

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

**Wednesday
February 20, 2013**

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 221 **Duncan**
Recognizing February 20, 2013, as Texas Tech University System Day at the State Capitol.

SR 222 **Duncan**
Recognizing Texas PTA for their work on behalf of the children of Texas.

SR 231 **Rodríguez**
Recognizing February 20, 2013, as Texas Dental Association Day at the State Capitol.

SR 250 **Seliger**
Recognizing February 20, 2013, as Andrews County Day at the State Capitol.

SR 256 **Van de Putte**
Recognizing Senator Eduardo Lucio and Herminia Lucio on the occasion of their 45th wedding anniversary.

SCR 16 **Whitmire**
Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, February 20, 2013, and ending on Monday, February 25, 2013.

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

Committee referral on the following:

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| SJR 33 | Williams/ Whitmire |
| Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing school districts to create school security districts and impose ad valorem taxes for crime prevention measures; authorizing a tax. | |
| Finance | |

SJR 34

Duncan

Proposing a constitutional amendment for filling vacancies in appellate judicial offices by appointment, for partisan elections for all judicial offices, and for subsequent nonpartisan retention elections for all judicial offices.

State Affairs

SCR 12 **Schwertner**
Designating pecan pie as the official State Pie of Texas.
Administration

SCR 13 **Deuell**
 Declaring the City of Canton to be the Walking Capital of Texas.
Administration

SCR 15 **Uresti/ Davis/ Ellis/ Hinojosa/ Lucio/ et al.**
Urging Congress to enact comprehensive immigration reform.
Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security

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| SB 21 | Williams/ et al. |
| Relating to drug screening or testing as a condition for the receipt of unemployment compensation benefits by certain individuals. | |
| Economic Development | |

SB 200 **Patrick/ Nichols**

Relating to the continuation and functions of the State Pension Review Board.
State Affairs

SB 501 **West**
Relating to venue for certain alleged violations or offenses under the Water Safety Act.
Transportation

SB 502 **West**
Relating to procedures for the placement of children with certain relatives or other designated caregivers.
Health & Human Services

SB 503 **West**
Relating to the establishment of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Council to study and make recommendations concerning expanded learning opportunities for public school students.
Education

SB 504 **Deuell**
Relating to eliminating the requirement that certain schoolchildren be screened for abnormal spinal curvature.
Health & Human Services

SB 505 **Deuell**
Relating to an exemption from the licensing requirement for certain persons who measure or fit orthoses under the supervision of certain licensed health care practitioners.
Health & Human Services

SB 506 **Watson**
Relating to an exemption from registration and regulation requirements for steam cookers.
Business & Commerce

SB 507 **Watson/ Eltife**
Relating to public and private facilities and infrastructure.
Economic Development

SB 508 **Watson/ et al.**
Relating to the conversion of the West Travis County Public Utility Agency to the Hill Country Regional Water Authority and to the creation of the Hill Country Regional Water Authority; providing authority to issue revenue bonds or notes; granting the power of eminent domain; providing an administrative penalty; providing authority to impose fees.
Natural Resources

SB 509 **Williams/ Whitmire**
Relating to the establishment by school districts of a school security district; authorizing school district taxes for crime prevention measures.
Finance

SB 510 **Nichols**
Relating to passing certain vehicles on a highway; providing a penalty.
Transportation

SB 511 **Whitmire**
Relating to the commitment of certain juveniles to local post-adjudication secure correctional facilities in certain counties and to the release under supervision of those juveniles.
Criminal Justice

SB 512 **Carona**
Relating to the specialized telecommunications assistance program.
Business & Commerce

SB 513 **Davis**
Relating to the regulation of saltwater pipelines by the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Natural Resources

SB 514 **Davis**

Relating to examination requirements for wards and proposed wards in certain guardianship matters.
Jurisprudence

SB 529 **Ellis**
Relating to the creation of the offense of installation, transfer, use, or possession of an automated sales suppression device or phantom-ware.
Business & Commerce

SB 530 **Birdwell/ Hinojosa/ Uresti/ Van de Putte**
Relating to the inclusion of the emblem of the veteran's branch of service on Disabled Veteran specialty license plates.
Transportation

SB 531 **Duncan**
Relating to self-insurance funds established by governmental units.
State Affairs

SB 532 **Van de Putte/ Campbell/ Davis/ Huffman/ Lucio/ et al.**
Relating to the prosecution and punishment of offenses related to trafficking of persons and to certain protections for victims of trafficking of persons.
Criminal Justice

SB 533 **Zaffirini**
Relating to a review of cost savings to state agencies and institutions of higher education under energy savings performance contracts.
Government Organization

SB 534 **West**
Relating to requiring permanency planning meetings for certain children in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.
Health & Human Services

SB 535 **West**
Relating to exemptions from the sales and use tax for certain energy-efficient products.
Finance

SB 536 **Hinojosa**
Relating to regulation of greenhouse gas emissions by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
Natural Resources

SB 537 **Deuell/ Campbell/ Schwertner/ et al.**
Relating to minimum standards for abortion facilities.
Health & Human Services

SB 538 **Rodríguez**
Relating to the repeal of the offense of homosexual conduct.
State Affairs

SB 539 **Paxton**
Relating to the classification of certain entities as primarily engaged in retail trade for purposes of the franchise tax.
Finance

SB 540 **Carona**
Relating to the regulation, registration, and certification of inspectors for elevators, escalators, and related equipment.
Business & Commerce

