SENATE FLOOR ACTION

Thursday April 13, 2023

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

SJR 87 Huffman/ et al.

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 26 (CS) Kolkhorst/ Alvarado/ Bettencourt/ Blanco/ Campbell/ et al.

Relating to local mental health authority and local behavioral health authority audits and mental and behavioral health reporting, services, and programs.

SB 409 (CS) (LC) Hinojosa/ et al.

Relating to the rights of victims, guardians of victims, and close relatives of deceased victims in the criminal justice system.

SB 422 (CS) (LC) Paxton/ et al.

Relating to the authority of certain military service members to engage in a business or occupation in this state.

SB 681 (LC) Johnson

Relating to the applicability of certain laws regarding the occupational licensing of individuals with criminal convictions to the licensing of certain long-term health care facility personnel.

SB 786 (LC) Birdwell/ et al.

Relating to the regulation by the Railroad Commission of Texas of closed-loop geothermal injection wells.

SB 902 (CS) West/ et al.

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Leadership Scholars Program.

SB 930 (CS) (LC) Middleton

Relating to the publication of opinions by a court.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 956 LaMantia/ et al.

Relating to repealing the coordinated strategic plan for health and human services in this state, including related conforming amendments.

SB 1133 (CS) (LC) Blanco/ Flores/ Hinojosa/ Kolkhorst/ Perry/ et al.

Relating to a grant program to compensate landowners for property damage caused by certain criminal activities.

5 Floor Amendments

SB 1213 (CS) (LC) Zaffirini

Relating to the establishment of the Mold Assessment and Remediation Advisory Board under the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 1222 (CS) (LC) Zaffirini

Relating to regulation of appraisers and the duties of the Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

SB 1364 Alvarado

Relating to weight limitations for certain natural gas or electric vehicles.

SB 1429 (LC) Hinojosa

Relating to the use of standardized examinations by a school of nursing or educational program.

SB 1562 (LC) Hancock/ Huffman/ et al.

Relating to creating the criminal offense of child grooming.

SB 1577 (CS) (LC) Menéndez/ Schwertner

Relating to the Texas Real Estate Research Center, the Real Estate Research Advisory Committee, the Texas Real Estate Commission, and the Texas Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board; increasing a fee; authorizing a fee.

SB 1745 (LC) Perry

Relating to the equalization of the rates of production fees charged on certain wells by the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District; authorizing an increase in the rate of the fee.

SB 2289 Huffman/ et al.

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of 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.

1 Floor Amendment

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

SB 13 (CS) Paxton/ Bettencourt/ Creighton/ Hughes/ Middleton/ et al.

Relating to a school district's library materials and catalog, the creation of local school library advisory councils, and parental rights regarding public school library catalogs and access by the parent's child to library materials.

1 Floor Amendment

SB 1039 (CS) Bettencourt/ Hughes/ et al.

Relating to processes to address election irregularities; providing a civil penalty.

SB 1911 (CS) Bettencourt/ et al.

Relating to election supplies and the conduct of elections; creating criminal offenses; increasing criminal penalties.

SB 1933 (CS) Bettencourt/ et al.

Relating to certain oversight procedures of the state over county elections.

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 406 LaMantia

Recognizing Helen Ramirez on her appointment as city manager of Brownsville.

SR 407 LaMantia

Recognizing Juan "Trey" Mendez III for his public service.

SR 414 Flores

Recognizing Tanya Tucker for her contributions to country music.

Committee referral on the following:

SCR 42 Hinojosa

Designating December 8 as Special Hearts Day for a 10-year period beginning in 2023.

Administration

SB 2601 Hinojosa

Relating to payment of costs related to the relocation of certain utility facilities for state highway projects.

Transportation

SB 2604 Miles

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 589; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Local Government

SB 2605 Flores

Relating to the creation of the Knob Creek Municipal Utility District of Bell County; granting a limited power of eminent domain; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments, fees, and taxes.

Local Government

SB 2606 Creighton

Relating to the creation and operation of a development zone by and the tax revenue received by The Woodlands Township; providing authority to issue bonds; providing authority to impose assessments and taxes.

Local Government

HB 90 Patterson/ Buckley/ Cook/ Raymond/ Shine/ et al.

Relating to benefits for certain members of the Texas military forces and survivors of members of the Texas military forces.

Finance

HB 165 Johnson, Ann/ Bonnen/ Kuempel/ Landgraf/ Ordaz/ et al.

Relating to the prosecution of and punishment for an aggravated assault occurring as part of a mass shooting; increasing a criminal penalty.

Criminal Justice

HB 242 Howard/ Johnson, Julie/ Slawson/

Leach/ et al.

Relating to liability for the donation and distribution of feminine hygiene products.

State Affairs

HB 492 Craddick/ Morales, Eddie

Relating to the creation and operation of a mental health services district by the Midland County Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, and the Ector County Hospital District.

Health & Human Services

HB 793 Noble/ Hull/ Campos/ Manuel/

Klick/ et al.

Relating to the selection and reimbursement of certain persons providing services required under a service plan filed by the Department of Family and Protective Services.

Health & Human Services

HB 914 Hefner/ Goldman/ Canales/

Moody/ Lopez, Janie/ et al.

Relating to temporary vehicle tags and the offense of tampering with a governmental record.

Criminal Justice

HB 1088 Johnson, Ann

Relating to the representation of a community supervision and corrections department in cases in which a person under the supervision of that department challenges the fact or duration of the supervision.

Criminal Justice

HB 1337 Hull/ Oliverson/ Harless/

González, Jessica/ Johnson, Ann/

et al.

Relating to step therapy protocols required by health benefit plans for coverage of prescription drugs for serious mental illnesses.

Health & Human Services

HB 1748 Leach/ et al.

Relating to the use of a facsimile signature on certain public securities and related certificates. **Business & Commerce**

Guillen/ Cain **HB 2970**

Relating to the municipal regulation of HUD-code manufactured homes. **Local Government**

- (CS) COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE (LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR