



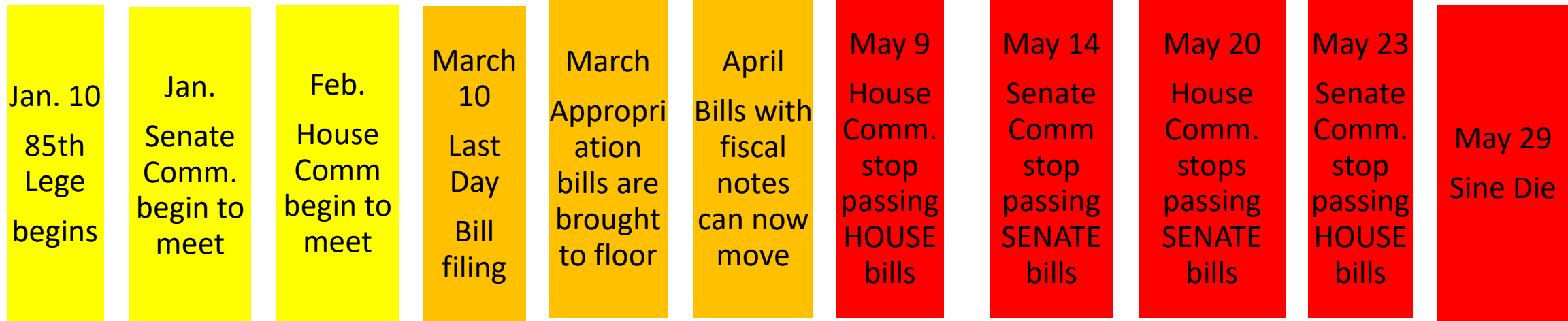
STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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



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%)



THE AGENDAS

Abbott

- Four Emergency Items: CPS, Sanctuary Cities, Ethics, and a Convention of the States; added a fifth: Voter ID

Patrick

- SB 1-30: Property Tax Caps, School Choice, “Bathroom Bill,” Sanctuary Cities, Voter ID, State Spending Caps, Hailstorm

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- School Funding, CPS, Mental Health, Infrastructure, Higher Education



WHAT PASSED

1. State budget
2. TxDOT sunset
3. RRC sunset
4. CPS reforms
5. Mental health reforms
6. Sandra Bland Act
7. Child trafficking reforms
8. Ethics reforms
9. Public education reforms
10. Cybersecurity
11. Texting while driving
12. Sanctuary cities
13. Convention of the States
14. Voter ID
15. Pro-Life
16. Gun permit fees
17. Protective vests for police
18. Elimination straight party voting
19. TNC/Ride hailing (Uber)
20. Dallas & Houston pension



WHAT DID NOT PASS

- No legislation passed affecting:
 - School finance
 - School choice
 - Bathrooms/LGBT
 - Franchise tax reductions
 - Medical marijuana
 - Higher education funding/tuition



TEXAS LEGISLATURE LENS: PRIORITY ISSUES

Revenue
Caps

Annexation

Austin
Energy

Small Cell

Payday
Lending

Bathrooms

Super
Preemption

Fair Chance
Hiring

TNC's

Short-term
Rentals

Plastic Bag
Ban



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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



TEXAS LEGISLATURE LENS: PRIORITY ISSUES

Austin Energy

Revenue Caps

Super
Preemption

Bathrooms

Zoning / Short-
term Rentals

Earned Sick
Leave

Fair Chance
Hiring



QUESTIONS?

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