

87 (R) Legislative Wrap-Up



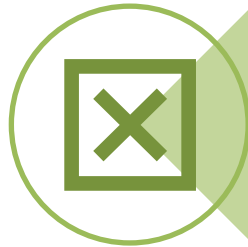
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6,927 Bills Filed



1,073 Bills Passed



21 Bills Vetoed

Property Tax

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- H.B. 1428** - Contingent Fee Contracts
- H.B. 1476** - Withholding disputed amount in goods and services contracts
- H.B. 2581** - Civil works projects for governmental entities
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- S.B. 58** - Procurement of cloud computing services added to "personal property"
Public Property Finance Act
- S.B. 219** - Contractor and engineer liability
- S.B. 2116** - Limitations on certain "critical infrastructure" contracts

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Emergency Management

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- S.B. 968** - Wellness checks on medically-fragile individuals

2021 Ballot Measures

Title	Description
Prohibition on Limiting Religious Services or Organizations Amendment	Would prohibit the state or any political subdivision from enacting a law, rule, order, or proclamation that limits religious services or organizations
Homestead Tax Limit for Surviving Spouses of Disabled Individuals Amendment	Amends the Texas Constitution to allow the legislature to extend a homestead tax limit for surviving spouses of disabled individuals as long as the spouse is 55 years old and resides at the home
Changes to Eligibility for Certain Judicial Offices Amendment	Changes the eligibility requirements for the following judicial offices: a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of criminal appeals, a justice of a court of appeals, and a district judge
State Commission on Judicial Conduct Authority Over Candidates for Judicial Office Amendment	Authorizes the Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct to accept and investigate complaints and reports against candidates running for state judicial office
Homestead Tax Exemption for Surviving Spouses of Military Fatally Injured in the Line of Duty Amendment	Amends the Texas Constitution to allow the legislature to apply a homestead tax exemption for surviving spouses of members of the military to those fatally injured in the line of duty
Authorize Charitable Raffles at Rodeo Venues Amendment	Authorizes professional sports team charitable organizations to conduct raffles at rodeo venues
Right to Designated Essential Caregiver Amendment	Amends the Texas Constitution to state that residents of nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, or state-supported living centers have a right to designate an essential caregiver that may not be prohibited from visiting the resident
Authorize Counties to Issue Infrastructure Bonds in Blighted Areas Amendment	Authorizes a county to issue bonds to fund infrastructure and transportation projects in undeveloped and blighted areas

Local Measures

Consolidation of MUD 1 and MUD 6

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