SB 541 **Watson**
Relating to annual reports regarding federal funding for state agencies.
Finance

- SB 542** **Watson/ et al.**
Relating to alternative dispute resolution methods regarding educational services for students with disabilities, including individualized education program facilitation.
Education
- SB 543** **Seliger**
Relating to the authority of the Midland County Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, to employ and commission peace officers.
Intergovernmental Relations
- SB 544** **Hancock**
Relating to the transportation allotments provided under the Foundation School Program to school districts that permit students to select a campus of attendance.
Education
- SB 545** **Hancock**
Relating to the peace officers authorized to operate an authorized emergency service vehicle used to conduct a police escort.
Criminal Justice
- SB 546** **Williams**
Relating to continuing education requirements and a registration exemption for county tax assessor-collectors.
Finance
- SB 547** **Hancock**
Relating to the applicability of certain laws to open-enrollment charter schools.
Education
- SB 548** **Hancock**
Relating to the abolishment of the office of public insurance counsel.
Business & Commerce
- SB 549** **Williams**
Relating to penalties for engaging in organized criminal activity.
Criminal Justice
- SB 550** **Uresti**
Relating to the determination that a voter is deceased.
State Affairs
- SB 551** **Uresti**
Relating to the use of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue to enhance and upgrade sports facilities in certain municipalities.
Economic Development
- SB 552** **Uresti**
Relating to an application filed with a county commissioners court to revise a subdivision plat; authorizing a fee.
Intergovernmental Relations
- SB 553** **Uresti**
Relating to certain high school students serving as early voting clerks in an election.
State Affairs
- SB 554** **Campbell**
Relating to the penalty for theft of an official ballot or official carrier envelope for an election.
State Affairs
- SB 555** **Davis**
Relating to provisions in protective orders regarding pets and other companion animals; providing a penalty.
Criminal Justice
- SB 556** **Davis**

Relating to the duties of the Texas Crime Stoppers Council to encourage individuals to report criminal activity related to trafficking of persons.

Criminal Justice

SB 557

Davis

Relating to a voluntary contribution to the fund for veterans' assistance when applying for a driver's license or personal identification certificate.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 558

Davis

Relating to the rights of victims of sexual assault.

Criminal Justice

SB 559

Duncan

Relating to the remittance dates of certain taxes and fees and the allocation dates of certain state money.

Finance

SB 560

Ellis

Relating to authorization for biweekly installment payments for the compensation of certain justices, judges, and district attorneys.

Jurisprudence

SB 561

Lucio

Relating to a study regarding school district transportation services and state and local resources available to fund those services.

Education

SB 562

Carona

Relating to the license qualifications and continuing education requirements for polygraph examiners.

Business & Commerce

SB 563

Hegar

Relating to the issuance of specialty license plates to honor recipients of the Defense Superior Service Medal.

Transportation

SB 564

Hegar

Relating to the creation of the Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 536; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds; granting a limited power of eminent domain.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 565

Ellis/ Deuell/ et al.

Relating to the accommodation of pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, children, senior citizens, users of public transportation, movers of commercial goods, and motorists on streets and highways.

Transportation

SB 566

Eltife/ Nichols

Relating to the establishment of a pharmacy school at The University of Texas at Tyler.

Higher Education

SB 567

Watson/ Nichols

Relating to rates for water service, to the transfer of functions relating to the economic regulation of water and sewer service from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and to the duties of the Office of Public Utility Counsel regarding the economic regulation of water service.

Business & Commerce

SB 568

Watson

Relating to the registration of voters at a polling place and related procedures; modifying the penalty for the offense of false statement on a voter registration application.

State Affairs

SB 569

Carona

Relating to the examination requirements for an insurance adjuster license.
Business & Commerce

SB 570 **Deuell**
Relating to the appointment of reserve peace officers by a fire marshal.
Intergovernmental Relations

SB 571 **Deuell**
Relating to the exemption from sales and use taxes of certain health care supplies.
Finance

SB 572 **Taylor**
Relating to the sale and purchase of shark fins or products derived from shark fins; creating an offense.
Natural Resources

SB 573 **Patrick**
Relating to equal opportunity for access by private and parochial school students to certain University Interscholastic League sponsored activities.
Education

SB 574 **Patrick**
Relating to the option of providing electronic recordings of proceedings in the municipal court of record for the City of Houston.
Criminal Justice

SB 575 **Duncan**
Relating to the offense of the unauthorized duplication of certain recordings.
Jurisprudence

SB 576 **Duncan**
Relating to the abolishment of the small claims courts.
Jurisprudence

SB 577 **Duncan**
Relating to filling vacancies in appellate judicial offices by appointment, partisan elections for all judicial offices, and nonpartisan elections for the retention or rejection for all judicial offices.
State Affairs

SB 578 **Duncan**
Relating to use of countywide polling places for certain elections.
State Affairs

SB 579 **Rodríguez**
Relating to authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds to fund capital projects on the El Paso campus of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
Finance

SB 580 **Rodríguez**
Relating to license examination attempt limits for physicians.
Health & Human Services

SB 581 **Carona**
Relating to procedures for securing the deposit of public funds.
Business & Commerce

SB 582 **Davis**
Relating to swimming pool alarms and exit alarms for certain single-family homes; providing a civil penalty.
Business & Commerce

SB 583 **Carona**
Relating to the use of and disbursements from the universal service fund.
Business & Commerce

SB 584 **Hegar**

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