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[HB 432](#) [Schofield, Mike\(R\)](#) Relating to the location where certain sales are consummated for purposes of local sales and use taxes.

Remarks: Changes point of sales tax application to place item is stored before sale rather than address to which item is shipped.

Bill History: 11-14-22 H Filed
02-23-23 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

[HB 1204](#) [Martinez, Armando\(D\)](#) Relating to the authority of a municipality to remove territory from an emergency services district following annexation.

Companions: [SB 1189](#) [Buckingham, Dawn\(R\)](#) (Refiled from 87R Session)

Remarks: Allows ESD to stop cities from removing territory by annexation if annexation and removal would reduce level of services by certain amounts.

Bill History: 03-03-23 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management
04-05-23 H Meeting set for 8:00 A.M., E2.028, House Land and Resource Management
04-05-23 H Committee action pending House Land and Resource Management

[HB 1775](#) [Thompson, Ed\(R\)](#) Relating to the election of board members of certain emergency services districts.

Companions: [SB 660](#) [Eckhardt, Sarah\(D\)](#) (Identical)
4- 8-23 S Removed from hearing 04/11/23, Senate Local Government

Remarks: Requires election of commissioners in counties with more than 200,000 population.

Bill History: 05-10-23 H Passed (Vote: Y:120/N: 23)
05-11-23 S Received in the Senate
05-11-23 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Local Government

[HB 1776](#) [Thompson, Ed\(R\)](#) Relating to the expansion of the territory of an emergency services district into the territory of a municipality.

Companions: [HB 4492](#) [Harris, Caroline \(F\)\(R\)](#) (Identical)
3-21-23 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management
[SB 659](#) [Eckhardt, Sarah\(D\)](#) (Identical)
4- 8-23 S Removed from hearing 04/11/23, Senate Local Government

Remarks: Adds requirement for City consent to annexation of territory within City limits or ETJ by ESD. Only allows override if more than 50% of landowners and registered voters petition for services (similar to creation override). Refusal to act constitutes consent. Effectively allows a city to enforce its will rather than the will of the voters. Excludes Harris County.

Bill History: 01-27-23 H Filed
03-07-23 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management

[HB 2220](#) [Harrison, Brian\(R\)](#) Relating to the calculation of certain ad valorem tax rates of a taxing unit and the manner in which a proposed ad valorem tax rate that exceeds the voter-approval tax rate is approved.

Remarks: Eliminates Special Taxing Unit Designation (entities with tax rate of \$0.025 or less); and converts from 8% voter approval rate to 3.5% VAR

Bill History: 02-13-23 H Filed
03-09-23 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 2221 Harrison, Brian(R) Relating to the vote required in an election to approve an ad valorem tax rate that exceeds a taxing unit's voter-approval tax rate.

Remarks: Requires 60% vote to raise property tax revenue year over year.

Bill History: 02-13-23 H Filed
03-09-23 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 2730 Rosenthal, Jon(D)
Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the adoption and amendment of an annual budget by certain emergency services districts.

Remarks: Requires election to amend budget in Harris County

Bill History: 05-05-23 S Referred to Senate Committee on Senate Local Government
05-08-23 S Meeting set for 9:45 A.M., E1.028, Senate Local Government
05-08-23 S Committee action pending Senate Local Government

HB 3538 Troxclair, Ellen (F)(R) Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying activities.

Companions: **HB 749** Middleton, Mayes(R) (Refiled from 87R Session)
SB 175 Middleton, Mayes (F)(R) (Identical)
4-13-23 H Referred to House Committee on House State Affairs

Remarks: HB 3538 prohibits political subdivisions, including ESDs, from: hiring an individual required to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305 for the purpose of lobbying a member of the legislature; or paying a nonprofit state association or organization that: (A) primarily represents political subdivisions; and (B) hires or contracts with an individual required to register as a lobbyist under Chapter 305. The bill also provides a private citizen the right to pursue injunctive relief and recover court costs and legal fees if successful.

Bill History: 03-06-23 H Filed
03-16-23 H Introduced and referred to committee on House State Affairs

HB 4275 Rogers, Glenn(R) Relating to territory in an emergency services district that is annexed by a municipality.

Remarks: Clarifies the process for removal of territory from an ESD by a city and requires a service plan to show maintaining level of services. Gives ESD power to stop removal if level of service is not maintained. Requires compensation for services if ESD continues to respond.

Bill History: 04-24-23 H Reported favorably from committee on House Land and Resource Management
05-10-23 H Set on the House Calendar
05-11-23 H Set on the House Calendar

HB 4492 Harris, Caroline (F)(R) Relating to the expansion of the territory of an emergency services district into the territory of a municipality.

Companions: **HB 1776** Thompson, Ed(R) (Identical)
3- 7-23 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management
SB 659 Eckhardt, Sarah(D) (Identical)
4- 8-23 S Removed from hearing 04/11/23, Senate Local Government

Remarks: Adds requirement for City consent to annexation of territory within City limits or ETJ by ESD. Only allows override if more than 50% of landowners and registered voters petition for services (similar to creation override). Refusal to act constitutes consent. Effectively allows a city to enforce its will rather than the will of the voters. Excludes Harris County.

Bill History: 03-09-23 H Filed
03-21-23 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Land and Resource Management

HB 4717 Cortez, Philip(D) Relating to authorizing an emergency services district to impose an ad valorem tax for the acquisition of land, equipment, or apparatus or the construction of capital improvements.

