



85th Legislative Session Update April 4, 2017



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85th Legislature at a glance

Year	Total bills introduced	Total bills passed	City-Related bills introduced	City-Related bills passed
75 th – 1997	5,629	1,487	1,100+	140+
76 th – 1999	5,813	1,622	1,230+	130+
77 th – 2001	5,612	1,601	1,200+	150+
78 th – 2003	5,633	1,384	1,200+	110+
79 th – 2005	5,512	1,389	1,200+	105+
80 th – 2007	6,241	1,481	1,200+	120+
81 st – 2009	7,464	1,459	1,500+	120+
82 nd – 2011	5,938	1,379	1,500+	160+
83 rd – 2013	5,950	1,437	1,900+	220+
84 th – 2015	6,476	1,329	1,900+	220+
85 th – 2017	6,829	N/A	1900+	N/A



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Environment at the Capitol

“As opposed to the state having to take multiple rifle-shot approaches at overriding local regulations, I think a broad-based law by the state of Texas that says across the board, the state is going to pre-empt local regulations, is a superior approach.”

- Gov. Greg Abbott, 21 March 2017



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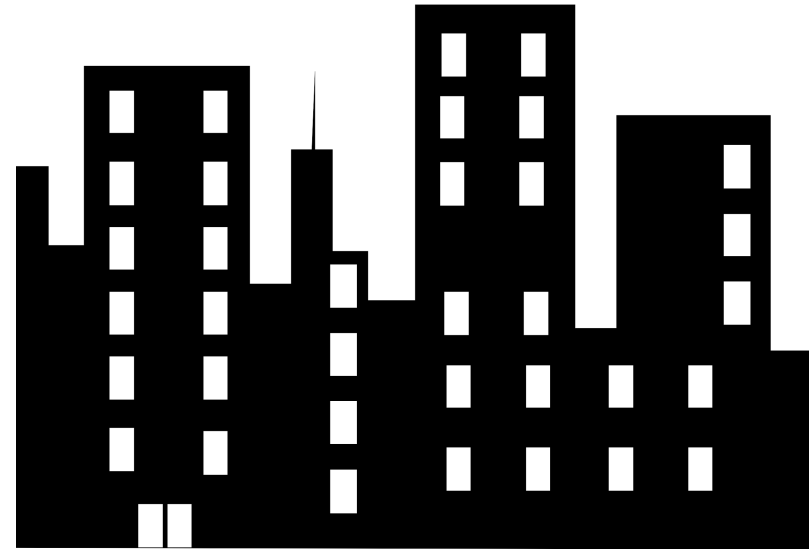
Revenue Caps

S.B. 2 (Bettencourt):

- Senate passed and sent to House – March 22
- Has not been referred to a House committee
- Senate amended the Cap from 4% to 5%
(\$24 less for Austin homeowner and \$11.4 million less for City)
- Voted along party lines

H.B. 15 (Bonnen):

- Cap remains 4%
- Rescind City ability to pay non-voter approved debt with debt service portion of tax rate
(Cost of \$21 million to M&O budget).
- Referred to Ways & Means - March 6.
- Still awaiting a hearing.



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Sanctuary Cities

S.B. 4 (Perry) –

- Passed The Senate, Feb. 8.
- Party Line vote
- Pending House State Affairs, March 15.

House Companions

H.B. 611 (Leach) –

- Referred to House State Affairs, Feb. 22.

H.B. 754 (Fallon) –

- Referred to House State Affairs, March 1.

H.B. 889 (Geren) –

- Referred to House State Affairs, Feb. 23.

H.B. 1308 (Holland) –

- Referred to House State Affairs, Feb. 27.



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Bathroom Bill

S.B. 6 (Kolkhorst) –

- Passed Senate and sent to House March 16.
- Party line vote with exception of Sen. Lucio voting aye
- Awaiting House Committee Referral



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Transportation Network Companies (TNCs)

H.B. 100 (Paddie) –

- Voted out of House Transportation committee, March 30.
- Votes: 9 aye, 2 nay, and 2 absent
- Rep. Israel and Davis voting nay

S.B. 361 (Nichols) –

- Reported Favorably out of Business and Commerce committee, March 22.
- Sen. Zaffirini the lone nay vote

S.B. 176 (Schwertner) –

- Pending in Business & Commerce, March 14.

S.B. 113 (Huffines) –

- Pending in Business & Commerce Committee, March 14.



Short Term Rentals (STRs)

S.B. 451 (Hancock) –

- Passed Senate Business and Commerce, March 30.
- Sen. Zaffirini the lone nay vote
- Moves to the Senate floor for consideration

Companion

H.B. 2551 (Parker) –

- Referred to Urban Affairs March 22.



Fair Chance Hiring

H.B. 577 (Workman) –

- Pending in Business and Industry, March 20.

Companion

S.B. 1262 (Huffman) –

- Referred to Senate Business and Commerce, March 13.



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Annexation

H.B. 299 (Larson) –

- Referred to House Land and Resource Management, Feb. 13.

H.B. 424 (Huberty) –

- Referred to Land and Resource Management, Feb. 20.

