

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

**Tuesday
April 13, 2021**

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

**SJR 45 (CS) Birdwell/ Bettencourt/ Blanco/
 Buckingham/ Campbell/ et al.**

Proposing a constitutional amendment regarding the powers of the governor, the legislature, and the supreme court following certain disaster or emergency declarations.

SB 23 (CS) Huffman/ et al.

Relating to an election to approve a reduction or reallocation of funding or resources for certain municipal or county law enforcement agencies.

2 Floor Amendments

SB 40 (CS) (LC) Zaffirini/ et al.

Relating to the provision of telehealth services by certain health professionals licensed by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

SB 89 (CS) (LC) Menéndez/ et al.

Relating to supplemental information required for inclusion with a written statement of an individualized education program developed for certain public school students who received special education services during the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year.

SB 165 Blanco

Relating to an exception to dropped course limitations at public institutions of higher education for courses dropped during a disaster that results in a bar or limit on in-person course attendance.

SB 454 (CS) (LC) Kolkhorst/ et al.

Relating to mental health services development plans as updated by the Health and Human Services Commission and local mental health authority groups.

SB 630 (LC) Hinojosa

Relating to the election of directors and administration of the Agua Special Utility District.

SB 730 (CS) (LC) Hall

Relating to the designation of the portion of State Highway 66 in Rockwall County as the Commissioner David Magness Memorial Highway.

SB 876 (CS) Hancock/ et al.

Relating to the county in which a person may apply for the registration of and title for a motor vehicle.

**SB 938 (CS) Campbell/ Gutierrez/ Hall/
 Powell/ et al.**

Relating to an exemption from the franchise tax and certain filing fees for certain businesses owned by veterans during an initial period of operation in the state.

SB 1018 (CS) (LC) Zaffirini/ et al.

Relating to an early voting ballot voted by mail.

**SB 1025 (CS) Birdwell/ Bettencourt/ Blanco/
 Buckingham/ Campbell/ et al.**

Relating to the authority of the legislature, governor, and certain political subdivisions with respect to disasters and emergencies.

3 Floor Amendments

**SB 1116 (LC) Bettencourt/ Birdwell/ Creighton/
 Hall/ Kolkhorst/ et al.**

Relating to a county, city, or independent school district posting election results on an Internet website.

SB 1132 (LC) **Johnson/ Paxton**
Relating to the regulation of crafted precious metal dealers; authorizing the change of a fee.

SB 1179 (LC) **Birdwell**
Relating to the procedure for donating juror reimbursements.

SB 1251 (CS) **Miles**
Relating to authorizing certain joint graduate degree programs between The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston and The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center.

SB 1525 (CS) **Creighton/ et al.**
Relating to the administration of the governor's university research initiative.

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

SB 14 (CS) **Creighton/ Bettencourt/
Buckingham/ Campbell/ Hall/
et al.**
Relating to the regulation by a municipality or county of certain employment benefits and policies.

SB 179 (CS) **Lucio/ et al.**
Relating to the use of public school counselors' work time.

SB 1336 **Hancock/ Bettencourt/ Birdwell/
Buckingham/ Campbell/ et al.**
Relating to a limit on the rate of growth of certain appropriations.

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

SB 1340 (CS) **Buckingham**
Relating to voter qualification and registration.
1 Floor Amendment

SB 1529 (CS) **Huffman**
Relating to the creation of the Texas Court of Appeals to hear certain cases; authorizing fees.
2 Floor Amendments

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 226 **West**
Honoring the memory of Christine Mae Blubaugh and all victims of teenage dating violence.

SR 237 **Campbell/ Powell**
Recognizing April 13, 2021, as Alzheimer's Association State Advocacy Day at the State Capitol.

SR 238 **Gutierrez**
In memory of Ida Gonzales Ramos.

SR 242 **Zaffirini/ Alvarado/ Buckingham/
Campbell/ Creighton/ et al.**
Recognizing April 13, 2021, as Texas Women Judges' Day.

SR 243 **Birdwell/ Hancock/ Hughes/
Paxton/ Taylor**
Congratulating the Baylor University men's basketball team for winning the 2021 National Collegiate Athletic Association championship title.

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

Committee referral on the following:

SR 5 **Hall**

Recognizing that all businesses are essential and all Texans who want to work should be free to earn a living free from government interference.

Business & Commerce

SB 2203 Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the Waller County Municipal Utility District No. 38; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Local Government

SB 2204 Kolkhorst

Relating to the creation of the Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 250; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Local Government

**HB 39 Neave/ Cook/ Moody/ Morales
Shaw**

Relating to protective orders; making conforming changes.

Criminal Justice

HB 79 Murr

Relating to associate judges for guardianship proceedings and protective services proceedings in certain courts.

Jurisprudence

**HB 115 Rodriguez/ Craddick/ Cole/
Hinojosa/ Goodwin/ et al.**

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain property owned by a charitable organization and used in providing housing and related services to certain homeless individuals.

Finance

HB 135 Minjarez/ Canales/ Sherman, Sr.

Relating to notifying an alleged perpetrator of child abuse or neglect of the person's right to record an investigative interview.

Health & Human Services

HB 187 Thompson, Senfronia

Relating to the consideration of a subsequent writ of habeas corpus in certain felony cases.

Criminal Justice

HB 317 Murr/ Buckley/ Guillen

Relating to prohibiting discrimination against living organ donors by certain insurers.

Business & Commerce

HB 362 Sherman, Sr.

Relating to the authority of a county to require electronic bids or proposals for competitive bidding.

Local Government

HB 375 Smith/ Guillen/ Minjarez

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of continuous sexual abuse of young child or disabled individual; creating a criminal offense.

Criminal Justice

**HB 428 King, Ken/ Leach/ Kacal/
Canales/ et al.**

Relating to health benefit plan coverage for ovarian cancer testing and screening.

Business & Commerce

HB 454 Metcalf

Relating to the creation of a specialty treatment court for certain individuals residing with a child who is the subject of a juvenile court case.

Criminal Justice

HB 626 Rosenthal/ Tinderholt

Relating to the expansion of the Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) Grant Program to include certain nonprofit organizations providing job training to veterans.

Veteran Affairs & Border Security

HB 719 **White/ Collier**

Relating to Texas Department of Criminal Justice transfer facilities.

Criminal Justice

HB 723 **Patterson/ Button/ Johnson, Julie/
Turner, John/ Shaheen/ et al.**

Relating to notice of a modification to the medical certification information on certain death certificates.

Health & Human Services

HB 735 **Minjarez**

Relating to service contracts for leased or purchased motor vehicles.

Business & Commerce

HB 780 **Oliverson/ Zwiener/ Howard/
Klick/ Collier/ et al.**

Relating to the establishment of a bone marrow donor recruitment program.

Health & Human Services

HB 786 **Oliverson/ Tinderholt/ Morales,
Eddie/ Canales**

Relating to required cardiopulmonary resuscitation training for telecommunicators.

Health & Human Services

HB 840 **Moody**

Relating to the selection of public members to serve on a county's salary grievance committee.

Local Government

HB 876 **Craddick**

Relating to fees charged by certain persons for the method used for payments made under an agreement.

Business & Commerce

HB 917 **Hernandez/ Anchia/ Rogers/ et al.**

Relating to the composition of the board of trustees of the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

Finance

HB 976 **Price/ Leach/ Ashby/ Martinez/
Moody/ et al.**

Relating to the appointment of a judge or magistrate to preside over a regional specialty court program and the authority of that judge or magistrate in cases referred to the program.

Jurisprudence

HB 977 **Metcalf/ Toth**

Relating to a petition filed for a place on the ballot for the board of directors for the Montgomery County Hospital District.

Local Government

HB 1081 **Kuempel/ Guillen**

Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to honor recipients of the Presidential Service Badge.

Transportation

HB 1116 **Thompson, Ed/ Oliverson/ Allen/
Perez**

Relating to toll collection and enforcement on state highway toll lanes by entities other than the Texas Department of Transportation.

Transportation

HB 1147 **Huberty/ Guillen**

Relating to military readiness for purposes of the college, career, or military readiness outcomes bonus under the Foundation School Program.

Education

HB 1228 **Leman**
Relating to the membership of the board of managers for certain emergency communication districts.
Local Government

HB 1264 **Bell, Keith/ Cain/ Harless/ et al.**
Relating to the time for making required reports of deceased residents of this state to a voter registrar and to the secretary of state.
State Affairs

HB 1419 **Hull/ White/ Patterson/ Morales, Eddie/ Price/ et al.**
Relating to the duties of a law enforcement agency regarding missing children and missing persons and to the duties of a justice of the peace or other investigator regarding unidentified bodies.
Criminal Justice

HB 1428 **Huberty**
Relating to procurement by a political subdivision of a contingent fee contract for legal services.
Jurisprudence

HB 1571 **Muñoz, Jr.**
Relating to an exemption for certain cemeteries from cemetery location restrictions.
Business & Commerce

HB 1603 **Huberty/ Spiller**
Relating to the use of individual graduation committees and other alternative methods to satisfy certain public high school graduation requirements.
Education

HB 1916 **Turner, Chris/ Pacheco/ Patterson/ Anchia/ et al.**
Relating to prohibiting certain telemarketing calls by a credit access business.
Business & Commerce

HB 2005 **Meyer**
Relating to an exemption for certain cemeteries from cemetery location restrictions.
Business & Commerce

HB 2089 **Burrows**
Relating to the detection and mitigation of plant pests and diseases.
Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs

HB 2167 **Morrison**
Relating to the designation of the portion of U.S. Highway 77 in Refugio County as the Second Lieutenant Lloyd "Pete" Hughes Medal of Honor Memorial Highway.
Transportation

HB 2305 **Thompson, Senfronia/ Darby/ Hernandez/ Guillen/ Kuempel/ et al.**
Relating to the Texas Real Estate Research Center, the Real Estate Research Advisory Committee, and the Texas Real Estate Commission; increasing a fee.
Business & Commerce

HB 2429 **Meyer/ Shine**
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.
Local Government

HB 2533 **Darby**
Relating to the performance of a real property evaluation for use by certain financial institutions.
Business & Commerce

HB 2536 **Krause/ Cook/ Swanson/ Neave/ et al.**

Relating to neglect of a child and the grounds for termination of the parent-child relationship and possession of a child by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

State Affairs

HB 2586

**Thierry/ Paddie/ Harless/ Button/
Goldman/ et al.**

Relating to an annual audit of the independent organization certified for the ERCOT power region.

Jurisprudence

HB 2678

Bonnen

Relating to the designation of the portion of State Highway 3 in Dickinson as the Sergeant Andrew James Creighton Memorial Highway.

Transportation

(CS) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

(LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR