

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

**Tuesday
January 29, 2013**

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 8 **Watson**
Recognizing November of 2013 as Texas Philanthropy Month.

SR 37 **Zaffirini**
Recognizing the members of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association.

SR 60 **Williams/ Nichols**
Recognizing January 29, 2013, as Leadership Southeast Texas Day at the State Capitol.

SR 66 **Lucio**
Recognizing January 29, 2013, as Brownsville Day at the State Capitol.

Committee referral on the following:

SJR 5 **Campbell**
Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the rights of individuals to choose or decline to choose to purchase health insurance coverage.
State Affairs

SJR 6 **Ellis**
Proposing a constitutional amendment providing immediate additional revenue for the state budget by creating the Texas Gaming Commission, authorizing and regulating the operation of casino games and slot machines by a limited number of licensed operators and certain Indian tribes, and authorizing a limited state video lottery system to be operated at horse and greyhound racetracks and on Indian tribal lands.

State Affairs

SJR 7 **Ellis**
Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the governor to grant one or more reprieves in a capital case.
Criminal Justice

SJR 8	Ellis
Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the state to expand eligibility for the Medicaid program to certain persons.	
Health & Human Services	

SJR 9

Nichols

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes to 105 percent or less of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year and to permit the voters of a county to establish a higher limitation not to exceed 110 percent on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead in the county.

Finance

SJR 10 **Patrick/ et al.**

Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the limitation on the rate of growth in appropriations and the use of unencumbered surplus state revenues to provide for a rebate of state franchise taxes, to reduce public school district property taxes, and to fund the state's rainy day fund.

Finance

SJR 11**Rodríguez**

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing elections for the recall of independent school district trustees.

State Affairs**SJR 12****Ellis/ Carona**

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the periodic review of state and local tax preferences and providing an expiration date for certain tax preferences.

Finance**SJR 13****Eltife**

Proposing a constitutional amendment limiting to two the number of consecutive terms for which a person may be elected or appointed to hold certain state offices.

State Affairs**SJR 14****Patrick**

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of commercial or industrial real property for ad valorem tax purposes to 110 percent or more of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year.

Finance**SJR 15****Patrick**

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to set a lower limit on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.

Finance**SJR 16****Van de Putte**

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action.

Finance**SJR 17****Estes**

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the appropriation of the net revenue received from the imposition of the state sales and use tax on sporting goods.

Finance**SJR 18****Carona**

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the making of a reverse mortgage loan for the purchase of homestead property and to amend certain requirements in connection with a reverse mortgage loan.

Business & Commerce**SJR 19****Eltife/ et al.**

Proposing a constitutional amendment discontinuing the authority to issue bonded indebtedness on behalf of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

Finance**SCR 1****Nelson**

Designating April as Water Safety Month for a 10-year period beginning in 2013.

Administration**SCR 2****Ellis**

Urging the United States Congress to propose and submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution that overturns Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission, establishing that the spending of money to influence elections shall not be construed as speech under the First Amendment, and clarifying that only natural persons are protected by constitutional rights.

State Affairs**SCR 3****Lucio**

Urging Congress to rename the Harlingen Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic as the Kay Bailey Hutchison Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic at Harlingen.

Administration

SCR 6**Estes/ et al.**

Urging Congress to reimburse the State of Texas for bearing the financial burden of the federal government's responsibility to secure the Texas-Mexico international border during the 2012-2013 budget cycle.

Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security**SB 4****Fraser/ et al.**

Relating to the administration and functions of the Texas Water Development Board.

Natural Resources**SB 101****Patrick/ et al.**

Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations and the use of surplus state revenues.

Finance**SB 102****Patrick**

Relating to the rollback tax rate of a taxing unit other than a school district and to voter approval of a proposed tax rate that exceeds the rollback tax rate.

Finance**SB 103****Patrick**

Relating to the elimination of straight-party voting for judicial offices.

State Affairs**SB 104****West**

Relating to the reapportionment of congressional districts and the creation, function, and duties of the Texas Congressional Redistricting Commission.

State Affairs**SB 105****West**

Relating to the use of a wireless communication device or other portable electronic device to provide evidence of motor vehicle financial responsibility.