Companions: **HJR 178** Cortez, Philip(D) (Enabling)
3-23-23 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Remarks: Enabling legislation for HJR 178, which allows ESDs to adopt up to \$0.05 debt tax rate above \$0.10 constitutional tax cap.

Bill History: 03-10-23 H Filed
03-22-23 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

HB 4878 Rogers, Glenn(R) Relating to the authority of an emergency services district to determine whether other persons may provide emergency services in the district.

Remarks: Provides ESD with exclusive authority to determine who provides emergency services within ESD.

Bill History: 05-12-23 H Committee substitute adopted
05-12-23 H Passed to third reading on local calendar
05-12-23 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:140/N: 0)

HB 4922 Oliverson, Tom(R) Relating to the authority of an emergency services district to provide preventive health care services.

Companions: **SB 334** Schwertner, Charles(R) (Identical)
4-27-23 S Committee action pending Senate Local Government

Remarks: REFILE from 87th. Allows ESDs to perform preventive health care service.

Bill History: 05-12-23 H Laid out for consideration in the House at 10:35am
05-12-23 H Passed to third reading on local calendar
05-12-23 H Passed on local calendar (Vote: Y:140/N: 0)

HB 4954 Slawson, Shelby(R) Relating to oversight by a county commissioners court of certain emergency services districts.

Companions: **SB 2098** Birdwell, Brian(R) (Identical)
3-21-23 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

Remarks: Applies El Paso County oversight of ESD budget and tax rate to Hood County. Oversight includes optional approval of budget, tax rate, construction process, and transaction. See 775.301-.306

Bill History: 05-08-23 H Voted favorably from committee on House County Affairs
05-10-23 H Reported favorably from committee on House County Affairs
05-10-23 H Recommended for Local and Consent Calendar

HB 5047 Wilson, Terry(R) Relating to the imposition of sales and use tax after a municipality annexes an area in an emergency services district.

Remarks: Allows a city to collect all sales tax in an area that it annexes within an ESD, even if it does not remove that area from an ESD, if it intends to be the sole provider of emergency services to the area at some undefined point in time.

Bill History: 03-23-23 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means
04-17-23 H Meeting set for 10:00 A.M., JHR 140, House Ways and Means
04-17-23 H Committee action pending House Ways and Means

HB 5199 Morales, Eddie(D) Relating to the creation of the Big Bend Regional Emergency Service District.

Remarks: Provides for creation of an ESD through collaboration between Brewster, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties.

Bill History: 03-10-23 H Filed
03-24-23 H Introduced and referred to committee on House County Affairs

HJR 178 Cortez, Philip(D) Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the imposition of an additional ad valorem tax for emergency services districts, subject to voter approval, at a rate not to exceed five cents.

Companions: **HB 4717** Cortez, Philip(D) (Enabling)
3-22-23 H Introduced and referred to committee on House Ways and Means

Remarks: Allows ESDs to adopt up to \$0.05 debt tax rate above \$0.10 constitutional tax cap.

Bill History: 03-10-23 H Filed
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SB 175 Middleton, Mayes (F)(R) Relating to the use by a political subdivision of public funds for lobbying activities.

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Bill History: 04-06-23 S Passed (Vote: Y: 19/N: 12)
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04-13-23 H Referred to House Committee on House State Affairs

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04-08-23 S Removed from hearing 04/11/23, Senate Local Government

SB 976 Middleton, Mayes (F)(R) Relating to the procedure for the adoption of an ad valorem tax rate by a taxing unit.

Bill History: 03-03-23 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government
04-27-23 S Meeting set for 8:45 A.M., E1.016, Senate Local Government
04-27-23 S Committee action pending Senate Local Government

SB 978 Bettencourt, Paul(R) Relating to the repeal of provisions providing for the calculation and effect of a de minimis ad valorem tax rate.

Companions: [HB 2966](#) Tinderholt, Tony(R) (Refiled from 87R Session)

Remarks: Eliminates de minimis tax rate calculations from TNT process - effectively requires election for ANY increase of more than 3.5% in no-new-revenue rate

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Bill History: 03-09-23 S Filed
03-21-23 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

SB 2330 Bettencourt, Paul(R)

Relating to the authorization and reporting of expenditures for lobbying activities by certain political subdivisions and other public entities.

Remarks: Authorizes a political subdivision to hire lobbyist only if authorized by a majority vote of the governing body of the political subdivision in an open meeting of the governing body as a separate item. Requires reporting amount, name of lobbyist and contract to Texas Ethics Commission and posting on website. Requires reporting of public money spent for membership fees and dues of any nonprofit state association that directly or indirectly influences or attempts to influence the outcome of legislation pending before the legislature. Requires the TEC to create searchable database on its website. Allows injunctive relief if a political subdivision or other entity does not comply.

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03-23-23 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

SB 2435 Schwertner, Charles(R)

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Bill History: 03-10-23 S Filed
03-23-23 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

SB 2470 Springer, Drew(R)

Relating to the removal of a territory by a municipality.

Remarks: Clarifies process for removal of territory by a city and requires compensation to ESD is ESD continues to service until the City reaches the same level of services.

Bill History: 03-10-23 S Filed
03-23-23 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

SB 2547 Blanco, Cesar(D)

Relating to the creation of the Big Bend Regional Emergency Service District.

Remarks: Provides for creation of an ESD through collaboration between Brewster, Jeff Davis, and Presidio Counties.

Bill History: 03-10-23 S Filed
03-23-23 S Introduced and referred to committee on Senate Local Government

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