



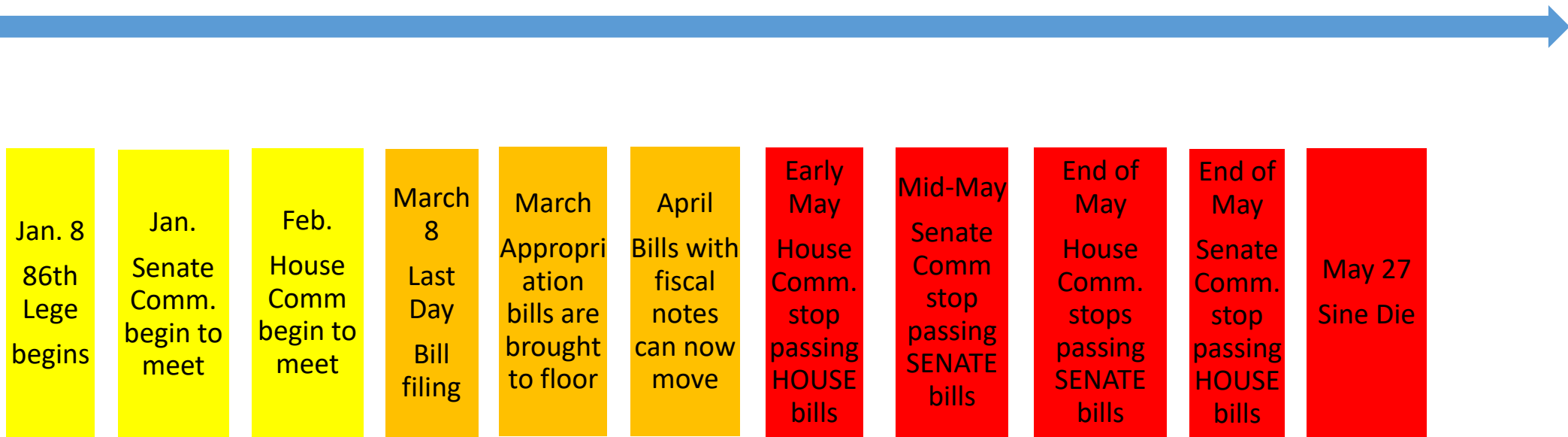
STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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During session, the Texas Legislature drives our... **WORK TIMELINES.**



*NOTE: The Legislature does not shut down for Spring Break



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2017 TEXAS LEGISLATURE: BY THE NUMBERS

Year	Total Bills Introduced	Total Bills Passed	City-Related bills introduced	City-Related bills passed
75th-1997	5,629	1,487	1,100+	130+
76 th -1999	5,813	1,622	1,230+	130+
...
84 th -2015	6,476	1,329	1,900+	220+
85th – 2017	6,800	1,208	2500+	294

- **3,089** Bills/JR's filed in last 10 business days before filing deadline (47%)



86TH LEGISLATURE



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CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE

- Anti-city environment (preempt cities roles and limit property taxes)
- Governor and Lt. Governor committed to property tax issue
- Republican lead legislature – that's not changing
- Speaker's race – extremely important to cities
 - 109 members have pledged to support Rep. Dennis Bonnen for Speaker



TEXAS LEGISLATURE LENS: PRIORITY ISSUES

Austin Energy

Revenue Caps

Super
Preemption

Bathrooms

Zoning / Short-
term Rentals

Earned Sick
Leave

Fair Chance
Hiring



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GOVERNOR ABBOTT'S PROPERTY TAX PROPOSAL

- Jan. 16, 2018, Texans for Greg Abbott releases a “Property Tax Reform Bicentennial Blueprint
- **2.5%** rollback rate to ALL taxing jurisdictions (schools)
- Cap can only be exceeded for certain expenses -- “public safety and critical infrastructure”
- Even then, only with a supermajority approval at council and at an election
- But can never exceed rate of **statewide population growth + inflation**



REVENUE CAP SUMMARY

85TH SESSION (2017)

	Regular SB 2	Special SB 1
Senate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed: 4% all cities • Passed: 5% all cities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed: 4% large cities • Passed: 4% large cities
House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed: 4% • Committee passed a bill with no rollback; changed it to a “transparency” bill • Died in Calendars (after being set but recommitted) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Filed: 5% (HB 4) • Full House passed: 6% large cities • House never appoints conferees & bill dies

QUESTIONS?

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