Transportation**SB 106****West**

Relating to a requirement that the Sunset Advisory Commission conduct a study and make recommendations regarding certain tax preferences that relate to ad valorem taxes and that are required or authorized by the state.

Finance**SB 107****West**

Relating to the disclosure by a court of criminal history record information that is the subject of an order of nondisclosure.

Criminal Justice**SB 108****West**

Relating to adverse possession of real property by a cotenant heir against other cotenant heirs.

Jurisprudence**SB 109****West**

Relating to the state low income housing plan and report developed by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

Intergovernmental Relations**SB 110****West**

Relating to eligibility to file for compensation by persons wrongfully imprisoned.

State Affairs**SB 111****Lucio**

Relating to the preservation of Texas Historical Use Buildings.

Government Organization

- SB 112** **Lucio**
 Relating to a requirement for and the contents of a declarations page required for certain standard insurance policy forms for residential property insurance.
Business & Commerce
- SB 113** **Estes**
 Relating to the repeal of the franchise tax.
Finance
- SB 114** **Ellis**
 Relating to restrictions on the location and operation of concrete crushing facilities.
Natural Resources
- SB 115** **Williams**
 Relating to a school choice program for certain students with disabilities.
Education
- SB 116** **Hinojosa**
 Relating to the consideration of ownership interests of disabled veterans in determining whether a business is a historically underutilized business for purposes of state contracting.
Government Organization
- SB 117** **Hinojosa**
 Relating to the right of a spouse to enter the marital residence accompanied by a peace officer under certain circumstances.
Jurisprudence
- SB 118** **Hinojosa**
 Relating to prohibiting an employer from requiring or requesting access to the personal accounts of employees and job applicants through electronic communication devices; establishing an unlawful employment practice.
Business & Commerce
- SB 119** **Rodríguez**
 Relating to the operation of special student recovery programs by certain school districts.
Education
- SB 120** **Rodríguez**
 Relating to the creation of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso as a component institution of the Texas Tech University System.
Higher Education
- SB 121** **Rodríguez**
 Relating to prohibited retaliation against state or local public employees for reporting to certain persons violations of law.
Open Government
- SB 122** **Rodríguez**
 Relating to the removal from office of a member of the board of trustees of an independent school district.
Education
- SB 123** **Rodríguez**
 Relating to the authority of the commissioner of education to issue subpoenas and conduct accreditation investigations.
Education
- SB 124** **Rodríguez**
 Relating to the punishment for the offense of tampering with certain governmental records based on certain reporting for school districts and open-enrollment charter schools.
Education

SB 125 **Ellis**
Relating to designated tuition.
Higher Education

SB 126 **Nelson/ et al.**
Relating to the creation of a mental health and substance abuse public reporting system.
Health & Human Services

SB 127 **Nelson**
Relating to the creation of certain funding formulas and policies and to certain public health evaluations by the Department of State Health Services.
Health & Human Services

SB 128 **Nelson**
Relating to criminal history record information concerning certain applicants and clients of the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services.
Health & Human Services

SB 129 **Nelson**
Relating to proper venue for filing an application for a protective order against family violence.
Jurisprudence

SB 130 **Nelson**
Relating to representation by prosecuting attorneys in proceedings for protective orders against family violence and in certain other actions.
Jurisprudence

SB 131 **Nelson**
Relating to the hours of sale and consumption of wine at a winery.
Business & Commerce

SB 132 **Nelson/ Patrick**
Relating to the contents and applicability of a school district's grading policy.
Education

SB 133 **Nelson**
Relating to the use of certain state property for community food gardens.
Natural Resources

SB 134 **Nelson**
Relating to health and physical education credits required for high school graduation.
Education

SB 135 **Patrick/ et al.**
Relating to the use of a public school student's performance on an end-of-course assessment instrument in determining the student's final grade for the course.
Education

SB 136 **Ellis**
Relating to unit operations for oil, gas, or oil and gas production or carbon dioxide storage.
Natural Resources

SB 137 **Rodríguez**
Relating to the recall of members of school district boards of trustees.
State Affairs

SB 138 **Zaffirini**
Relating to procedures for filing complaints with, and providing notice of certain violations to, the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.
Business & Commerce

- SB 139** **Eltife**
Relating to the designation of a segment of U.S. Highway 80 as the Sergeant Travis E. Watkins Memorial Highway.
Transportation
- SB 140** **Ellis/ Carona**
Relating to a periodic review and expiration dates of state and local tax preferences.
Finance
- SB 141** **Huffman**
Relating to the requirements for issuance of a license to practice orthotics and prosthetics.
Health & Human Services
- SB 142** **West**
Relating to zero-based budgeting for state agencies as a part of the sunset review process.
Finance
- SB 143** **Nelson/ et al.**
Relating to programs designed to enhance medical education in this state.
Higher Education
- SB 144** **Williams**
Relating to the calculation of the ad valorem rollback tax rates of certain taxing units.
Finance
- SB 145** **Williams**
Relating to a credit or refund for diesel fuel taxes paid on diesel fuel used in this state by auxiliary power units or power take-off equipment.
Finance
- SB 146** **Williams**
Relating to access by a public institution of higher education to the criminal history record information of certain persons seeking to reside in on-campus housing.
Higher Education
- SB 147** **Deuell**
Relating to the amount of outstanding total liability of a mortgage guaranty insurer.
Business & Commerce
- SB 148** **Williams/ Nichols**
Relating to certain legal advice or legal services rendered to public servants.
State Affairs
- SB 149** **Nelson/ et al.**
Relating to the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.
Health & Human Services
- SB 150** **Nelson/ et al.**
Relating to the cancer prevention and research fund.
Health & Human Services
- SB 151** **Nelson/ Huffman/ Rodríguez/ West/ et al.**
Relating to the practice of dentistry, including the regulation of dental service organizations; providing an administrative penalty.
Health & Human Services
- SB 152** **Nelson**
Relating to the protection and care of persons who are elderly or disabled or who are children.
Health & Human Services
- SB 153** **Nelson**
Relating to the amounts of administrative penalties assessed or imposed against certain health facilities.
Health & Human Services

- SB 154** **Patrick**
Relating to the limitation on increases in the appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation.
Finance
- SB 155** **Patrick**
Relating to a limitation on increases in the appraised value for ad valorem tax purposes of commercial or industrial real property.
Finance
- SB 156** **West**
Relating to achievement benchmarks in fiscal notes and to legislative review of those benchmarks.
Administration
- SB 157** **Hegar**
Relating to the Parrie Haynes Trust.
Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security
- SB 158** **Carona**
Relating to the average price below which a newspaper is exempt from the sales tax.
Finance
- SB 159** **Carona**
Relating to the definition of an authorized emergency vehicle.
Intergovernmental Relations
- SB 160** **Huffman**
Relating to the identification of a person as an election poll watcher.
State Affairs
- SB 161** **Patrick**
Relating to the computation of the franchise tax by certain taxable entities that rent or lease equipment.
Finance
- SB 162** **Van de Putte/ et al.**
Relating to the occupational licensing of members of the military and spouses of members of the military.
Veteran Affairs & Military Installations
- SB 163** **Van de Putte**
Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a member of the armed services of the United States who is killed in action.
Finance
- SB 164** **Van de Putte**
Relating to the issuance to veterans of specially marked licenses to carry a concealed handgun and specially marked personal identification certificates.
Veteran Affairs & Military Installations
- SB 165** **Van de Putte**
Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to officers of the United States armed forces who graduated from certain United States military academies.
Transportation
- SB 166** **Deuell/ et al.**
Relating to the use by certain health care providers of electronically readable information from a driver's license or personal identification certificate.
Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security
- SB 167** **Deuell**
Relating to safety training for employees of certain contractors with a governmental entity.
State Affairs

SB 168 **Fraser**
Relating to the election of members of the board of directors of the Central Texas Groundwater Conservation District.
Natural Resources

SB 169 **Hegar**
Relating to ballot language for an election to approve and finance a municipal or county venue project.
Economic Development

SB 170 **West**
Relating to building code standards for new residential construction in the unincorporated area of a county.
Intergovernmental Relations

SB 171 **West**
Relating to the establishment of a workgroup to study the use by state agencies of a uniform application form following disasters.
Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security

SB 172 **Carona**
Relating to diagnosing the reading development and comprehension of public school kindergarten students.
Education

SB 173 **Estes**
Relating to prohibiting the use of radio frequency identification technology to transmit information regarding public school students.
Education

SB 174 **Estes**
Relating to the protection of stray bison.
Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security

SB 175 **Estes**
Relating to the allocation of the proceeds from taxes imposed on the sale, storage, or use of sporting goods.
Finance

SB 176 **Carona**
Relating to the distribution of certain consultants' reports.
Open Government

SB 177 **Nichols**
Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds for a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education and Research Center at Stephen F. Austin State University.
Finance

SB 178 **Davis**
Relating to the disclosure on personal financial statements of certain contracts with governmental entities.
State Affairs

SB 179 **Paxton/ Patrick**
Relating to the phaseout and repeal of the franchise tax.
Finance

SB 180 **Van de Putte**
Relating to the repurchase of real property from an entity with eminent domain authority.
State Affairs

SB 181 **Hegar**
Relating to the use of a wireless communication device to provide evidence of motor vehicle financial responsibility.
Transportation

- SB 182** **Birdwell/ Campbell/ Deuell/
Eltime/ Estes/ et al.**
Relating to the carrying of concealed handguns on the campuses of and certain other locations associated with institutions of higher education.
Criminal Justice
- SB 183** **Carona**
Relating to certain inquiries made by the Texas Department of Insurance to insurers.
Business & Commerce
- SB 184** **Carona**
Relating to extending claim-handling deadlines after certain emergency declarations.
Business & Commerce
- SB 185** **Deuell**
Relating to information regarding the number of public school students with dyslexia.
Education
- SB 186** **Carona**
Relating to the abatement of mosquitoes in stagnant water located on certain uninhabited residential property.
Health & Human Services
- SB 187** **Huffman**
Relating to the punishment for a capital felony committed by an individual younger than 18 years of age.
Criminal Justice
- SB 188** **Huffman**
Relating to interception of wire, oral, or electronic communications for law enforcement purposes.
Criminal Justice
- SB 189** **Huffman**
Relating to the eligibility of certain inmates convicted of injury to a child for release to mandatory supervision.
Criminal Justice
- SB 190** **Huffman**
Relating to the prescription and pharmaceutical substitution of biological products.
Health & Human Services
- SB 191** **Birdwell/ Nelson**
Relating to requirements for cash withdrawals from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits accounts.
Health & Human Services
- SB 192** **Carona**
Relating to access to criminal history record information by the banking commissioner.
Business & Commerce
- SB 193** **West**
Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of certain property used to provide low-income and moderate-income housing.
Intergovernmental Relations
- SB 194** **West**
Relating to ingress and egress access by emergency vehicles in certain new residential subdivisions.
Intergovernmental Relations
- SB 195** **Watson**
Relating to the maintenance by the Legislative Budget Board of a searchable database containing certain budget information.
Finance

SB 196 **Watson**
Relating to the Business Tax Advisory Committee.
Finance

SB 197 **Watson**
Relating to procedures applicable to adoption of the public school curriculum by the State Board of Education.
Education

SB 198 **Watson**
Relating to restrictive covenants regulating drought-resistant landscaping or water-conserving turf.
Natural Resources

SB 199 **Watson**
Relating to the evaluation by applicants for permits for certain electric generating facilities of water-efficient cooling technologies.
Natural Resources

SB 222 **Watson**
Relating to the venue for prosecution of certain computer crimes.
Criminal Justice

SB 223 **Watson**
Relating to designation of certain vehicles of the Texas Division of Emergency Management as authorized emergency vehicles.
Transportation

SB 224 **Seliger**
Relating to the availability of money from the economic stabilization fund to be used for the purposes of projects in the state water plan.
Finance

SB 225 **Seliger**
Relating to curriculum and end-of-course assessment requirements for high school graduation.
Education

SB 226 **Hegar**
Relating to the operation of a golf cart or utility vehicle on a public highway in certain counties.
Transportation

SB 227 **Williams**
Relating to the dispensation of aesthetic pharmaceuticals by physicians.
Health & Human Services

SB 228 **Williams**
Relating to the regulation of the practice of public accountancy.
Business & Commerce

SB 229 **Davis**
Relating to an exception to the domicile requirement for issuance of a commercial driver's license for certain military personnel.
Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 230 **Carona**
Relating to the applicability of state law governing funds transfers to certain remittance transfers.
Business & Commerce