S.B. 715 (Campbell) –

- Referred to Senate IGR, Feb. 21



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Linkage Fees

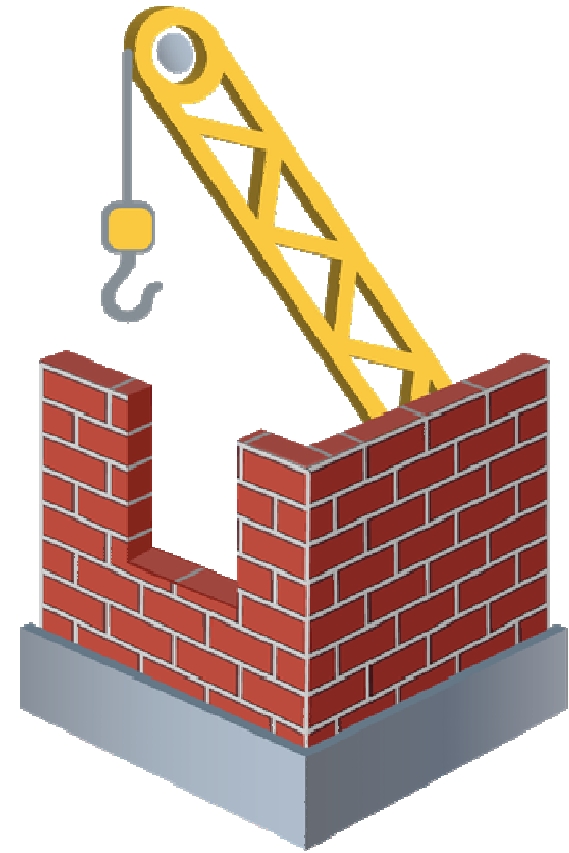
H.B. 1449 (Simmons) –

- Pending in House Ways & Means, March 29

Companion

S.B. 852 (Nelson) –

- Referred to Senate Business and Commerce, Feb. 27



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Homestead Preservation Districts

H.B. 3281 (Rodriguez) –

- Referred to House Urban Affairs, March 28.

H.B. 3676 (Isaac) –

- Filed not Referred, March 10.

H.B. 4033 (Isaac) –

- Filed not referred, March 10.

Companions

S.B. 1656 (Watson) – companion to H.B. 3281

- Referred to Senate Intergovernmental Relations, March 22



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Small Cell

S.B. 1004 (Hancock) –

- Passed Senate Business and Commerce committee, March 21.
- 7 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent
- Moves to the Senate floor

S.B. 1515 (Hancock) –

- Referred to Business and Commerce committee, March 20.
- Awaiting hearing

Companions

H.B. 2838 (Geren) – companion to S.B. 1004

- Referred to House State Affairs, March 27.



Speed Limits

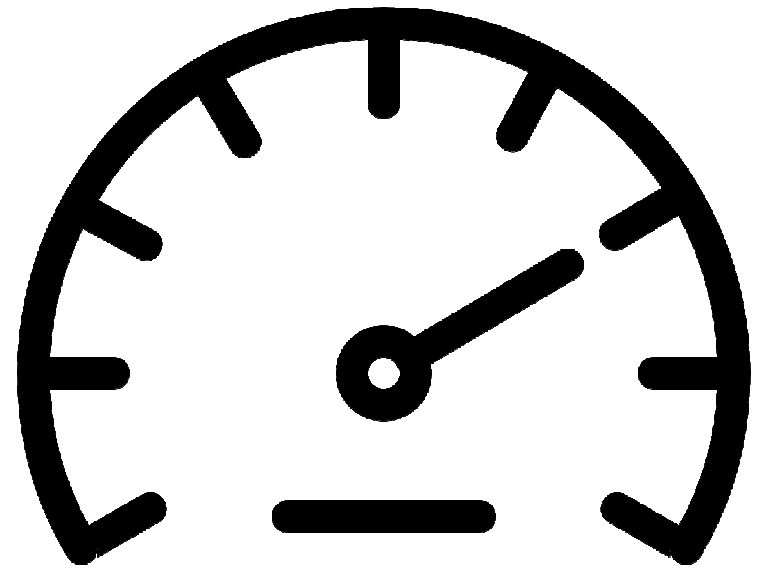
H.B. 1368 (Israel) –

- Referred to House Transportation, Feb. 27.

Companions

S.B. 1244 (Rodriguez) –

- Referred to Senate Transportation, March 13.



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Austin Energy

H.B. 1458 (Workman) – Clarifies Council’s appointing power

- Referred to State Affairs, March 7.

H.B. 1459 (Workman) – Caps Gen. Fund transfer

- Referred to State Affairs, March 16.

H.B. 1460 (Workman) – Allows rate appeals to the P.U.C./effective dereg

- Referred to State Affairs, March 7

H.B. 1461 (Workman) – Requires sell of distribution assets

- Referred to State Affairs, March 7

Companions

S.B. 2069 (Buckingham) – companion to H.B. 1458

- Referred to Senate Business and Commerce, 28 March.

S.B. 2070 (Buckingham) – companion to H.B. 1459

- Referred to Senate Business and Commerce, 28 March.



Lions Municipal Golf Course

S.B. 822 (Estes) –

- Pending in Natural Resources and Economic Development, March 21.

Companion

H.B. 4059 (Larson) –

- Not referred, March 10



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Historic Preservation

H.B. 3418 (Elkins) –

- Referred to House Urban Affairs, March 23



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Water and Watershed Protection

H.B. 2851 (Workman) – Flood Control District

- Referred to Special Purpose Districts Committee, March 29.

H.B. 1523 (Workman)

- Southwest Travis County Special Utility District
- Referred to Special Purpose Districts Committee, March 13.

H.B. 4304 (Workman)

- Habitat conservation plans in Travis County
- Filed March 30, 2017

H.B. 3004 (Isaac)

- Dismissal of protests at the TCEQ regarding wastewater discharge permits
- Referred to House Environmental Regulation, March 27.



Budget

S.B. 1 (Estes) –

- Passed by Senate, March 28.
- House referred to Appropriations Committee, March 28
- House Appropriations passed a committee substitute, March 29.
- Now heads to the House floor.

H.B. 1 (Zerwas) –

- Currently in House Appropriations Committee



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April 18th

55 Days Left in Session.....



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