

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

**Monday
March 13, 2023**

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

SB 578 (LC) Zaffirini/ et al.

Relating to the confidentiality of certain personal information of an applicant for or a person protected by a protective order.

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

SB 2 Hughes/ et al.

Relating to conduct constituting the criminal offense of illegal voting; increasing a criminal penalty.

Committee referral on the following:

**SJR 2 Parker/ Alvarado/ Bettencourt/
 Blanco/ Campbell/ et al.**

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation a portion of the market value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income.

Finance

SJR 4 Bettencourt/ Huffman/ Parker

Proposing a constitutional amendment excepting certain appropriations to pay for school district ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations.

Finance

SJR 5 Huffman

Proposing a constitutional amendment renaming the national research university fund as the Texas University Fund, providing for the appropriation of certain investment income from the economic stabilization fund to the Texas University Fund, excepting appropriations to and from the Texas University Fund from the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations, and appropriating money from the general revenue fund to the Texas University Fund to be spent for purposes of providing funding to certain public institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy.

Finance

SJR 87 Huffman

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation certain tangible personal property held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products as a finished good or used in the manufacturing or processing of medical or biomedical products.

Finance

SB 4 Bettencourt/ Huffman/ Parker

Relating to the maximum compressed tax rate of a school district.

Finance

**SB 5 Parker/ Alvarado/ Bettencourt/
 Blanco/ Campbell/ et al.**

Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of a portion of the appraised value of tangible personal property a person owns that is held or used for the production of income and a franchise tax credit for the payment of certain related ad valorem taxes.

Finance

- SB 8** **Creighton/ Bettencourt/
Campbell/ King/ Middleton/ et al.**
Relating to public education, including parental rights and public school responsibilities regarding instructional materials and the establishment of an education savings account program.
Education
- SB 9** **Creighton/ Bettencourt/
Campbell/ Hinojosa/ Huffman/
et al.**
Relating to the rights, certification, and compensation of public school educators and assistance provided to public schools by the Texas Education Agency related to public school educators and to certain allotments under the Foundation School Program.
Education
- SB 10** **Huffman/ Alvarado/ Bettencourt/
Birdwell/ Blanco/ et al.**
Relating to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
Finance
- SB 12** **Hughes**
Relating to restricting certain sexually oriented performances on public property, on the premises of a commercial enterprise, or in the presence of a child; authorizing a civil penalty; creating a criminal offense.
State Affairs
- SB 16** **Hughes**
Relating to the purpose of public institutions of higher education and a prohibition on compelling students enrolled at those institutions to adopt certain beliefs.
Education
- SB 17** **Creighton/ Campbell/ King/
Kolkhorst/ Middleton/ et al.**
Relating to public higher education reform; authorizing administrative penalties.
Education
- SB 18** **Creighton/ Campbell/ Flores/
King/ Kolkhorst/ et al.**
Relating to tenure and employment status at public institutions of higher education in this state.
Education
- SB 19** **Huffman**
Relating to the administration and investment of, and distribution and use of money from, certain constitutional and statutory funds to support general academic teaching institutions in achieving national prominence as major research universities and driving the state economy; redesignating the national research fund as the Texas University Fund.
Finance
- SB 21** **Huffman**
Relating to conduct of and complaints against current and former judges.
State Affairs
- SB 22** **Springer/ Blanco/ Creighton/
Eckhardt/ Hall/ et al.**
Relating to the establishment of grant programs to provide financial assistance to qualified sheriff's departments, district attorney's offices, and county attorney's offices in rural counties.
Finance
- SB 25** **Kolkhorst/ Alvarado/ Bettencourt/
Blanco/ Campbell/ et al.**
Relating to support for nursing-related postsecondary education, including scholarships to nursing students, loan repayment assistance to nurses and nursing faculty, and grants to nursing education programs.
Health & Human Services

SB 1427

Flores

Relating to certain criminal conduct and organizations that threaten the security of this state and its residents and borders; increasing criminal penalties.

Border Security

SB 1900

Birdwell

Relating to foreign terrorist organizations, including the acquisition of title to real property by, the compilation of information regarding, certain civil actions brought against, and the prosecution of certain organized crime offenses involving a foreign terrorist organization.

Border Security

SB 2010

Schwertner/ King

Relating to reporting by the market monitor of potential manipulation of the wholesale electric market.

Business & Commerce

SB 2011

Schwertner/ King

Relating to the authority of the Public Utility Commission of Texas to impose administrative penalties and enter into voluntary mitigation plans; increasing an administrative penalty.

Business & Commerce

SB 2012

Schwertner/ King

Relating to electricity services; increasing an administrative penalty.

Business & Commerce

SB 2013

Schwertner/ King

Relating to access to and the security of certain critical infrastructure.

Business & Commerce

SB 2014

King/ Schwertner

Relating to the legislature's goals for renewable electric generating capacity.

Business & Commerce

SB 2015

King/ Schwertner

Relating to the legislature's goals for electric generation capacity in this state.

Business & Commerce

SB 2424

Birdwell

Relating to creation of the criminal offense of improper entry from foreign nation.

Border Security

Committee re-referral on the following:

SJR 3

**Bettencourt/ Alvarado/ Birdwell/
Blanco/ Campbell/ et al.**

Proposing a constitutional amendment to increase the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district and to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in the exemption amount.

Re-referred from Local Government to Finance

SB 3

**Bettencourt/ Alvarado/ Birdwell/
Blanco/ Campbell/ et al.**

Relating to an increase in the amount of the exemption of residence homesteads from ad valorem taxation by a school district, an adjustment in the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in the exemption amount, and the protection of school districts against the resulting loss in local revenue.

Re-referred from Local Government to Finance

(LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR