-21	96%
S	Committee substitute adopted	5-25-21	94%
S	Passed to third reading <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 21/N: 9)	5-25-21	95%
S	Laid out for consideration in the Senate 12:36pm 	5-25-21	96%
S	Passed <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 20/N: 10)	5-25-21	96%
H	Set on the House Items Eligible Calendar	5-28-21	95%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 4:25pm 	5-28-21	65%
H	Rep. Martinez Fischer moves to instruct the conferees	5-28-21	67%
H	House refused to concur in Senate amendments Conferees: Burrows-chair, Cyrier, Meyer, Middleton and Rodriguez	5-28-21	84%
S	Senate appointed conference committee Bettencourt, Hall, Kolkhorst, Lucio and Springer	5-28-21	82%
S	Conference committee report filed	5-28-21	91%
S	Senate adopted conference report <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 20/N: 10)	5-29-21	97%
H	Set on the House Items Eligible Calendar	5-30-21	95%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 2:15pm 	5-30-21	65%
H	House adopted conference report <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 72/N: 67)	5-30-21	95%
G	Sent to the Governor	6- 1-21	100%

## HB 1869 Limits definition of debt for purposes of calculating Voter Approval Tax Rate by tying debt to certain purposes

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**Bill Number:** TX87RHB 2723      **Author:** Meyer, Morgan      **Sponsor:** Bettencourt, Paul

By Meyer, Morgan. Relating to public notice of the availability on the Internet of property-tax-related information.

Bill History			
House	Description of Action	Date	Stat
H	Filed	3- 3-21	19%
H	Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means	3-17-21	19%
H	Meeting set for 10:00 A.M., JHR 140 <b>STORY</b> -- House Ways and Means	3-29-21	32%
H	Committee action pending House Ways and Means	3-29-21	29%
H	Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Ways and Means	3-31-21	43%
H	Reported from committee as substituted House Ways and Means <b>VOTE</b>	4- 7-21	44%
H	Set on the House Calendar	4-14-21	50%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 12:01pm 	4-14-21	65%
H	Committee substitute adopted	4-14-21	62%
H	Passed to third reading <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 148/N: 0)	4-14-21	58%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 10:36am 	4-15-21	65%
H	Passed <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 144/N: 0)	4-15-21	59%
S	Received in the Senate	4-19-21	67%
S	Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Local Government	4-19-21	71%
S	Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Local Government	5- 3-21	78%
S	Reported from committee as substituted Senate Local Government <b>VOTE</b>	5- 5-21	79%
S	Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar	5- 5-21	97%
S	First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for	5-10-21	97%
S	Placed on the Senate Calendar for	5-11-21	94%
S	Laid out for consideration in the Senate 12:47pm 	5-11-21	96%
S	Committee substitute adopted	5-11-21	94%
S	Passed <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 30/N: 0)	5-11-21	96%
H	Set on the House Items Eligible Calendar	5-18-21	95%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 12:20pm 	5-18-21	65%
H	House concurred in Senate amendments <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 144/N: 0)	5-18-21	100%
G	Sent to the Governor	5-20-21	100%
G	Signed by the Governor	6- 3-21	100%

**HB 2723 Creates statewide website for property tax information – [www.Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](http://www.Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) - and requires notice information related to site**



**Becomes effective immediately if not vetoed – but website and revised notices not required until January 1, 2022**

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# POLITICAL FUNDS FOR LOBBYING



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**Bill Number:** TX87RSB 10      **Author:** Bettencourt, Paul      **Sponsor:** Paddie, Chris

By Bettencourt, Paul. Relating to the use by a county or municipality of public money for lobbying activities.

Bill History			
House	Description of Action	Date	Stat
S	Filed	3-10-21	19%
S	Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government	3-11-21	19%
S	Meeting set for 11:00 A.M. OR 30 MINUTES ADJ., 2E.20 -- Senate Local Government	4- 6-21	32%
S	Committee action pending Senate Local Government	4- 6-21	29%
S	Reported from committee as substituted Senate Local Government <b>VOTE</b>	4-12-21	44%
S	First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for	4-13-21	44%
S	Placed on the Senate Calendar for	4-15-21	47%
S	Laid out for consideration in the Senate 10:43am 	4-15-21	61%
S	Committee substitute adopted	4-15-21	62%
S	2 Floor amendment(s) adopted	4-15-21	54%
S	Passed to third reading <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 17/N: 13)	4-15-21	58%
S	Laid out for consideration in the Senate 12:00pm 	4-15-21	61%
S	Passed <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 17/N: 13)	4-15-21	59%
H	Received in the House	4-15-21	57%
H	Referred to House Committee on House State Affairs	4-20-21	58%
H	Voted favorably from committee as substituted House State Affairs	5-14-21	78%
H	Reported from committee as substituted House State Affairs <b>VOTE</b>	5-19-21	79%
H	Set on the House Calendar	5-24-21	80%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 4:45pm 	5-24-21	93%
H	Postponed on second reading until 8:00 p.m., Monday, May 24, 2021	5-24-21	83%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 8:52pm 	5-24-21	93%
H	Postponed on second reading until 6:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 25, 2021	5-24-21	83%
H	Set on the House Calendar	5-25-21	80%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 6:31pm 	5-25-21	93%
H	Postponed on second reading until 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 25, 2021	5-25-21	83%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 9:03pm 	5-25-21	93%
H	Postponed on second reading until 10:05 p.m., Tuesday, May 25, 2021	5-25-21	83%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 10:21pm 	5-25-21	93%
H	Postponed on second reading until September 18, 2021	5-25-21	83%
H	Bill pronounced dead by procedural action	5-25-21	83%

**SB 10 DIED in House – postponed until after Sine Die due to pre-filed amendments**

**Likely issue for Special Session**



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# EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS







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Bill TX87RHB  
Number: 2073

Author: Burrows,  
Dustin

Sponsor: Springer, Drew  
(F)

By Burrows, Dustin. Relating to quarantine leave for fire fighters, peace officers, and emergency medical technicians employed by, appointed by, or elected for a political subdivision.

Bill History			
House	Description of Action	Date	Stat
H	Filed	2-23-21	19%
H	Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs	3-15-21	19%
H	Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.014 <b>STORY</b> -- House County Affairs	3-18-21	32%
H	Committee action pending House County Affairs	3-18-21	29%
H	Voted favorably from committee on House County Affairs	3-25-21	45%
H	Reported favorably from committee on House County Affairs <b>VOTE</b>	3-30-21	46%
H	Set on the House Calendar	4- 6-21	50%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 2:27pm 	4- 6-21	65%
H	Passed to third reading	4- 6-21	58%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 10:16am 	4- 7-21	65%
H	1 Floor amendment(s) adopted	4- 7-21	54%
H	Passed <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 146/N: 0)	4- 7-21	59%
S	Received in the Senate	4- 8-21	67%
S	Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Local Government	4-12-21	71%
S	Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Local Government	5-19-21	78%
S	Reported from committee as substituted Senate Local Government <b>VOTE</b>	5-21-21	79%
S	Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar	5-21-21	97%
S	First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for	5-24-21	97%
S	Set on the Local Calendar	5-26-21	98%
S	Placed on the Senate Calendar for	5-25-21	94%
S	Laid out for consideration in the Senate 7:00pm 	5-26-21	96%
S	Committee substitute adopted	5-26-21	94%
S	Passed <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 31/N: 0)	5-26-21	96%
H	Set on the House Items Eligible Calendar	5-28-21	95%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 6:31pm 	5-28-21	65%
H	House concurred in Senate amendments <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 146/N: 0)	5-28-21	100%
G	Sent to the Governor	5-31-21	100%

**HB 2073 Requires Quarantine of firefighters and EMTs exposed to COVID AND requires paid leave and continuation of benefits**



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**Bill Number:** TX87RHB 2171**Author:** Metcalf, Will**Sponsor:** Creighton, Brandon

By Metcalf, Will. Relating to the eligibility of certain retired firefighters and emergency medical services providers to purchase continued health benefits coverage.

Bill History			
House	Description of Action	Date	Stat
H	Filed	2-24-21	19%
H	Introduced and referred to committee on <a href="#">House Pensions/Investments/Financial Services</a>	3-15-21	19%
H	Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.036 -- House Pensions/Investments/Financial Services	3-24-21	32%
H	Committee action pending <a href="#">House Pensions/Investments/Financial Services</a>	3-24-21	29%
H	Voted favorably from committee on <a href="#">House Pensions/Investments/Financial Services</a>	3-31-21	45%
H	Reported favorably from committee on <a href="#">House Pensions/Investments/Financial Services</a> <b>VOTE</b>	4-13-21	46%
H	Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar	4-13-21	63%
H	Set on the Local Calendar	4-23-21	63%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 9:48am 📺	4-23-21	65%
H	Passed to third reading on local calendar	4-23-21	75%
H	Passed on local calendar <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 146/N: 0)	4-23-21	71%
S	Received in the Senate	4-26-21	67%
S	Referred to Senate Committee on <a href="#">Senate Local Government</a>	5- 3-21	71%
S	Voted favorably from committee as substituted <a href="#">Senate Local Government</a>	5-10-21	78%
S	Reported from committee as substituted <a href="#">Senate Local Government</a> <b>VOTE</b>	5-13-21	79%
S	Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar	5-13-21	97%
S	First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for	5-17-21	97%
S	Set on the Local Calendar	5-19-21	98%
S	Committee substitute adopted	5-19-21	94%
S	Passed on local calendar <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 31/N: 0)	5-19-21	99%
H	Set on the House Items Eligible Calendar	5-23-21	95%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 0:01am 📺	5-24-21	65%
H	House concurred in Senate amendments <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 146/N: 0)	5-24-21	100%
G	Sent to the Governor	5-26-21	100%

**HB 2171 requires continuation of benefits for retired firefighters and EMS personnel in ESDs in counties with more than 150,000**

**Effective September 2, 2021 if not vetoed**



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# MISCELLANEOUS BILLS



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**Bill Number:** TX87RHB 1154**Author:** Jetton, Jacey (F)**Sponsor:** Kolkhorst, Lois

By Jetton, Jacey. Relating to the requirement that certain political subdivisions cause certain information to be posted on an Internet website.

Bill History			
House	Description of Action	Date	Stat
H	Filed	1-15-21	19%
H	Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs	3- 4-21	19%
H	Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.014 <b>STORY</b> -- House County Affairs	4- 1-21	32%
H	Committee action pending House County Affairs	4- 1-21	29%
H	Voted favorably from committee as substituted House County Affairs	4- 6-21	43%
H	Reported from committee as substituted House County Affairs <b>VOTE</b>	4-12-21	44%
H	Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar	4-12-21	63%
H	Set on the Local Calendar	4-23-21	63%
H	Postponed on second reading to the end of the calendar	4-23-21	13%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 10:02am 	4-23-21	65%
H	Committee substitute adopted	4-23-21	62%
H	Passed to third reading on local calendar	4-23-21	75%
H	Passed on local calendar <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 146/N: 0)	4-23-21	71%
S	Received in the Senate	4-26-21	67%
S	Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Local Government	5-13-21	71%
S	Meeting set for 9:00 A.M., E1.028 <b>STORY</b> -- Senate Local Government	5-21-21	81%
S	Committee action pending Senate Local Government	5-21-21	75%
S	Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Local Government	5-21-21	78%
S	Reported from committee as substituted Senate Local Government <b>VOTE</b>	5-24-21	79%
S	Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar	5-24-21	97%
S	First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for	5-26-21	97%
S	Laid out for consideration in the Senate 1:25am 	5-27-21	96%
S	Committee substitute adopted	5-27-21	94%
S	Passed <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 31/N: 0)	5-27-21	96%
H	Set on the House Items Eligible Calendar	5-28-21	95%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 6:11pm 	5-28-21	65%
H	House concurred in Senate amendments <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 148/N: 0)	5-28-21	100%
G	Sent to the Governor	5-31-21	100%

**HB 1154 relates to internet posting of certain information requires internet posting of information already reported to other agencies and allows referral to web links.**





**The bill lists the information required for posting on website and is effective September 1, 2021 if not vetoed**

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**Bill Number:** TX87RHB 2494

**Author:** Metcalf, Will

By Metcalf, Will. Relating to the election of emergency services commissioners in certain emergency services districts.

Bill History			
House	Description of Action	Date	Stat
H	Filed	3- 1-21	19%
H	Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs	3-16-21	19%
H	Meeting set for 10:30 A.M. OR ADJ., E2.014 <b>STORY</b> -- House County Affairs	3-25-21	32%
H	Committee action pending House County Affairs	3-25-21	29%
H	Voted favorably from committee on House County Affairs	3-30-21	45%
H	Reported favorably from committee on House County Affairs <b>VOTE</b>	4- 1-21	46%
H	Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar	4- 1-21	63%
H	Set on the Local Calendar	4-16-21	63%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 10:01am 	4-16-21	65%
H	Passed to third reading on local calendar	4-16-21	75%
H	Passed on local calendar <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 145/N: 0)	4-16-21	71%
S	Received in the Senate	4-19-21	67%
S	Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Local Government	4-20-21	71%
S	Voted favorably from committee on Senate Local Government	5- 3-21	84%
S	Reported favorably from committee on Senate Local Government <b>VOTE</b>	5- 5-21	85%
S	Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar	5- 5-21	97%
S	First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for	5-10-21	97%
S	Placed on the Senate Calendar for	5-11-21	94%
S	Laid out for consideration in the Senate 12:16pm 	5-11-21	96%
S	Passed <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 30/N: 0)	5-11-21	96%
G	Sent to the Governor	5-12-21	100%
G	Signed by the Governor	5-24-21	100%
G	Earliest effective date	9- 1-21	100%

## HB 2494 removes single member districts for Orange County ESDs



**Signed by Governor, effective Sept. 1, 2021.**



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**Bill Number:** TX87RSB 709**Author:** Hall, Bob**Sponsor:** Canales, Terry

By Hall, Bob. Relating to the continuation and functions of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection.

Bill History			
House	Description of Action	Date	Stat
S	Filed	3- 5-21	19%
S	Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government	3-11-21	19%
S	Meeting set for 1:00 P.M., EXT AUDITORIUM <b>STORY</b> -- Senate Local Government	3-22-21	32%
S	Committee action pending Senate Local Government	3-22-21	29%
S	Meeting set for 10:00 A.M., EXT AUDITORIUM <b>STORY</b> -- Senate Local Government	3-29-21	32%
S	Voted favorably from committee as substituted Senate Local Government	3-29-21	43%
S	Reported from committee as substituted Senate Local Government <b>VOTE</b>	3-31-21	44%
S	Recommended for Local/Uncontested Calendar	3-31-21	56%
S	First placement on Senate Intent Calendar for	4- 7-21	56%
S	Set on the Local Calendar	4- 9-21	63%
S	Committee substitute adopted	4- 9-21	62%
S	Passed on local calendar <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 31/N: 0)	4- 9-21	71%
H	Received in the House	4-12-21	57%
H	Referred to House Committee on House Urban Affairs	4-14-21	58%
H	Voted favorably from committee as substituted House Urban Affairs	4-21-21	78%
H	Reported from committee as substituted House Urban Affairs <b>VOTE</b>	5- 5-21	79%
H	Set on the House Calendar	5-18-21	80%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 11:35am 	5-18-21	93%
H	Committee substitute adopted	5-18-21	94%
H	Passed to third reading	5-18-21	95%
H	Laid out for consideration in the House 11:01am 	5-19-21	93%
H	Passed <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 145/N: 1)	5-19-21	96%
S	Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar	5-20-21	92%
S	Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar	5-21-21	92%
S	Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar	5-22-21	92%
S	Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar	5-24-21	92%
S	Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar	5-25-21	92%
S	Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar	5-26-21	92%
S	Set on the Senate Items Eligible Calendar	5-27-21	92%
S	Senate concurred in House amendments <b>VOTE</b> (Y: 31/N: 0)	5-27-21	100%

**SB 709 Provides for the continuation of the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. Limits members to single terms of six years – no consecutive terms allowed and sends all fees to State general fund.**



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# Other Bills –Died

- HB 4140 – Counties and other governmental entities shell bill
- HB 2323 – ESD annexation bill
- HB 1034 – County authority for fire code and WUI code
- HB 553 – ESD Budgets and tax rates approved by County





# Other Bills – Died

- HB 2811 – clarified treatment of Tier II hazardous chemical information under the Public Information Act
- SB 861 – allowed virtual meetings
- SB 1189 – prohibited city from removing territory from ESD if it cannot provide service
- HJR 115 – Raised ESD Constitutional Tax Cap to \$0.15



# Other Bills –Died

- HB 2966 – Repealed de minimis
- HB 1887 – limited term of debt
- HB 3100 – limited on contracts with non-profits
- HB 768 – required records of audio/video recording on web



# 1<sup>ST</sup> SPECIAL SESSION



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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Session

- SB 1, Election Reform
  - bans drive-thru and 24-hour voting, extends some early voting hours and gives more power to poll watchers
- SB 6, Bond reform
  - Some criminal defendants required to pay cash to get out of jail. Personal bond cannot be granted if the suspect is charged with a violent crime or if the suspect is charged while out on bail.
  - Creates a searchable public safety report system to keep track of defendants, their criminal history and any bail set.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Session

- HB 9 - Border security
  - Added another \$1.88 billion to for security efforts along the border, including building a wall to the \$1.05 billion set aside in the regular season.
- HB 20 - Social media censorship
  - Political viewpoints protected on social media. Bans social media platforms from censoring political views and requires those sites to create a complaint system.
- HB 7 - Nuclear waste
  - Prohibits disposing/storing spent fuel rods from nuclear power plants in Texas. Legislative proposal to store the nuclear waste -- which can remain radioactive for hundreds of thousands of years



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Session

- SB 4 - Abortion pills
  - Limiting access to abortion-inducing pills. Doctors cannot prescribe them for women who are more than 7 weeks pregnant.
- HB 5 - Legislative funding
  - Overrides veto of Article X, which pays for Legislative Reference Library, staff salaries and benefits, etc. Funding was going to run out.
- SB 15 - Virtual learning
  - More access to virtual learning for students that passed STAAR exam. Provides funding for virtual classes for the next two years.



# 3<sup>RD</sup> SPECIAL SESSION



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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Session

- ARPA
- Redistricting
- Student competition in University Interscholastic League athletic competitions designated for the sex opposite to the student's sex at birth.
- Whether any state or local governmental entities in Texas can mandate that an individual receive a COVID-19 vaccine and, if so, what exemptions should apply to such mandate.
- Restraint of dogs





*Questions?*



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