SB 231 **Carona**
Relating to the applicability of certain concealed handgun laws to certain associate judges.
Criminal Justice

SB 232 **Carona**
Relating to use of the Nationwide Mortgage Licensing System and Registry in connection with the regulatory authority of the consumer credit commissioner.
Business & Commerce

SB 233 **Patrick**
Relating to the use of funds of certain municipal hospital authorities.
Intergovernmental Relations

SB 235 **Fraser/ et al.**
Relating to the creation of regional authorities for water infrastructure projects.
Natural Resources

SB 236 **Hinojosa**
Relating to the hours of sale for liquor.
Business & Commerce

SB 237 **Van de Putte**
Relating to the prohibition of employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.
Economic Development

SB 238 **Van de Putte**
Relating to the awarding of the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor.
Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 239 **Van de Putte**
Relating to combination resident hunting and fishing licenses for military personnel.
Natural Resources

SB 240 **Van de Putte**
Relating to public school accountability and end-of-course assessment instruments.
Education

SB 241 **Carona**
Relating to the authority of an electric customer to choose not to have a utility's advanced meter.
Business & Commerce

SB 242 **Carona**
Relating to the eligibility requirements for certain occupational licenses issued to applicants with military experience.
Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 243 **Davis**
Relating to the personal needs allowance for certain Medicaid recipients who are residents of long-term care facilities.
Health & Human Services

SB 244 **Carona**
Relating to the administration, operation, supervision, and regulation of credit unions.
Business & Commerce

SB 245 **West**
Relating to eligibility of children's advocacy centers for contracts to provide services for children and family members in child abuse and neglect cases.
Health & Human Services

SB 246 **West**
Relating to the electronic submission of a request for an attorney general opinion.
Jurisprudence

SB 247 **Carona**
Relating to the transfer of an ad valorem tax lien.
Business & Commerce

SB 248 **Davis**
Relating to unlawful employment practices regarding discrimination in payment of compensation.
Economic Development

SB 249 **Patrick**
Relating to the prosecution of the offense of breach of computer security.
Criminal Justice

SB 250 **West**
Relating to the requirements of using certain technology to conduct certain mental health hearings or proceedings.
Jurisprudence

SB 251 **West**
Relating to an unsworn declaration made by an employee of a state agency or political subdivision in the performance of the employee's job duties.
Jurisprudence

SB 252 **West**
Relating to certain procedures regarding an application for a writ of habeas corpus filed in a noncapital felony case.
Criminal Justice

SB 253 **Deuell**
Relating to newborn screening for congenital heart defects.
Health & Human Services

SB 254 **Deuell**
Relating to the satisfaction of a condition of community supervision requiring performance of community service.
Criminal Justice

SB 255 **Deuell**
Relating to the creation of a voluntary consumer-directed health plan for certain individuals eligible to participate in the group benefits program provided under the Texas Employees Group Benefits Act and their qualified dependents.
State Affairs

SB 256 **Deuell**
Relating to tracking career information for graduates of Texas medical schools.
Higher Education

SB 257 **Deuell**
Relating to notice of inaccurate payment or nonpayment of certain claims under certain health benefit plans.
State Affairs

SB 258 **Deuell**
Relating to the authority of a psychologist to delegate the provision of certain care to a person under the psychologist's supervision, including a person training to become a psychologist.
Health & Human Services

SB 259 **Carona**
Relating to telecommunications services and markets.
Business & Commerce

SB 260 **Davis/ Van de Putte**
Relating to the absence of a student from school to visit with a parent or guardian who will be or has been deployed on military duty.
Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 261 **Hinojosa**

Relating to instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automated external defibrillators in secondary education curriculum.

Education

SB 262 **Huffman**

Relating to the reporting of criminal disposition completeness percentage data.

Criminal Justice

SB 263 **Huffman**

Relating to the designation of certain synthetic cannabinoids as controlled substances and controlled substance analogues under the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

Criminal Justice

SB 264 **Huffman**

Relating to the addition of a synthetic hallucinogenic substance to Penalty Group 2 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act.

Criminal Justice

SB 265 **Huffman**

Relating to bond requirements for county officers and employees.

Intergovernmental Relations