

SENATE FLOOR ACTION

**Tuesday
February 24, 2015**

The Senate adopted the following resolutions:

SR 168 **West**
Recognizing February 24, 2015, as Grammy Music Day.

SR 220 **Uresti/ Campbell/ Van de Putte**
Recognizing February 24, 2015, as Viva San Antonio Day.

SR 251 **Perry**
Recognizing February 24, 2015, as Lubbock Day.

SR 253 **Seliger**
Recognizing Texas PTA for their work on behalf of the children of Texas.

SCR 18 **Whitmire**

Granting the legislature permission to adjourn for more than three days during the period beginning on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, and ending on Monday, March 2, 2015.

HCR 58 **Bonnen, Dennis** **SP: Huffman**
 Commemorating the life of Charlie Brown.

Committee referral on the following:

SJR 1 **Nelson/ Bettencourt/ Birdwell/
Burton/ Campbell/ et al.**

Proposing a constitutional amendment providing for an exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes of a portion of the market value of a residence homestead based on the median market value of all residence homesteads in the state, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from reducing the amount of or repealing the exemption, and prohibiting the imposition or collection of a tax on the conveyance of an interest in real property.

Finance

SJR 32

Burton

Proposing a constitutional amendment revising the order of legislative business to permit legislative committees to consider matters during the first 60 days of a regular session.

Administration

SJR 33

Watson

Proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit using revenues, other money, or account or fund balances dedicated by law for nondedicated general governmental purposes or for certification of appropriations for nondedicated purposes or entities.

Finance

SCR 13 **Seliger/ Estes/ Fraser/ Hinojosa/
Nichols/ et al.**

Urging the U.S. Congress to end the ban on crude oil exports.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 1 **Nelson/ Bettencourt/ Birdwell/
Burton/ Campbell/ et al.**

Relating to certain restrictions on the imposition of ad valorem taxes and to the duty of the state to reimburse certain political subdivisions for certain revenue loss.

Finance

SB 7 **Nelson/ Bettencourt/ Birdwell/
Burton/ Campbell/ et al.**

Relating to decreasing the rates of the franchise tax.

Finance

SB 8 **Schwertner/ Bettencourt/
Birdwell/ Burton/ Campbell/ et al.**

Relating to the total revenue exemption for the franchise tax.

Finance

SB 636 **Zaffirini**

Relating to the creation of a task force to evaluate recreational use of rivers.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 637 **Ellis**

Relating to the disqualification of certain temporary employees for unemployment compensation benefits.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 638 **Nichols**

Relating to the transfer of certain state property from the Texas Department of Transportation to the Shepherd Independent School District; requiring the payment of certain transaction fees.

Transportation

SB 639 **Hancock**

Relating to the ownership or operation of a motor vehicle dealership by certain manufacturers or distributors.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 640 **Garcia**

Relating to automatic employee participation in and administration of a deferred compensation plan provided by hospital districts.

State Affairs

SB 641 **Schwertner**

Relating to debit card or stored value card surcharges; providing a civil penalty.

Business & Commerce

SB 642 **Bettencourt**

Relating to a franchise or insurance premium tax credit for contributions made to certain educational assistance organizations.

Finance

SB 643 **Creighton**

Relating to proceedings held in auxiliary facilities outside certain county seats.

State Affairs

SB 644 **Creighton**

Relating to health insurance identification cards issued by qualified health plan issuers.

Business & Commerce

SB 645 **Rodríguez**

Relating to the creation of an advisory committee to examine and recommend revisions to any state laws pertaining to juvenile records.

State Affairs

SB 646 **Estes**

Relating to actuarial certification of title insurance company reserves.

Business & Commerce

SB 647 **Estes**

Relating to the authority of an open-enrollment charter school to commission peace officers.

Education

SB 648 Uresti/ Hinojosa/ Huffman

Relating to the distribution, possession, purchase, consumption, and receipt of cigarettes and tobacco products; providing penalties.

Health & Human Services

SB 649 Lucio

Relating to the determination of an experience-rated employer's eligibility for a surplus credit rate under the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 650 Taylor, Van

Relating to audits of the music, film, television, and multimedia fund.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 651 Taylor, Van

Relating to an audit of Major Events trust funds conducted by the state auditor.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 652 Schwertner

Relating to excluding a franchisor as an employer of a franchisee or a franchisee's employees.

Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 653 Eltife

Relating to increasing the amount of burial benefits required to be paid by an insurance carrier under the workers' compensation system.

Business & Commerce

SB 654 Eltife

Relating to regulation of policy forms for certain commercial property and casualty insurance.

Business & Commerce

SB 655 Eltife

Relating to own risk and solvency assessment by insurers and insurance groups; providing a penalty.

Business & Commerce

SB 656 Eltife

Relating to perpetual care cemeteries.

Business & Commerce

SB 657 Eltife

Relating to the appointment of the commissioners of certain financial regulatory agencies by the Finance Commission of Texas.

Business & Commerce

SB 658 Rodríguez

Relating to the exemption from vehicle registration for certain farm vehicles owned by a farmers' cooperative society or marketing association.

Transportation

SB 659 Rodríguez

Relating to state assistance for school employees uniform group health coverage.

Education

SB 660 Rodríguez

Relating to regional coordinators within the veteran entrepreneur program.

Veteran Affairs & Military Installations

SB 661 Estes

Relating to the confidentiality of certain information concerning service members of the state military forces.

Business & Commerce

SB 662 **Rodríguez**
Relating to the representation of certain indigent applicants for a writ of habeas corpus.
Criminal Justice

SB 663 **Rodríguez**
Relating to the bill of costs provided to a defendant before the costs are payable.
State Affairs

SB 664 **Taylor, Van**
Relating to employment termination for falsification of military record in obtaining employment or employment benefits.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 665 **Campbell**
Relating to inclusion of a course on the founding principles of the United States in the curriculum requirements for public high school students and the posting of the founding documents of the United States in public school buildings.
Education

SB 666 **Eltife**
Relating to the status of a subcontractor as an employee for the purposes of workers' compensation insurance coverage.
Business & Commerce

SB 667 **Eltife**
Relating to reinsurance, distributions, and pooling arrangements by captive insurance companies.
Business & Commerce

SB 668 **Schwertner**
Relating to the adoption of a training manual for certain state officers.
Business & Commerce

SB 669 **West**
Relating to state interventions and sanctions against public school campuses with unacceptable performance and the establishment of the Texas Opportunity School District for educating students at certain low-performing campuses.
Education

SB 670 **Birdwell**
Relating to the Texas Identification Number system.
Business & Commerce

SB 671 **Birdwell**
Relating to the designation of Loop 567 in Granbury as the Deputy Sergeant Lance McLean Loop 567.
Transportation

SB 672 **Kolkhorst**
Relating to restrictions on the sale by a state agency of information that identifies an individual.
Business & Commerce

SB 673 **Perry**
Relating to the funding and issuing of marriage licenses and certifications and the recognition of certain marriages.
State Affairs

SB 674 **Campbell**
Relating to instruction regarding mental health, substance abuse, and youth suicide in educator training programs.
Education

SB 675 **Rodríguez**
Relating to social work services in public schools.
Education

SB 676 **Creighton**

Relating to the determination of the market value of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

SB 677 **Creighton**
 Relating to the savings incentive program for state agencies.
Finance

SB 678 **Nelson**
 Relating to coordinated county transportation authorities.
Transportation

SB 679 **Nelson**
 Relating to public meetings of joint airport boards.
Business & Commerce

SB 680 **Nelson**
 Relating to the sale of alcoholic beverages in areas annexed or owned by certain municipalities.
Business & Commerce

SB 681 **Zaffirini**
 Relating to a bailiff administering the selection of names of persons for jury service.
State Affairs

SB 682 **Zaffirini**
 Relating to the use of hotel occupancy tax revenues in certain municipalities.
Natural Resources & Economic Development

SB 683 **Hancock**
 Relating to the payment of certain ad valorem tax refunds.
Finance

SB 684 **Taylor, Larry**
 Relating to the designation of certain optometrists, therapeutic optometrists, and ophthalmologists as preferred providers.
Business & Commerce

SB 685 **Seliger**
 Relating to the applicability of open meetings and public information laws to the education research center advisory board.
Higher Education