

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

**Monday
March 18, 2013**

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

SB 198 (CS) (LC) Watson

Relating to restrictive covenants regulating drought-resistant landscaping or water-conserving natural turf.

SB 223 (LC) Watson

Relating to designation of certain vehicles of the Texas Division of Emergency Management as authorized emergency vehicles.

SB 276 (LC) Watson/ Nelson

Relating to the authority of certain transportation authorities to create a local government corporation.

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 479 Ellis

Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the United States Supreme Court decision of Gideon v. Wainwright.

SR 483 Lucio

Recognizing the election of Pope Francis I.

Committee referral on the following:

SJR 4 Campbell/ Paxton

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to a person's freedom of religion.

State Affairs

SJR 49 Campbell/ Paxton

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to a person's freedom of religion.

State Affairs

SJR 50 Lucio

Proposing a constitutional amendment mandating the legislature to require candidates for public elective office in this state to undergo drug screening.

State Affairs

SJR 51 Paxton

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation by one or more political subdivisions of this state a person's inventory held for sale at retail.

Finance

SJR 52 Taylor

Proposing a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation real property leased to certain schools organized and operated primarily for the purpose of engaging in educational functions.

Finance

SJR 53 Estes

Rescinding every application made at any time by the Legislature of the State of Texas to the United States Congress to call a national convention, pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, for proposing any amendment or amendments to that Constitution.

State Affairs

SJR 54 Hinojosa

Proposing a constitutional amendment repealing the constitutional provision authorizing the creation of a hospital district in Hidalgo County.

Intergovernmental Relations

SJR 55 Williams

Proposing a constitutional amendment appropriating the system benefit fund for the purpose of returning system benefit fund fees to retail electric customers.

Finance

SJR 56 Williams

Proposing a constitutional amendment concerning the limitation on the rate of growth of state appropriations.

Finance

SJR 57 Hancock

Proposing a constitutional amendment to require the legislature to convene following each regular session of the legislature to consider the repeal of laws enacted during that regular session or at a subsequent special session.

State Affairs

SJR 58 Duncan

Proposing a constitutional amendment imposing a state property tax for public education, authorizing the legislature to establish for purposes of that tax a limit on the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead of 105 percent of the appraised value of the property for the preceding tax year, prohibiting school district property taxes for maintenance purposes, and authorizing school district property taxes for educational enrichment.

Finance

SJR 59 Lucio

Proposing a constitutional amendment to exempt from county ad valorem taxation a portion of the value of the residence homestead of a veteran of the United States armed services who has been honorably discharged.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SJR 60 Ellis

Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit using voluntarily paid additional fees and surcharges that are dedicated by law for nondedicated general governmental purposes and to prohibit using that money for certification of appropriations for nondedicated purposes or entities.

Finance

SJR 61 Schwertner

Proposing a constitutional amendment requiring the reduction of amounts paid by Texans to provide health care to the uninsured if Medicaid eligibility is expanded in accordance with the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; requiring hospital district tax rate reductions.

Finance

SJR 62 Hinojosa

Proposing a constitutional amendment to authorize the creation of emergency and disaster response districts; providing authority to impose a tax and issue bonds.

Finance

SCR 23 Patrick/ et al.

Rejecting unlimited submission to the current administration and Congress, reaffirming the sovereignty of our state, and opposing taxes imposed on the citizens of Texas by the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

State Affairs

SCR 24 Hinojosa

Requesting the lieutenant governor and the speaker of the house of representatives to provide for a joint interim legislative study regarding the development and potential economic impact of a cruise industry on the Texas coast between Calhoun and Cameron Counties.

Economic Development

SCR 25 West

Finance

Designating November as COPD Awareness Month for a 10-year period beginning in 2013, and directing the Texas Department of State Health Services to include COPD as a chronic health condition in their public awareness and educational efforts.

Urging Congress to reauthorize Section 5056 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 and to appropriate sufficient funds for the Rio Grande Environmental Management Program.

Designating the first Tuesday in March as Texas Assisted Living Awareness Day for a 10-year period beginning in 2013.

Relating to the view of the State Capitol.

Relating to demand-side electric energy resources in the competitive electric market.

Relating to inclusion of mental health concerns in existing state and local coordinated school health efforts.

Relating to child-care licensing requirements for certain shelters.

Relating to the confidentiality of certain records maintained by a victims of trafficking shelter center and the creation of minimum standards for certain facilities that provide services to victims of trafficking.

Relating to the period for which eligibility lists for beginning positions in certain municipal fire or police departments are effective.

Relating to requiring trauma-informed care training for certain staff of county and state juvenile facilities.

Relating to the use of administrative segregation or seclusion in county jails.

Relating to animal encounter training for peace officers.

Relating to a prohibition of foods containing trans fat.

SB 1360 Rodríguez

Relating to the punishment for the offense of tampering with a witness and the evidence that may be offered to show that offense.

Criminal Justice

SB 1361 Rodríguez

Relating to a bill of rights for persons receiving Medicaid long-term services and supports under state benefits programs.

Health & Human Services

SB 1362 Schwertner

Relating to a requirement that students at an open-enrollment charter school recite the pledges of allegiance to the United States flag and the state flag.

Education

SB 1363 Huffman

Relating to testimony or the production of evidence before the legislature or a legislative committee.

State Affairs

SB 1364 Schwertner

Relating to the computation of an electric utility's income taxes.

Business & Commerce

SB 1365 Duncan/ Patrick

Relating to the provision of credit by examination for public school students.

Education

SB 1366 Duncan

Relating to the use of certain funds of the Texas Health Insurance Pool.

State Affairs

SB 1367 Duncan

Relating to abolishing the Texas Health Insurance Pool.

State Affairs

SB 1368 Davis

Relating to contracts by certain state governmental entities that involve the exchange or creation of public information.

Open Government

SB 1369 Davis

Relating to providing information to the legislature regarding state and local fiscal impact of legislative measures.

Finance

SB 1370 Davis

Relating to the deposit of money received from the federal government.

Finance

SB 1372 Hinojosa

Relating to the powers and duties of timeshare owners' associations.

Business & Commerce

SB 1373 Hinojosa

Relating to the display of the Honor and Remember flag.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 1374 Hinojosa

Relating to identification requirements for certain fire hydrants and flush valves.

Natural Resources

SB 1375 Hinojosa

Relating to self-directed and semi-independent status of certain health care regulatory agencies; making an appropriation; authorizing fees.

Health & Human Services

SB 1376 **Eltife**
Relating to specialty license plates issued to retired members of the United States armed forces.
Transportation

SB 1377 **Ellis/ Davis/ Lucio/ Rodríguez**
Relating to making an appropriation of money from the economic stabilization fund for the Foundation School Program.
Finance

SB 1378 **Ellis/ Davis/ Lucio/ Rodríguez**
Relating to the appropriations of money from the economic stabilization fund for the 2014-2015 state fiscal biennium.
Finance

SB 1379 **Hancock**
Relating to the standard valuation for life insurance, accident and health insurance, and annuities.
State Affairs

SB 1380 **Patrick**
Relating to the placement of video monitoring cameras in self- contained classrooms providing special education services.
Education

SB 1381 **Hancock**
Relating to the effect of certain agreements with a collective bargaining organization on certain state-funded public work contracts.
Government Organization

SB 1382 **Hancock**
Relating to the confidentiality of information obtained by or disclosed to the Texas Department of Insurance.
Business & Commerce

SB 1384 **Hancock**
Relating to the authority of an independent school district to invest in local water projects.
Education

SB 1385 **Hancock**
Relating to notification procedures regarding the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.
Natural Resources

SB 1386 **Hancock**
Relating to the nonforfeiture requirements of certain life insurance policies.
State Affairs

SB 1387 **Carona**
Relating to water well drillers and pump installers; authorizing fees.
Natural Resources

SB 1388 **Carona**
Relating to identity recovery service contracts.
Business & Commerce

SB 1389 **Davis**
Relating to the disclosure on personal financial statements of service retirement annuities received.
State Affairs

SB 1390 **Davis**
Relating to an audit by the state auditor of the Texas Enterprise Fund.
Economic Development

SB 1391 **Davis**
Relating to a requirement that the comptroller perform a study of the Texas Economic Development Act.
Economic Development

SB 1392 **Davis**
Relating to an audit by the state auditor and a study by the comptroller of the events trust funds.
Economic Development

SB 1393 **Estes**
Relating to the statewide homeland security strategy developed by the governor.
Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security

SB 1394 **Estes**
Relating to the statewide critical infrastructure protection strategy.
Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security

SB 1395 **Estes/ et al.**
Relating to the regulation of dangerous wild animals.
Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security

SB 1396 **Estes**
Relating to state agency investigations.
Government Organization

SB 1397 **Estes**
Relating to the regulation of certain surety companies.
Business & Commerce

SB 1398 **Estes**
Relating to rules governing the allocation of delegates to a political party's national presidential nominating convention.
State Affairs

SB 1399 **Estes**
Relating to the use of proceeds from a junior college district branch campus maintenance tax.
Higher Education

SB 1400 **Estes**
Relating to the municipal and county regulation of air guns.
Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security

SB 1401 **Carona**
Relating to the eligibility of certain providers of laboratory services for health and human services programs.
Health & Human Services

SB 1402 **Carona**
Relating to access to records and certain information in those records regarding a child placed for adoption.
Health & Human Services

SB 1403 **Patrick/ Hancock/ Seliger**
Relating to public school teachers.
Education

SB 1404 **Patrick/ Uresti**
Relating to attendance at and completion of high school by students who are in the conservatorship of the Department of Family and Protective Services.
Education

SB 1405 **Nichols**
Relating to liability of certain persons assisting in man-made or natural disasters.
State Affairs

SB 1406 **Patrick/ Campbell**
Relating to State Board of Education oversight of regional education service center services and products concerning student curriculum.
Education

SB 1407 **Patrick**

Relating to the establishment of the recovery school district.

Education

SB 1408 **Patrick**

Relating to public school performance ratings that reflect acceptable and unacceptable performance.

Education

SB 1409 **Patrick/ Paxton**

Relating to public information regarding facilities of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools.

Open Government

SB 1410 **Patrick**

Relating to the establishment of the Texas Equal Opportunity Scholarship Program.

Education

SB 1411 **Deuell**

Relating to regulation of traffic in a conservation and reclamation district by a commissioners court.

Transportation

SB 1412 **Deuell**

Relating to the periods during which breeder deer may be transferred for release.

Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security

SB 1413 **Deuell**

Relating to the administration of retirement systems for paid, partly paid, or volunteer firefighters.

State Affairs

SB 1414 **Deuell**

Relating to certain retail public utilities affected by single certification in incorporated or annexed areas.

Natural Resources

SB 1415 **Deuell**

Relating to notice of termination by suppliers of certain dealer agreements governed by the Fair Practices of Equipment Manufacturers, Distributors, Wholesalers, and Dealers Act.

Transportation

SB 1416 **Deuell**

Relating to the determination of whether a use of force against another is justified.

Criminal Justice

SB 1417 **Deuell**

Relating to enforcement of commercial motor vehicle safety standards in certain municipalities.

Transportation

SB 1418 **Davis**

Relating to the authority of the Department of Public Safety and certain local law enforcement agencies to establish a temporary checkpoint on a highway or street to determine whether persons are driving while intoxicated.

Criminal Justice

SB 1419 **West**

Relating to funding for juvenile case managers through certain fees and court costs and to the establishment of the truancy prevention and diversion fund.

Jurisprudence

SB 1420 **West**

Relating to court costs and fees in criminal proceedings.

Jurisprudence

SB 1421 **West**

Relating to the requirement that a will be attested by witnesses.

Jurisprudence

SB 1422	West
Relating to suits affecting the parent-child relationship.	
Jurisprudence	
SB 1423	Hinojosa
Relating to validating certain acts of the Lower Nueces River Water Supply District transferring real property rights.	
Natural Resources	
SB 1424	Hinojosa
Relating to the inclusion of optometrists, therapeutic optometrists, and ophthalmologists in the health care provider networks of certain Medicaid managed care organizations.	
Health & Human Services	
SB 1425	Hinojosa
Relating to the provision of fire prevention or fire-fighting services by certain emergency services districts.	
Intergovernmental Relations	
SB 1426	Hinojosa
Relating to the appointment of county auditors.	
Intergovernmental Relations	
SB 1427	Hinojosa
Relating to the administration of the citrus budwood certification program and the creation of the citrus nursery stock certification program; providing civil, criminal, and administrative penalties and authorizing fees.	
Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security	
SB 1428	Hinojosa
Relating to the reformation of the sentences of juveniles convicted of capital felonies after being transferred to criminal court.	
Criminal Justice	
SB 1429	Hinojosa
Relating to the exemption of the Corpus Christi Aquifer Storage and Recovery Conservation District from certain provisions concerning the desired future conditions of an aquifer.	
Natural Resources	
SB 1430	Hinojosa
Relating to the applicability of certain public works contracting requirements.	
Government Organization	
SB 1431	Hinojosa
Relating to pharmacy benefit managers contracting with the child health plan program, the Medicaid managed care program, and health plans for certain government employees.	
Health & Human Services	
SB 1432	Hinojosa
Relating to the punishment for certain violations of a deer breeder's reporting requirements; providing an administrative penalty.	
Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security	
SB 1433	Hinojosa
Relating to certain regulatory programs administered by the Department of Agriculture; providing penalties; imposing fees.	
Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security	
SB 1434	Hegar
Relating to the definition of new property value for purposes of the calculation of certain ad valorem tax rates for a county.	
Finance	
SB 1435	Hinojosa

Relating to providers' rights to due process under the Medicaid program.
Health & Human Services

SB 1436 **Paxton**
Relating to the service retirement annuity of certain members of the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan One and the Judicial Retirement System of Texas Plan Two.
State Affairs

SB 1437 **Paxton**
Relating to authorizing a municipal clerk to file documents electronically for recording with a county clerk.
Jurisprudence

SB 1438 **Paxton**
Relating to the transportation of certain mental health patients.
Health & Human Services

SB 1439 **West**
Relating to property and evidence technicians.
Criminal Justice

SB 1440 **West**
Relating to adjudication and disposition of juvenile conduct.
Criminal Justice

SB 1441 **Lucio**
Relating to mule deer management permits.
Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security

SB 1442 **Lucio**
Relating to the tort liability of juvenile probation departments and juvenile boards.
State Affairs

SB 1443 **Lucio**
Relating to an exemption from sales and use tax for certain property purchased using money from the community development block grant disaster recovery program and used to repair or reconstruct a real property improvement damaged by a natural disaster.
Finance

SB 1444 **Hinojosa**
Relating to the transfer of responsibility for regulating deer breeding from the Parks and Wildlife Department to the Texas Animal Health Commission.
Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security

SB 1445 **Hinojosa**
Relating to imposing an uncompensated care fee on certain hospitals to provide state funding for the Medicaid program.
Health & Human Services

SB 1446 **Hinojosa**
Relating to the payment of individuals employed by recovery audit contractors to identify underpayments and overpayments under the Medicaid program.
Health & Human Services

SB 1447 **Hinojosa**
Relating to the exclusion of certain flow-through funds by taxable entities engaged in the business of transporting barite in determining total revenue for purposes of the franchise tax.
Finance

SB 1448 **Hinojosa**
Relating to orders of nondisclosure issued for records of certain fine-only misdemeanors; authorizing a fee.
Criminal Justice

SB 1449 **Hinojosa**

Relating to the transfer of an ad valorem tax lien

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1450

Hinojosa

Relating to the abolishment of the Texas Racing Commission and the transfer of its powers and duties to the Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation; providing penalties; authorizing fees.

State Affairs

SB 1451

Hinojosa

Relating to the prosecution of the offense of money laundering and to the forfeiture of certain contraband.

Criminal Justice

SB 1452

Lucio

Relating to authorizing certain border counties and municipalities in those counties to regulate land development; providing a penalty.

Intergovernmental Relations

SB 1453

Rodríguez

Relating to rates charged and credits granted by certain electric utilities to retail customers with on-site solar generation capacity.

Business & Commerce

SB 1454

Taylor

Relating to the regulation of plumbing.

Business & Commerce

SB 1455

Taylor

Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of real property leased to and used by certain schools.

Finance

SB 1456

Taylor

Relating to the regulation of backflow prevention assembly testers by the Texas State Board of Plumbing Examiners; authorizing a fee.

Business & Commerce

SB 1457

Duncan

Relating to transfer of management services for the physical facilities of the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and the Texas School for the Deaf from the schools' boards of trustees to the Texas Facilities Commission.

Government Organization

SB 1458

Duncan

Relating to the administration of and benefits payable by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

State Affairs

SB 1459

Duncan

Relating to the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

State Affairs

SB 1460

Lucio

Relating to appointment of a bailiff to serve the 105th District Court.

Jurisprudence

SB 1461

Carona

Relating to the addition of certain municipalities to the territory of a regional transportation authority.

Transportation

SB 1462

Duncan

Relating to the power of the Railroad Commission of Texas to adopt and enforce safety standards and practices applicable to the transportation by pipeline of certain substances and to certain pipeline facilities.

Natural Resources

SB 1463	West
Relating to certain contracts for Medicaid managed care.	
Health & Human Services	
SB 1464	Ellis
Relating to a postsecondary education paths pilot program in certain independent school districts.	
Education	
SB 1465	Estes
Relating to exempting certain amounts charged for certain cable television services from the sales and use tax.	
Finance	
SB 1466	Estes
Relating to the authority of a municipality to regulate state licensees.	
Intergovernmental Relations	
SB 1467	Estes
Relating to economic development incentives for firearms manufacturers, firearms accessory manufacturers, and ammunition manufacturers.	
Agriculture, Rural Affairs & Homeland Security	
SB 1468	Estes
Relating to the qualifications of certain electric generation projects for programs designed to encourage the capture and utilization of carbon dioxide for use in enhanced oil recovery.	
Natural Resources	
SB 1469	Deuell
Relating to alternative assessment of certain public school students under the public school accountability system.	
Education	
SB 1470	Davis
Relating to the statute of limitations on prosecution of the offenses of kidnapping and aggravated kidnapping of a minor.	
Criminal Justice	
SB 1471	West
Relating to the recusal or disqualification of a statutory probate court judge and subsequent assignment of another judge.	
Jurisprudence	
SB 1472	West
Relating to information that must be included on prepaid calling cards.	
Business & Commerce	
SB 1473	Deuell
Relating to the chief executive officer of the Hopkins County Hospital District and to the delegation of certain authority by the district's board of directors to the chief executive officer.	
Intergovernmental Relations	
SB 1474	Duncan
Relating to the adoption of major curriculum initiatives by a school district.	
Education	
SB 1475	Duncan
Relating to the development and use of a jail-based restoration of competency pilot program.	
Criminal Justice	
SB 1476	West
Relating to the creation of the veteran entrepreneur program by the Texas Veterans Commission.	
Veteran Affairs & Military Installations	
SB 1477	Deuell

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Relating to the dispute by an insurer of a determination of specific injuries and diagnoses in connection with a compensable injury in certain workers' compensation claims.

State Affairs

SB 1493

Van de Putte

Relating to delinquent payment of an alcoholic beverage retailer's account for liquor.

Business & Commerce

SB 1495

Hinojosa

Relating to the creation of a health care funding district in certain counties located on the Texas-Mexico border; authorizing the imposition of a tax.

Finance

SB 1496

Davis/ West

Relating to use of the money from the Texas Enterprise Fund and the Texas emerging technology fund to benefit certain historically underutilized businesses.

Economic Development

SB 1497

Deuell

Relating to the cultural and fine arts district program administered by the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Government Organization

SB 1498

Deuell

Relating to a sales tax exemption for certain items sold to or used by certain venues that present live music.

Finance

SB 1499

West

Relating to establishing a local behavioral health intervention pilot project.

Health & Human Services

SB 1500

Rodríguez

Relating to the criteria to be used by the Texas Water Development Board in prioritizing applications for funds for the implementation of water supply projects.

Natural Resources

SB 1552

Lucio

Relating to an exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county of a portion of the value of the residence homestead of a veteran who has been honorably discharged.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 1619

Paxton

Relating to the exemption of inventory of certain retail businesses from ad valorem taxation by a school district.

Finance

SB 1655

Williams

Relating to authorizing the Public Utility Commission of Texas to direct the comptroller to return the unappropriated balance of the system benefit fund to retail electric customers.

Finance

SB 1656

Williams

Relating to the constitutional limit on the rate of growth of appropriations.

Finance

SB 1686

Duncan

Relating to public school finance matters, including the imposition of a state ad valorem tax for elementary and secondary school purposes and a school district ad valorem enrichment tax.

Finance

SB 1700

Taylor

Relating to the operation of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association and the FAIR Plan Association.

Business & Commerce

SB 1701

Taylor

Relating to the payment of insured losses of the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association and funding of the catastrophe reserve trust fund.

Business & Commerce

SB 1702 **Taylor**

Relating to residential property insured by the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association.

Business & Commerce

SB 1808 **Schwertner**

Relating to the cost effects of expanding eligibility for medical assistance under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

Finance

Committee re-referral on the following:

SB 460 **Deuell**

Relating to inclusion of instruction in the detection and education of students with mental or emotional disorders in the requirements for educator training programs.

Re-referred from Education to Higher Education

SB 501 **West**

Relating to venue for certain alleged violations or offenses under the Water Safety Act.

Re-referred from Transportation to Jurisprudence

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(LC) RECOMMENDED FOR LOCAL CALENDAR